

WELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Held on Wednesday 18th July 2018 - 7.30pm in Wickham Village Hall

Present

D. Hunt	Chairman	L. Woodhead	Councillor
G. Frampton	Vice Chair	M. Ellard	Councillor
P. Stanley	Councillor	Sarah Youldon	Clerk
L. Chamberlain	Councillor	J. Cole	Kintbury Ward Councillor
		4 Parishioners	

Welcome	Action
<u>Declarations of Interest:</u> There were no declarations of interest.	
<u>Minutes:</u> The minutes of the May and June meetings were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.	Resolved
Open Session	
<u>Elton Farm Planning Application:</u> Parishioner had shared with the Council a 2015 Government Directive that states that new developments must not start a new sewage discharge point if the development is within 30 meters of the public sewer. The 30 metres is then multiplied by the number of properties proposed, so in the case of the Elton Farm development they will fall under this as the public sewer is within 120 metres. Directive has already been shared with WBC, S Youldon to forward on to the agent too for reference. Councillors asked that Cllr Cole request this application goes to committee, Cllr Cole noted that it was potentially too late but would pass this request on. S Youldon to forward PC's response to Cllr Cole.	SY JC
<u>Travellers & Security of Playing Field:</u> S Youldon shared that WBC had noted a large number of travellers currently in the West Berkshire area and were advising all Parish Councils to ensure all land is secured as school playing fields and recreational groups had become a target for settling on. The PC does not own the land behind the school, it was agreed that S Youldon would share the concerns with the school and suggest they consider applying a chain padlock to the five bar gate. Although it was agreed by all that access to the land would be particularly difficult for vehicles towing caravans.	Resolved SY
<u>Overgrown Footpath in Welford:</u> S Youldon had been notified of an overgrown footpath near the cemetery in Welford. Exact location was not clear. S Youldon to go back to parishioner and then report to WBC Public Rights of Way team.	SY
Matters Arising	
<u>New Clerk:</u> No further applications had been received for the Clerk role. J Ives had been in contact following the June meeting wishing to accept the offer. Councillors did not agree this was appropriate and agreed that the offer would not be reinstated, S Youldon to notify applicant. Agreed that the role should be advertised in the Newbury Weekly News and Penny Post. S Youldon to put advert together and send round for approval. Costs to be confirmed. Councillors agreed to take on the role of clerk as a team effort in the meantime. S Youldon to handover to Cllr Chamberlain at the end of July and provide the historic documents for filing to Cllr Hunt.	SY SY
<u>Highways Update:</u> S Youldon reported that the water leak in Weston had now been fixed, although there was now a further leak on Elton Lane, Parishioner has reported this directly to Thames Water. Cllr Hunt reported that a Thames Water van had been seen investigating the ongoing leak on the hill heading out of Wickham towards Newbury the week before, but the leak still continues. S Youldon to follow up with WBC Highway team again. Agreed it would be beneficial for all Councillors to post the leak on the Thames Water website to help get resolved. The PC had received a consultation from Highways regarding the Winter Service plan, the gritting routes and snow clearance routes were to remain the same as last year. All agreed no response required. Speed Review hearing has been confirmed for the 17 th October, where the case request for the speed to be reviewed in front of The Row at Welford together with the reduction of the B400 through Wickham to 30mph rather than 40mph will be heard. At least one Councillor should be present for the hearing, support has also been requested from Cllr Stansfeld together with a request for a meeting prior to the hearing with no response received to date. Cllr Cole offered to follow this up and report back.	SY All
<u>Request for Contribution – Weston Campaign Group:</u> Following the request from parishioners at the May meeting for the PC to make some gesture of goodwill and donate some funds to the group or a project the matter was discussed further. There were mixed opinions on this matter. It was re-iterated that the PC does not have any legal power to give money to individuals. Concluded that Cllr Chamberlain would find out more details on a volunteer group that does regular maintenance work on	JC

