

WESSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 2 February 2016
At Christ Church, Matlock Road, Wessington

Present: Councillors A Fisher (Chairman), L Odell, K Ryan, H Shingleton and B Wheatcroft
Also present: E Boswell - Locum Clerk and 3 members of the public

15.191 Apologies

Councillor S Beastall

15.192 Variation of Order of Business

Resolved: None

15.193 Declaration of Members Interests

None

15.194 Public Speaking

a) Yew tree in the Churchyard is too close to the Church, the PCC were advised that this should be removed some time ago.

A dog fouling notice in the Churchyard would be beneficial.

Street Light number 112492 requires attention

The fencing around the play area looks good and should be helpful in keeping dogs from the area.

b) The written Police report included the disposal of drug related equipment on 16 January 2016 this crime has been detected. Verbal threats were made to a person on King George Street on the 18 January 2016 and on the same day damage was caused to a fence and various items stolen on Moorwood Moor Lane.

c) The Nature Reserve Interpretation Board is ready for installation at the beginning of March.

d) None

15.195 To determine which items if any part of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded

Item 7 parts a) and b)

15.196 Minutes

To confirm the previously circulated Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5 January 2016.

Resolved: To sign the minutes as a true and accurate record

15.197 Web Site

a) To discuss correspondence from previous contractor See 15.214

b) To discuss FOI request from previous contractor See 15.215

c) The new website is up and running and has proved easy for the Parish Council to update.

Resolved: To note

15.198 Access to Documents

54 emails have been forwarded from one of the Council respondents, these relate to Wessington Parish Council, but are not pertinent to any current matters.

The letter from the other Council respondent states that they do not consider that any further data is held, though their response highlights that the matter has not been put to the full Council.

Resolved: To respectfully request to the second respondent Council that the request is put to full Council in accordance with the law; Wessington Parish Council still have concerns over the completeness of records as highlighted with the previous mis-banking of Wessington monies and the sending of emails by other local councils.

15.199 Planting and Floral Displays

The planter the School's Eco Committee is to take on has been identified.

Clarification is awaited as to whether or not the Well Dressing Committee will take on a planter.

Quotations are to be sought from three contractors.

Resolved: To put quotations to the March meeting of the Council

15.200 Play Ground Fencing

The fencing works are complete.

A site visit is to be conducted to consider seating for the play area and to assess, in conjunction with the post installation inspection, the possible requirement for internal fencing. The planting of bulbs is to be looked at in the autumn

Resolved: For a site visit to be undertaken to assess seating and internal fencing.

Resolved: To agenda the planting of bulbs for later in the year.

15.201 Banners

Discussion took place on the possible use of banners throughout the village

Resolved: For the matter to be re-visited when Councillors have had time to consider the matter.

15.202 Open Spaces Society

Discussion took place on the benefits of joining the Open Spaces Society

Resolved: To join the Open Spaces Society at the cost of £45.00 per annum

15.203 Application to the Transparency Fund

An application form for the Transparency Fund has been obtained

Resolved: To approve the purchase of suitable computer equipment and for an application to be made to the Transparency Fund in conjunction with the new Clerk

15.204 Dog Bag Dispensers

Discussion took place on the benefits of dog bag provision and for the appropriate dispensing of the bags.

Resolved: To purchase one dispenser at cost of £68.99 and set of bags at £37.75 for installation at the potentially busiest bin and assess the outcome prior to the consideration of provision at all bins.

15.205 Action Log

Actions	Priority Level	Who's Responsible	Update	Completion Next PC meeting unless stated
Common Land Registration	Urgent	Cllr Shingleton	Application ready to be sent, but the Clerk to check with DCC that their plan can be used to support the application.	

Weekly Play Ground Inspection	6	Cllr Wheatcroft	No problems with equipment to report for January 2016. Bark chippings to be placed around the gateways.	
Monthly Burial Ground Inspection	6	Cllr Ryan	Yew trees have been trimmed. Holly tree ready to be trimmed when other trees require attention. Surface water has improved. Skip to be hired in April to remove spoil and abandoned stone. Wall ownership to be marked on A3 plan. Meeting with PCC planned for April.	
Trees requiring work around the Village		Cllr Ryan	Western Power have been contacted re power lines crossing through trees (i.e outside Church) and they should undertake the works in due course	
Quarterly Parish Inspection	6	Cllr Shingleton	30 letters and plans have been printed off ready for delivery	
Neighbourhood Plan	6	Cllr Fisher	Re-launch is planned for 25 February 2016, between 7.00pm and 9.00pm in the Pub. Copies of the constitution and manifesto will be available	
News Letter	6	Cllr Wheatcroft	Print planned for 11 February 2016	
Footpaths report		Cllr Odell	Footpaths are currently very muddy. Finger posts are being requested. Work is underway on a map display board and leaflets.	
Ben Bailey (WVHDF)	6	Cllr Odell	Plans are awaited from the new developer.	
Ben Bailey (Seating)	4	Cllr Beastall	Feature Bench installed, and Andrew Frost benches installed.	
Ben Bailey (Play Area Fencing)	4	Cllr Beastall	Work completed, Dog fouling signage has been obtained.	
Flag Pole	6	Locum Clerk	Flag has been designed, the Clerk has been asked to place the order.	
Ben Bailey (Multi user Path)	6	Cllr Beastall	On hold until the Spring	
New Notice Boards	4	Cllr Beastall	A suitable solution is being investigated	
Playground Post Installation	1	Locum Clerk	Four quotes were obtained, Enviro Play have been appointed at	

Inspection		£160.00 plus VAT	
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15.206 Councillor Updates

The glass in the British Telecom Box and the Fire Hydrants have been reported. Highways at Derbyshire County Council have been informed of signs that are rusty and/or faded.

