

WELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Extraordinary Meeting Held on Saturday 14th October at 9.00am
Onsite at Easton Hill, Easton

Present

D. Hunt	Chairman	Sarah Youldon	Clerk
L. Woodhead	Councillor		
C. Halliwell	Councillor		

Apologies

G. Frampton	Vice Chair
P. Stanley	Councillor
L. Chamberlain	Councillor

Welcome	Action
<p>The purpose of this extra ordinary meeting held onsite at Easton Hill was for the Parish Council to agree what action needed to be taken to resolve the ongoing issues of upkeep on this land mainly owned by Sovereign Housing Association. A resident raised their concerns with the Parish Council back in October 2016, since that time Sovereign have been carrying out some maintenance at the Parish Council's request, but the site was still reported to be in an unsightly condition.</p> <p><u>Declarations of Interest:</u> There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
Matters Arising	
<p><u>Maintenance of the 1-6 Easton Hill Site:</u> Councillors walked around the boundary of the site, the site is very overgrown and the ground is very uneven with ditches spread over it. Footings for a property have been started to one corner. HERAS fencing surrounded the site almost entirely; there is access to the semi-circle of land in front of the concrete road that West Berkshire Council is responsible for maintaining. The boundary to the highway had recently been cut back by Sovereign Housing.</p> <p>Sovereign reported to S Youldon in the week that, on request of a resident, a contractor had visited the site with the intention of spraying the Ragwort, the contractor had reported back that it was dying off and spraying was not required. New Ragwort growth was evident and S Youldon would report this back to Sovereign. Sovereign had also stated that some cutting back of the undergrowth would take place in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Councillors agreed that it would not be beneficial for West Berkshire Council at this stage to cut back and re-start regular maintenance on their area of land. It was agreed that this would just open the site up and potentially leave the site vulnerable. It was agreed that the main focus at this time should be to find out from Sovereign Housing what their intention are for the site in the next 3-5 years. S Youldon to speak with Sovereign, confirm their intentions and the status of planning permission and report back at the November meeting.</p>	<p>SY</p> <p>SY</p>
Any Other Business	
<p>Whilst investigating the current cesspit, to which any new development would potentially be connected, it was found that it was leaking. S Youldon to report to the West Berkshire Council ASAP.</p>	SY

The meeting closed at 9.35am

The remaining 2017 meetings is the 15th November