

WELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Held on Wednesday 17th January 2018 - 7.30pm in Wickham Village Hall

Present

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

Apologies

J. Cole	Kintbury Ward Councillor
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Welcome	Action
<u>Minutes:</u> The minutes of the November meetings were agreed and signed.	Resolved
<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> There were no declarations of interest.	
Open Session	
<u>Lambourn Valley Way – Handrail on Weston Bridge:</u> Cllr Halliwell reported that the timber handrail on the public right of way bridge at Weston needs replacing. S Youldon to report to WBC PROW department.	SY
<u>Parking Issues:</u> Concern was raised over the parking at the bottom of Church Hill, Wickham. Cars were regularly being parked half on the pavement, which is an offence and also very close to the junction - limiting visibility. S Youldon to raise the matter with the local PCSO.	SY
A second concern was raised with the PC over cars parking on the two grass areas at Mant Close. The concrete posts have been removed at some points and cars were regularly parking on the grass, damaging the surface. S Youldon to report to the relevant housing association in the first instance.	SY
<u>New Rector for the Downland Benefice:</u> Cllr Woodhead confirmed that the formal inauguration service for the new Rector would take place on the 12 th February at 7.30pm in Brightwalton with refreshments in the Village Hall after. All Welcome; Cllr Hunt confirmed his attendance.	
Matters Arising	
<u>Councillor Declaration of Interest Forms:</u> were reviewed and updated accordingly, S Youldon to supply the updated forms to WBC.	SY
<u>Highways Update:</u> WBC Highways have agreed to refurbish the Vehicle Activated Sign at Wickham and install a second sign near to the Five Bells Public House. The funds will come from the S106 money that WBC Highways currently hold for the Parish. Highways do not see Weston as an appropriate site for Vehicle Activated Signs but have agreed to install white entrance gates at either end of Weston. The swapping of the yellow-back 30mph sign near the junction of Grayling Lane (previously referred to as Elton Lane) Weston has also been confirmed, works for the above will be scheduled in the new financial year. S Youldon to follow up with Highways in April.	SY
<u>Speeding Concerns in Welford:</u> Following the concerns raised to Cllr Chamberlain by residents at The Row regarding cars speeding on this lane during school drop off and collection times, Cllr Chamberlain has revisited the residents but has been unable to discuss Cllr Hunt's findings as reported at the November meeting. S Youldon to draft a letter to the residents at The Row stating that the residents' concerns have been looked in to, but it does not appear to be an ongoing problem, if they would like to raise the matter again, to please contact the PC. Cllr Hunt to review draft. S Youldon to copy to website.	SY DH
<u>Notice Board:</u> Quotes were reviewed to replace the main PC notice board at the Village Hall, Wickham. Councillors agreed on the 6 page man-made timber option at a cost of £691.82. Cllr Stanley confirmed that the existing timber posts can be reused, and confirmed that he would be willing to install the new board. S Youldon to place order and investigate if this can come from S106 funds. Agreed to go ahead and use PC budget if not.	SY PS
<u>Bench at Easton Bus Stop:</u> S Youldon updated the Councillors on the condition of the bench currently and confirmed that the two concrete supports were still sound. Reported that it is possible to replace the timber slats with a recycled plastic option, costs appears to be circa £140 for the replacement slats but S Youldon is still researching delivery options. Labour costs to replace timber slats would be circa £50, agreed this was the preferred option over replacing the bench in its entirety. S Youldon to finalise costs, acquire material samples and report back at the March meeting.	SY

12/12 Chq 653 – Autella Group – Q3 Payroll Admin £38.40 12/12 Chq 654 – HMRC – Q3 PAYE £130.00 22/12 Chq 655 – S Youldon December Wages £173.27 The following cheque was approved and signed at the meeting: 25/01 Chq 656 – S Youldon January Wages £173.47 <u>VAT:</u> The VAT return will be completed and submitted at the end of January to ensure the refund is paid before the end of the financial year. <u>S106 Funds:</u> Cllr Halliwell queried the interest level on the S106 savings account prior to the meeting, S Youldon checked with Lloyds bank and reported that the current interest rate is 0.05% Alternative Lloyds community savings accounts require 32 or 60 days’ notice and a continual balance of over £10,000.00. Agreed that it was not an option to change the account at this time.	SY Resolved
Any Other Business	
<u>District Parish Conference:</u> Will be held on 15 th March, Cllr Hunt agreed to attend, Councillors asked to confirm back to S Youldon if they would also like to attend before the end of January. <u>Litter Picking:</u> Correspondence had been received from the Thames Valley Rehabilitation Company offering individuals available to complete unpaid work as part of the Community Payback Scheme considered that litter picking around the Parish may be a good project. S Youldon to obtain further details and report back.	All SY

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

The remaining 2018 meetings are scheduled for:

21st March, 16th May – AGM & APM, 18th July, 12th September and 14th November