<p>the River Lambourn. Parishioners were also to research relevant volunteer groups and charities. Agreed that this would not be raised again unless a charity/volunteer group come back with a specific request for a donation.</p> <p><u>Parking at Mant Close:</u> WBC Highways were in agreement with the request to replace the inside corner verge of Mant Close with hard standing to create permanent parking. Highways were looking at funding options and had, with the Parish Councils input, submitted a Members Bid for both this project and the additional VAS in Wickham, with the hope that one would get funding and help assist the S106 held by highways to cover both projects. Forms had been submitted, answer not expected until later this year. Cllr Chamberlain raised the matter of planning permission; this had already been raised with WBC Highways and would be in their hands as the landowner.</p> <p><u>School Parking:</u> Cllr Stanley had raised concerns at the May meeting regarding the close proximity of cars parked at the exit of the lane to the side of the school. These vehicles were making it extremely difficult for residents to pull in and out. S Youldon had discussed this with WBC Highways who had concerns that extending the school lines would push the problem further down the Welford Road and towards Mant Close. S Youldon had misunderstood believing this to be an issue during school pick up and drop off; the problem is in fact staff parking there during the school day. S Youldon to raise with the School first and then go back to highways to see if double yellow lines could be used to ensure more space is left for vehicles to get in and out of the lane.</p> <p><u>Community Defibrillator & Defibrillator for Halfway:</u> Interest had been shown at the Parish Meeting for a community training and defibrillator awareness session one Saturday morning. S Youldon clarified that training was not essential for the emergency use of the defibrillator, the session was more about raising awareness and giving the community confidence to react positively in an emergency situation. South Central Ambulance had confirmed previously that they offer sessions based on a donation only. All agreed that August / September would not be a good time of year due to holidays. To be picked up at the September meeting. Defibrillator for Halfway - S Youldon reported that there was new defibrillator cabinet on the market which did not require an electric connection. Details were left with the Councillors to consider if there was a suitable location in Halfway for installation. To be picked up at the September meeting.</p> <p><u>Wickham Friday Night Club:</u> Parishioner had spoken to Clerk at the APM about resurrecting this club for younger members of the Parish. PC agreed that it did not want to get involved in setting the club up, but would support further down the line, if required, once up and running. S Youldon to report back to Parishioner.</p> <p><u>Councillor Training:</u> S Youldon reported that there is a number of training courses offered by BALC for both new Councillors and Councillors wishing to increase their knowledge. All agreed that that they would like to see details when available.</p>	<p>LC Parishioners</p> <p>SY New Clerk</p> <p>New Clerk</p> <p>SY</p> <p>New Clerk</p>
Planning	
<p><u>18/01614/HOUSE Cedar House, Wickham</u> – Single storey rear extension. Application had been received by the Council on the 17th July, as there were no further meetings scheduled before the response due date, plans had been reviewed by Councillors prior to the meeting. 5 Councillors voted to respond with No Objections. S Youldon to submit response.</p>	<p>Resolved SY</p>
Finance	
<p><u>Balance, Invoices & Receipts:</u> The account balance as of the 18/07 was £10,256.45 plus the £10,017.89 of Section 106 money held in a separate deposit account. The balance includes the following transaction: 21/06 Transfer of £83.63 for Easton Bench from S106 account to Current Account The following cheque was signed at the meeting: 18/07 Chq 685 Scofell Landscapes – June MUGA strimming £40.00 (inc £6.66 VAT)</p>	<p>Resolved</p>
Any Other Business	
<p><u>Parking on the Verge at Church Hill:</u> Councillors expressed their concerns at the ongoing parking on the verge at the foot of Church Hill obstructing sightlines. S Youldon confirmed that WBC had agreed the planting of trees over winter to help try and resolve the matter in a positive way. Several Councillors offered to speak with the believed offender in the meantime.</p>	<p>DH, LW</p>

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

The remaining 2018 meetings are scheduled for: 12th September and 14th November