

WELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Held on Wednesday 4th December 2019 – 7.30pm in Wickham Village Hall

Attendees: Councillors - D Hunt, P Stanley, M Ellard, S Kynaston. Clerk - K Griffiths. Dist Councillor – J Cole.

1 - Welcome, Apologies & Declared Interests

DH welcomed all. No declared interests were proffered.

Apologies LW

2 – Open Session – items not listed on the Agenda

None were notified.

3 – Minutes

October 2019 Meeting Minutes were agreed and signed off by DH.

4 – Elton Farm

Crispin Mahoney made a speech in favour of the 2nd development at Elton Farm

There will be a committee meeting on the 15th January 2020

5 – Speed Review Update

A - B4000 Wickham

KG confirmed that WBC have completed the redesign of the pedestrian refuge crossing and are awaiting results from trial holes. They are hoping to be in a position to order these works soon with an envisaged completion date by the end of February 2020.

B – VAS at Wickham, Easton & Weston/Members Bid update

KG stated that the following confirmation has been received from Chris Vidler at WBC; due to our current works programme I have included the VAS request to our works programme for 2020/21 for investigation from April onwards (or before if possible)

C - Gates West of Wickham – proposal for them to be moved

Approved and the gates will be moved at the same time as the VAS

D - Speed limit yellow back signs at Weston

Response from AE at WBC; Swapping of the speed limit signs (west side of Weston) – Estimated cost of £ 200.00. Our Traffic Management team hold a small budget for this work however it has been spent for the current financial year. This work may be added to next year's programme subject to budget availability.

6 - Mant Close Parking

AE from WBC has informed KG 02/12 that Sovereign Housing no longer have dedicated housing officers and therefore the person who we met can no longer help. AE has sent the parking issue through to Sovereign Housing as a complaint via their web site asking for someone now to call me to discuss a joint resolution. AE expects a response in the next 48 hours.

7 – Wickham School Parking

KG has received the following reply from Alex Drysdale at WBC; Work hasn't yet started on our next parking scheme as other schemes are still being completed and implemented in the early part of next year we will review the extensive list of requests that we have to date and assess which sites can be included in that scheme based on priority, with those addressing a road safety concern being higher priority over those requests we have from sites around the district where residents are facing parking problems from commuters for instance. I can't therefore say as yet whether this location will feature in the next scheme. I am however mindful of the comments from the school that they don't wish the single yellow line restriction supporting the 'Kiss & Drop' to be shortened and for a double yellow line to be introduced on part of it's length, but will consider that further nearer the time.

8 – Defibrillators

Need to confirm a date for training and decide how to publicise for interested parishioners.

9 – Planning

19/02181/HOUSE Tudor Thatch, Wickham Approved


19/02950/HOUSE 1 Weston Farm Cottages – no objections

10 – Financials Cheques raised: -Greenbarnes for Halfway noticeboard, KG Parish Clerk, GMG for Schoolfield & salt bin refill, Quality Garden Supplies for salt, Premier Storage for salt bins, Ridgeway Press for printing of footpath maps

Update on Planned Spending as decided at Jan 2019 PC Meeting

Highways S106 pot £21,318 (Highway & Road Safety/Public Transport Improvements only) – actual spend so far £0

New VAS at Easton c£4,500 –KG to contact WBC re: suggested locations


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New VAS at Weston c£4,500 –KG to contact WBC re: suggested locations
Gates at Weston c£1,000 –quote now £4,000, KG to progress
Double Yellow Lines at Wickham School – this has been requested, ongoing
Elton Lane Junction – should/could be covered by S Marbus/Elton Farm development
PC S106 pot is currently £10,025
Parish Current Account is currently £12,649.83

11 – White Entrance Gates at Weston

The following response has been received from Heather Wells at WBC;
Whilst I do understand your concern regarding the aforementioned costs this is what our term contractor charges us to undertake the requested works as per our current highway maintenance contract. Given that anything located within the extent of the public highway is ultimately the responsibility of the relevant highway authority works can only be undertaken by accredited bodies with the relevant permissions. For these reasons I can confirm that we cannot grant permission for the Parish to supply and install their own gates on the public highway. Although this may appear to be somewhat stringent we do have a duty of care to all those concerned.

12 – Church Hill junction – tree planting

KG to contact Paul Hendry to advise put this on hold until after the Pedestrian Refuge has been completed

13 – Salt Bins

SK checked Mant Close and there was salt in there.

14 – Wickham School Playing Field

The school has confirmed in writing;
Further to the meeting which took place on Wednesday 27th November at Welford and Wickham CE Primary School, governors have agreed to sign the lease for the playing field for a further ten years.

16 – Any Other Business

A – Parish Right of Way Map

Maps have been printed – need to decide where to locate.

Issues with stile and electric fence across field in Weston/Lambourn Valley Way

ME suggested a new footpath sign at The Mill @ Weston would be helpful to walkers. ME has emailed idea of type of footpath sign that might be appropriate. PC discussed options and agreed to order 1 x left pointing sign.

KG will research options

B – Noticeboards

LW to speak to vicar & CP and will then confirm to KG, KG to then order 1/2 noticeboards

C – Dog Bins

KG advised has contacted CB at WBC to arrange for bin to be moved, awaiting response.

D – Lambourn/Newbury Road Bus Stop

Wickham side of bottom road, Newbury towards Great Shefford for off road/hard standing bus stop.

E – Internal Audit

KG advised the audit has not yet taken place as more work needs to be done to prepare for the mtg.

F – Annual Inspection of MUGA

DH will notify KG if anything else needs doing by outside contractor.

G – Traffic/Surface B4000/entry into Wickham

“SLOW” wording on the B4000 to be repainted. Awaiting WBC to carry out work

H – Church Hill, Wickham Drains

SK advised the drains on Church Hill in Wickham are blocked and so a lot of surface water is now running down Church Hill onto the B4000, SK to email details to KG for her to contact WBC.

I – Dates for 2020 PC meetings

KG to email proposed dates to PC

J – Website

KG to discuss with SK 09/12

Next meeting: Wed 29th Jan 2020 at 7pm

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25/11/20