

WELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting Held on Wednesday 17th May 6.45pm in Wickham Village Hall

Present

D. Hunt	Chairman	L. Woodhead	Councillor
G. Frampton	Vice Chair	Sarah Youldon	Clerk
C. Halliwell	Councillor	Parishioners:	1
P. Stanley	Councillor		

Apologies

L. Chamberlain	Councillor	Anthony Stansfeld	Kintbury Ward Councillor
James Cole	Kintbury Ward Councillor		

Welcome	Action
<p><u>Minutes:</u> The minutes of the March meeting were agreed and signed.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Chamberlain, Cllr Cole & Cllr Stansfeld.</p> <p><u>Declarations of Interest:</u> There were no declarations of interest.</p> <p><u>Nomination of Chairperson:</u> Cllr Stanley proposed Cllr Hunt to continue as Chairman, Cllr Frampton seconded the proposal. Cllr Hunt accepted the position and signed the Acceptance of Office declaration. S Youldon to copy to WBC.</p> <p><u>Nomination of Vice Chair:</u> Cllr Hunt proposed Cllr Frampton to continue as Vice Chair, Cllr Stanley seconded the proposal. Cllr Frampton accepted the position and signed the Acceptance of Office declaration. S Youldon to copy to WBC.</p>	<p>Resolved SY</p> <p>Resolved SY</p>
Open Session	
No matters were raised in the Open Session.	
Matters Arising	
<p><u>Parish Defibrillator(s):</u> The Parish Hall Committee agreed in principle to the installation of a public access defibrillator at the front of the village hall, they acknowledged that the hall gates could not be locked. S Youldon to agree exact location and obtain a quote for installation. Proposal that a second defibrillator could be installed in Weston at the Weston Farm offices, S Youldon to forward further details of the cabinet and requirements to Cllr Halliwell for agreement from the owner. It was noted that this location would require a second sign on the road to ensure location is clear. S Youldon to obtain installation quote if approval is granted.</p> <p><u>Highways Update – 2016 Survey:</u> The 2016 survey provided an interesting comparison against the 2006 survey, showing a general increase in traffic of around 20%. PC questioned how much of a true representation this was as 2016 survey was carried out the week before Christmas when there would be less school / commuter traffic. Concern was raised over the number of 7.5t plus vehicles using the B4000 as there is a weight restriction in Wickham, the data only shows a vehicle length not a vehicle weight. It was raised that large lorries were also being seen regularly on the Newbury Road through Easton and Weston, and how these then have difficulties through Great Shefford. S Youldon to discuss concerns with WBC Highways and enquire whether a further survey can be conducted on a vehicle weight basis.</p> <p><u>Highways Update – Weston:</u> WBC agreed to paint SLOW before the Elton lane turning, this should be done by the end of May. Cllr Halliwell to keep clerk informed. It was also raised that during the Speed Review hearing Highways agreed to swap the backing to the 30mph signs. S Youldon to follow this up.</p> <p><u>Maintenance at 1-6 Easton Hill:</u> Sovereign housing have agreed to replace and re-secure the Heras fencing where necessary, work should be completed by mid-June, Cllr Woodhead was asked to monitor and inform Clerk when completed. Once the fencing has been completed, S Youldon will ensure that the agreement is in place between WBC and Sovereign to allow regularly mowing access to the area of land that WBC are responsible for. The resident that raised the initial enquiry has been kept informed.</p> <p><u>Website Updates & Statistics:</u> The Councillors were provided with a graph showing the number of ‘hits’ the new parish website had received over the last month, it was averaging between 30-50 ‘hits’ a day. Councillors agreed to raise awareness where they could. S Youldon requested suggestions for new articles for the front page highlights section. Local service/business advertising was discussed and it was agreed that businesses within the Parish should be allowed to advertise free of charge, Councillors to promote to businesses within their villages. Businesses outside of the Parish would be asked to pay an annual fee to help cover the cost of the website hosting, all to research what other websites/parish magazines are charging and feedback.</p>	<p>SY CH</p> <p>CH SY</p> <p>LW SY</p> <p>All</p>