A meeting took place with the School, the Caretaker would be able to clear up the leaves on the pavement outside the School, if the hours could be funded. NEDDC are to be asked if this can be undertaken. The Eco Committee are looking at the planting of a cherry tree on The Green; and will take on one of the village planters. A Section 137 Grant Form may be submitted in respect of the tree. The Flora and Fauna File on the Reserve was compiled eight years and can be emailed for the Council to utilise on the EMIB application.

The Football Field is very muddy, funds are set aside for the raising of ground and re-turfing the areas prone to mud.

Vehicle parking on the road and verge at Amber Row is deemed to be dangerous for other road users.

15.207 Planning

Applications New

15/01286/FLH – Carr Barn Farm, Moorwood Lane, Wessington – Erection of garage workshop and play room (re-submission of 15/00547/FLH)

Resolved: To raise no objection

15/01294/FLH – The Old Chapel Cottage, The Green, Wessington – Proposed two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and detached garage / carport

Resolved: To raise no objection

16/00024/FL – Grange Farm, Cross Lane, Wessington – Removal of Condition 2 relating to 04/00019/FL (holiday let)

Resolved: To raise no objection

Decisions

None

Applications Pending

14/00547/OL – JJ Cummins Limited, Matlock Road, Wessington – Outline application for proposed residential development (means of access submitted) (extension of residential development approved under 11/00743/OL utilising the approved access) (Departure from Development Plan) – APPROVE SUBJECT TO SECTION 106 AGREEMENT

14/01307/OL - Land North West of 24 Matlock Road Wessington – Variation of Condition 3 of permission 14/00147/OL (which required 40% affordable dwellings) to allow for 10% affordable dwellings in relation to the outline erection of 36 dwellings (access considered) (Major Development) (Departure from Development Plan) – APPROVE SUBJECT TO SECTION 106 AGREEMENT

15/00674/FL – Storage 2000, Matlock Road, Wessington – Construction of new vehicle service workshop and retention of existing lean to building for wash area / storage (Amended Title)

15/01083/RM – Wildgoose Construction, Land North West of 24 Matlock Road, Wessington – Application for the approval of reserved matters in respect of the erection of 32 dwellings (further to outline application 14/00147/OL) (Major Development)

15.208 Finance

a) Bank Reconciliation at 31 December 2015

Resolved: To approve the document

b) Payments

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
02/02/16	Wessington PCC	Room Hire NHP 04/01/2016	
		Room Hire PC 29/01/2016	
		Room Hire PC 02/02/2016	£75.00
02/02/16	S Beastall	No Fouling Sign, brass plaque & padlock	£66.03
02/02/16	Wybone Limited	Litter Bins x 2	£287.98
02/02/16	Buildbase	Rock Salt	£83.99
02/02/16	A Beastall	Village works	£345.00
02/02/16	E Boswell	Locum Wages and Expenses	£542.63
02/02/16	Web Horizons	New Website final payment	£618.00
02/02/16	A Beastall	Installation bench, bins and post	£366.63
02/02/16	Ian Trueman Specialist Tree Services	Tree Works	£384.00

Resolved: To approve the above payments

15.209 Literature / Correspondence received

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

1/2016 - Index of Most Important Elements of 2015 DALC Circulars

2/2016 – Revised Legal Topic Notes and Legal Briefing, Consultation – National Planning Policy Executive Summary, Consultation – New Homes Bonus, DALC Executive Vacancies, DALC Spring Seminar, Training – March 2016, HM Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations, Vacancies – Clerk - Pilsley, Clerk - Pleasley, Clerk – Wessington, Grounds Maintenance - Old Bolsover, Parish Manager - Whitwick.

North East Derbyshire District Council

District Parish Liaison Group 27 January 2016

Rural Action Derbyshire

Social enterprise to help reduce the cost of heating oil

15.210 Items for February Agenda

To be with the Clerk 7 days before next meeting

15.211 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 1 March 2016

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

15.212 Resolved: Under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act 1960) to exclude members of the press and public in order to discuss the following items – Appointment of Clerk, Correspondence from previous website provider and FOI request from previous website provider

15.213 Web Site

Following the interview process the Interview Panel made their unanimous recommendation to Council

Resolved: Subject to appropriate references to appoint Catherine Hedley as Clerk to the Council.

Catherine Hedley joined the meeting at this point.

15.214 Correspondence from previous website contractor

The Council considered further correspondence from the previous website contractor.

Resolved: To inform the contractor that the Council had given 30 days to terminate the contract on 14 December 2015. To request that the website is taken offline immediately and that no unauthorised postings are made to the website.

Resolved: To reiterate the offer of £750.00 in full and final settlement.

15.215 FOI Request from previous website contractor

A Freedom of Information request has been received from the previous website contractor.

Resolved: To direct Mike Henson of Mh-p Ltd to the new website where all agenda and minutes in the Parish Council's possession are publically available for viewing. There are no unredacted minutes, and no paperwork relating to the website tendering process were in the Council's records handed over from the previous Clerk.

Meeting closed 9.15pm