Welford-on-Avon Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 7:15 p.m. Memorial Hall, Welford-on-Avon

Present: Cllr S Carter, Cllr J Hockaday, Cllr J Kimpton, Cllr C Barbour,

Cllr M Lake, Cllr D Jones, Cllr B Stanford

In attendance: County Councillor Mike Brain, District Councillor P Barnes,

Clerk Mrs A Street

Public: 5

Public Participation:

lan Edwards and Jeremy Mansfield both gave valuable contributes to the discussion regarding Welford on Avon Traffic and Road Safety (See details in section 9. AOB)

Item		Action	
1.	Apologies None		
2.	Declarations of Interest None		
3.	Approval of Minutes The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting of 5 th March 2019 and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Carter Seconded Cllr Barbour		
4.	Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda: Report of Welford on Avon Traffic and Road Safety – Cllr B Stanford. See details in section 9. AOB		
5.	 County and District Councillor's reports 5.1 District Councillors Report Cllr Barnes reported: Lychgate Cottage – application went to Committee (13th March 19). Planning permission was refused. Gladman / Land North of Milcote Rd – Cllr Barnes expressed his concern by the delay in Stratford District Council determining this application for 35 houses. Cllr Barnes and Welford PC have been liaising with SDC to ensure that the list of all key reasons for refusal is accurate and complete. Cllr Barnes reported that construction work on the new traffic island at Bordon Hill has been postponed for 1 year to allow for more detailed traffic analysis. Cllr Barnes reported that the Planning Application for the Land 		

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South of Barton Rd was going to Planning Committee on Wed 3rd April. The PC are still in objection to the application due to an incomplete S106 agreement on the original application. Cllr Barnes reported that further to discussions with SDC, should the planning application gain approval, the S106 funds (approx £24,000) will be available for the use of ecological / biodiversity matters within Welford Village.

 Cllr Barnes confirmed that he would be standing for election at the District Council Elections which will take place 2nd May 2019.

5.2 County Councillors Report

- Cllr Brain reported on the recent site visit held with the PC and residents of Welford Hill Cottages, concerned by speeding traffic approaching the access to their property at the brow of the hill. It was agreed that Cllr Brain would investigate remedial action to improve safe access to these properties.
- Cllr Brain reported that some of the remedial work needed at Milcote Road had been done, but not to a satisfactory level. He has requested the work to be re-done. Further remedial works to the roads in Welford will follow after the Milcote Road work is completed satisfactorily.
- Cllr Brain confirmed his support to help improve traffic and road safety in the village and requested feedback from the PC and village residents on preferred possible solutions.

The meeting was adjourned at this point to hear from Cllr Brian Stanford and Ian Edwards regarding Traffic and Road Safety in the village. See details in section 9. AOB

6.	Planning 6.1 Report of Planning Notices received from Stratford DC			
	19/00212/TPO	West View House Barton Rd - T1 - weeping willow – Fell	Consent with Conditions	
	6.2 Report of P	│ Ianning Applications Previously Consi		
	19/00445/FUL	Rosegarth, Church St - Alterations to existing property including loft conversion with new dormers and roof lights and internal/external alterations to dwelling	Object	
	19/00468/ADV	Four Alls Inn, Binton Rd - Replacement non-illuminated and illuminated signage	Object	
	19/00504/FUL	ChurchBank House, Church Bank, Binton Rd - Extension to existing outbuilding	Support with Conditions	
	19/00498/FUL	Weston Close, Frog Lane - Resitting of garage to allow for the erection of a	Support with	

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	new dwelling and associated works	Conditions			
	(amended scheme to 18/02894/FUL)				
19/00601/FUL	Meadow View Cottage, Pool Close,	Support			
	Chapel St - Single storey side	with			
	extension	Conditions			
6.3 Considerati	.3 Consideration of Planning Applications received from				
Stratford Distri					
19/00634/FUL	The Spinney, Church Street -	Object			
	Installation of timer front entrance				
	gates and rear garden pergola				
	structures (retrospective)				
19/00359/FUL	The White House Chapel Street -	Support			
	Proposed two storey side and rear				
	extension with juliet balconies, pitched				
	roof to existing garage, removal of				
	existing canopy (loggia)				
19/00577/LBC	Bridges Cottage Church Street -	Support *			
	Replacement of single-storey rear				
	extension, replacement of windows				
	and door to rear and associated works				
	(amendment of LB Consent				
	17/01886/LBC to change finishes of				
	extension and windows)				
19/00556/FUL	21 Chapel Close - Replacement single	Support			
	storey rear extension				
19/00445/FUL	Rosegarth Church Street –	Object			
	Amendment to change dormer				
	balconies to dormer windows				
18/03299/FUL	Avon Bridge, Binton Rd - Demolition	Object			
	of existing single storey dwelling and				
	construction of two new dwellings with				
	associated works including flooding				
	and surface water management and				
	new landscaping.				

^{*} subject to LBC officer comments

6.4 Other Planning Matters

Lychgate Cottage – The Parish Council attended the committee meeting on 13th March in support of the Listed Building / Conservation Officer's recommendation to refuse the application. Planning permission was refused.

