

## Welford-on-Avon Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7:15 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr S Carter – in the Chair, Cllr D Holmes, Cllr N Appleton, Cllr M Stanley, Cllr M Lake, Cllr J Hockaday, Cllr D Jones

Item		Action			
1.	Acceptance of Apologies – I Wibberley (clerk)				
2.	Declarations of Interest – Cllr Carter ref Murten				
3.	Approval of Minutes – The minutes of 1st April 2025 were not accepted as some amendments were required. Cllr Carter would update and circulate.	SC			
4.	District Councillors’ Report None				
5.	Planning There was no report of Planning Notices received from SDC				
	Planning Applications Received From SDC for Consideration at May 2025 Parish Council Meeting				
	Reference	Consultation Expiry Date	Address	Proposal	PC Decision
	25/00798/VARY	21/05/2025	Deerhurst Mill Lane Welford- on-Avon Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 8EW	Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of 22/02670/VARY dated 14/10/2022 to provide a two-storey link between the Plot 2 dwelling and the garage.	Support
	25/00719/TREE	09/05/2025	Land To The Rear Of 1 Chapel Row Chapel Street Welford-on-Avon Stratford- upon-Avon CV37 8PZ	T1 - sycamore - Whole crown reduction up to 4m to approximately 11m above ground level and sides to prune to keep natural shape of tree	Support
	25/00833/FUL 25/00834/LBC	08/05/2025	Manor Farm Duck Lane Welford-on-Avon Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 8QF	1200mm height gates and fencing to driveway and roof repairs to main house.	Object
	25/00805/TREE	08/05/2025	Welford House High Street Welford-on-Avon Stratford- upon-Avon CV37 8EA	T1-T9 conifers: Prune back all branches overhanging the boundary with the adjacent property The Limes, pruning back to the boundary line of Welford House. Reduce the height of the trees to the rear of the adjacent property's garage at The Limes,	Object

				reducing height by approximately 5 metres. Reduce the height of the remaining line of conifers by approximately 10 metres.																																																																																												
	25/00697/TREE	24/04/2025	Barndale Barton Road Welford- on-Avon Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 8EY	T1 Lawson cypress - Fell. -T2, T3, T4, T6 conifer spruce - Fell. -T5 unknown species - Fell. All trees to be replaced with fruit trees.	Object																																																																																											
	25/00814/FUL	08/05/2025	Murten Duck Lane Welford- on-Avon Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 8QD	Proposed extensions and alterations including a replacement roof to create first floor accommodation.	Object																																																																																											
	<b>5.4 Planning Enforcement</b> None																																																																																															
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	Proposed – Cllr M Lake	Seconded – Cllr D Holmes	
	<p><b>6.2 Any Other Finance Matters</b></p> <p>Cllr Lake presented the Balance Sheet. He was awaiting bank statements to finalise the figures. Cllr Carter to see whether he could access bank statements, but requested that Cllr Lake have future access to the bank accounts and/or online access. VAT refund of £5866 received for 2022/2023. Playing field budget wasn't used so approx. £25,000 "credit" on CAPEX</p> <p>Synder Meadow - Tax advisor, Steve Parkinson, was recommended by WALC. Cost of £1300 + VAT for ongoing support. Accepted by the Council. Meeting arranged for 19<sup>th</sup> May with Cllrs Lake, Carter &amp; Hockaday.</p> <p>Support for Millenium donation - Derek Tribe came to the last meeting but the PC still have no real idea on where the money goes or what the future plans are. The PC appear to be paying for maintenance that should be paid by The Holt householders organization. Cllr Stanley will chase up with Derek Tribe and Simon Hodges regarding various questions including accounts. We will send a formal letter indicating that if PC don't get any response then funding will end in July.</p> <p>Support for land maintenance - Clerk to send Cllr Holmes a copy of all invoices so he can chase up what has been done, especially by Limebridge. Cllr Holmes will review Cress Hill steps to see what the future needs are.</p>		<p>MS</p> <p>IW</p>
7.	<p><b>Project Updates from Councillors</b></p> <p>Cllr Hockaday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Synder Meadow ground report received and issued to contractors</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Carter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School license ends tomorrow. A new one has been submitted to WCC which gives access to holidays and weekends with no fee. Will be circulated to PC when received.</li> <li>Adjacent landowner is still OK with the future plan</li> <li>Need to move the bin out of the school field</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Jones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Short of people to water the newly planted trees on Headland Rd. Antony Ryan was suggested</li> <li>Weeds starting to appear around the tress. Cllr Hockady volunteered to try out weedkiller</li> <li>Cllr Holmes will strim if that doesn't work</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Stanley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quick review on the pavement issues tomorrow</li> <li>Brockworth still an issue</li> <li>Bid put in for Initiatives in village. May be hopeful as we seem to be the only village PC to submit request for money</li> <li>Long Marston path needs repair</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FB discussion, will work with Iona</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Holmes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cress Hill hedge cutting complete and quarterly maintenance complete</li> <li>• Support for reopening Synder Meadow gates for walkers. Will address a longer term solution</li> </ul>	
8.	<b>Communications</b> Not discussed	
9.	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
10.	<b>Dates of Future Meetings</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Planning Committee Meeting, Memorial Hall</li> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Annual Parish Meeting, Memorial Hall</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 Full Parish Council Meeting, Memorial Hall</li> </ul>	