Welford-on-Avon Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 19th September 2023 at 7:15 p.m.

Present: Cllr S Carter (in the Chair), Cllr M Lake, Cllr N Appleton, Cllr J Hockaday, Cllr D Jones

In attendance: Clerk - Mrs I Wibberley, Cllr M Perteghella

Item		Action
1.	Acceptance of Apologies - Cllr M Stanley	
2.	Declarations of Interest - None	
3.	Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the meeting held on 22 nd August 2023 were accepted as a true record of the meetings and signed by the Chairman. Proposed – Cllr J Hockaday Seconded – Cllr M Lake	
4.	Planning Applications	
	There were no planning applications considered at the meeting.	
5.	Other planning matters It was reported that a narrow boat was being lived in on the River Avon in Welford and questions were asked as to who owned the mooring rights and whether a "residential mooring permit" was required. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Avon Navigation Trust/River Authority to enquire.	IW
6.	Any Other Business 6.1 Action List The Councillors reviewed and updated the Action List prepared by the Clerk. It was agreed that this would be updated and reviewed in detail at each Planning Committee meeting. Specific points to note were in relation to (1) Deerhurst Gardens where the Councillors decided that they did not wish to accept any responsibility for future maintenance of the private road to the development, and (2) the school playing fields where Councillors stressed the importance of clarifying the Parish Council's legal position as soon as possible.	
	6.2 Youth facilities A letter had been received from some of the youths in the village asking whether it would be possible to provide some facilities for them in the village. Councillors were very supportive of this idea and discussed some of the suggestions which had been made. It was noted that space had been allocated at Synder Meadow for youth facilities. It was agreed that Cllr Hockaday would present plans on the Synder Meadow Pavilion development to councillors at the next meeting on 24th October. Two residents had agreed to take on the project for youth facilities and Cllr Carter would follow up with them and suggest that they involve the youths who had contacted the Parish Council. A youth club in the Memorial Hall was one of the suggestions. It was noted that volunteers would be needed to run this and agreed that an advert should be included in the next edition of Welford Matters.	JH SC IW

	6.3 Trees for Action Cllr Jones would be attending a Heart of England Forest event on 5 th October. It was suggested that boundary trees round Synder Meadow might be eligible for support. Villagers/local landowners might also be interested and an article would be included in the next edition of Welford Matters.	IW
	6.4 Introduction Service for new reverend Cllr Appleton would attend on behalf of the Parish Council.	
	6.5 Stratford on Avon District services fayre The Clerk reminded councillors of the date and time of this event.	
	6.6 Other matters Cllr Appleton reported that he was liaising with Colin Winston and the Memorial Hall Committee to develop the Parish Council website to include a link to the memorial hall booking system. This was supported by Councillors.	
	Cllr Carter reported that some wayposts were missing and that footbridge on the footpath near Hunt Hall Lane required repair. It was agreed that the Parish Council should arrange for this work to be done.	SC
	Cllr Jones would investigate whether the defibrillator at Bunkers Hill was available to members of the public.	DJ
	Cllr Carter reported that the Memorial Hall had asked whether the parish council would be prepared to purchase 20 litter pickers. This was agreed.	
7.	Dates of Future Meetings	
	3 rd October 2023 - Full Parish Council Meeting, Memorial Hall	
	24 th October 2023 – Planning Committee Meeting, Memorial Hall	
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Meeting closed at 20:53