Land South of Barton Rd - the PC will attend the Planning Committee Meeting on Wed 3rd April. The PC are still in objection to the application due to an incomplete S106 agreement on the original application. Further to discussions with SDC, it has been agreed that should the planning application gain approval, the S106 funds (approx £24,000) will be available for the use of ecological / biodiversity matters within Welford Village.

6.5 Enforcement Issues Four Alls Flags - the flags have now been removed **Old Tea Shop Porch –** Further to a site visit on 5th Feb, SDC have advised that the Councils Conservation Team have assisted the owners with new design ideas. SDC anticipate a new application will be submitted w/c 18th Feb seeking approval for a new porch. **Finance** 7.1 Approval of items requiring payment Item VAT Base Total Bdgt. Clerk's Salary £404.80 £404.80 7 Clerks Mobile £32.78 £27.32 £5.46 8 Office Supplies £15.13 £3.05 £18.18 8 Clerk Training Exp £21.60 8 Clerk Training £30.00 £30.00 19 Synder Meadow surface £500.00 | £100.00 £600.00 21 drainage WALC Annual Subscription £515.00 £515.00 14 Receipts WSC contribution to mowing costs £500.00 Transfer To cover March bills – £1,200 Seconded Cllr Jones Proposed Cllr Kimpton

7.2 Any other finance matters

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It was agreed that the PC would use DM Payroll Services to manage Clerk monthly payroll.

Year End Accounts to be completed for sign-off at May PC Meeting.

Cllr Lake will develop and share a new Finance Spreadsheet to be used to report WPC Accounts for 2019/20.

Internal Audit to be conducted once 2018/19 Accounts are closed and signed-off

8. **Projects Updates from Councilors**

Cllr Kimpton agreed to source a new PC notice board for Bell Green as the current one has warped and the doors no longer close. Cllr Kimpton will also arrange for necessary maintenance work to the wooden seat around the tree on Maypole Green.

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Cllr Barbour and Cllr Carter conducted a village footpath and bridleway review to identify the areas most in need of attention. Cllr Barbour will revert with proposal for works needed. A number of broken / missing / rotten wayposts were also identified, Cllr Barbour will arrange replacements.

Cllr Barbour to meet with Dereck Tribe to review the 5yr plan for development and maintenance work at Cress Hill.

9. **Any Other Business:**

WELFORD TRAFFIC & ROAD SAFTEY

Cllr Stanford presented a comprehensive report of investigations into Traffic & Road Safety in the village.

The report covers:

- Specific areas of concern: High St, Binton Rd, Welford Bridge, High St crossing at shops (esp school hrs), Barton Meadows footpath crossing. Status up-dates and actions where still necessary given on key locations
- Data from WCC traffic volume & speed measurement exercise
- Information on 15 different speed control measures that have been investigated: with associated pros, cons and costs where available.
- Recommendations and implications on cost / local policy (namely the dark skies policy).

Cllr Stanford also confirmed that he would be attending the WCC Road Safety Workshop on 12th April – to discuss what options are possible for Welford and what funds may be available to support this initiative. Cllr Stanford will present the conclusions from this Workshop to the PC.

County Cllr Brain confirmed that we have his support in improving the current situation, he needs feedback from the residents and Parish Council on preferred options.

Cllr Brain agreed to investigate some initial suggestions:

- Stop sign at Welford Bridge (in place of current Give Way sign on Binton side of bridge)
- Chicanes with low level lighting or reflectors only. Site visit to be arranged for PC to view an example.
- Red tarmac section on road at the crossing point between the shop and the footpath /passage way to school.

In addition to this, the following actions / recommendations were made:

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- The question of Welford Dark Skies Policy should be re-visited with local residents within the context of road safety.
- The PC will investigate further one of the preferred solutions presented in Cllr Stanford's report – PC to purchase, tax, MOT a number of vehicles to be positioned as mobile chicanes on key roads / traffic spots. Costs and regulations / legislation to be further investigated.

lan Edwards from Welford Community Speed Watch Group also commented on the extent and severity of the speeding seen in the village. This was supported by Jeremy Mansfield (member of public present for the discussion) who gave examples of dangerous driving and aggressive behavior witnessed by him and the Speed Watch team. It was noted that the presence of the Speed Watch team in yellow jackets has a marked effect on slowing down the traffic. The question was raised as to whether having prominent Community Speed Watch signs could help to reduce speeds.

The Parish Council, County Cllr Brain and members of the public present thanked Cllr Stanford for such a thorough report of the issues and possible solutions.

Cllr Carter shared the Action list for this year's Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held on Tues 21st May.

Before the meeting was closed, Cllr Carter also took the opportunity to thank Cllr Stanford on behalf of the Parish Council for his work and valuable contribution in his role as Councillor. Cllr Stanford will be stepping down at the end of April 2019.

10. Dates of Future Meetings

- 23rd April Planning Committee Meeting
- 14th May Parish Council Meeting

Meeting closed at: 9:55pm