

# WELLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Community Centre  
at 7.30pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015

<u>Item</u>	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Action</u>
	<p><b>Present</b>  <b>Parish Cllrs:</b> Mrs J Gowan (Chair), Mr S Crane, Mrs L Langford, Mr D Miller, Mr D Wood</p> <p><b>Also in attendance:</b> Ward Cllr Pauline Crockett Mrs Chris Bucknell (Parish Clerk) and 12 members of the public.</p> <p><b>Not Present</b> - Cllr J Shoesmith</p> <p><b>1.0 To Accept Apologies for Absence</b> – Cllr B Prince</p> <p><b>2.0 To Receive Declarations of Interest</b>  Cllr Langford declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 8.3. This was noted and the Chair exercised her discretion to allow her to remain in the room but not to take part in discussions regarding that item.</p> <p><b>2.1 To Consider Requests for Dispensations</b>  A dispensation was requested and agreed at the Extraordinary Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> April when the original Solar Farm planning application was discussed. It was felt that this was best practice given the details of the application and the fact that all Councillors lived within the Parish.  <b>Resolved:</b> To agree extension of the dispensation for agenda item 8.3 to enable all Councillors to remain in the room and to discuss the appeal.</p> <p><b>3.0 To Adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015</b>  <b>Resolved:</b> The Minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chair</p> <p><b>4.0 To Receive Brief Reports from</b></p> <p><b>4.1 Ward Councillor</b>  Ward Councillor Crockett gave an update saying the past 2 months had been busy, noting in particular the Community Speed Watch Action Plan. It was noted that Wellington was already part of the Community Speed Watch initiative and volunteers had recently received training on the equipment which was to be shared with Marden Parish. Cllr Crockett suggested that volunteers could rotate around neighbouring parishes, covering a number of areas, thus not being seen as biased; this would be considered and it was agreed to seek opinion from the CSW volunteers. Cllr Crockett also reported on the decision made at Cabinet to sell off the Smallholdings which had gone against the recommendation of the Working Group which was to retain the asset but to manage them in a more effective way. The proposed closure of Number 1 Ledbury Road was also covered as well as the review and consolidation of Herefordshire Council offices and working practices. Finally Cllr Crockett noted Herefordshire Council’s Digital Strategy with regard to the Fastershire programme.</p> <p><b>4.2 Safer Neighbourhood Team:</b>  The Chair noted that the Parish Council had been formally notified that the Local Policing Team would no longer be able to attend meetings due to the need to focus reducing resources on crime prevention activities. A regular newsletter was received and if something very specific was to be raised the Safer Neighbourhood Team could be invited to attend. The Chair asked that if anyone</p>	

had anything specific they wanted raised with the PCSO to do so in Open Time. There was no reported crime for November.

#### **4.3 Neighbourhood Watch Update**

There was no further news on the rejuvenation of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

### **5.0 Communications**

#### **5.1 Broadband Update**

Cllr Wood reported that a parishioner had noticed that on the Fastershire website the cabinet covering Wellington Parish was not due to be upgraded as part of the project. Cllr Wood had emailed Cllr Graham Powell, Ms Natalia Silver and Mr Matthew Lloyd and it was confirmed that the Wellington cabinet remained in the plan and was still due for completion by the end of the year, the fault being with the website which was not showing the correct information; Cllr Wood continued to follow this up. As part of the ongoing work BT needed to pass a cable through trees which formed a canopy over the road in Mill Lane. BT were of the opinion they needed authorisation to do this but the Clerk confirmed that as only minor pruning was required it was felt this was acceptable and the work was carried out.

In November a parishioner had contacted the Parish Council Chair saying that the BT engineers had said they could not complete their scheduled work due to the level of dog excrement around the area. Cllr Wood contacted BT and designed a poster which was put on the website and on the notice board in the shop foyer, asking dog owners to please pick up their dog's mess, as it was impacting on the broadband infrastructure. The parishioner concerned later admitted that the comment was meant as a joke (it was unclear as to whether the joke was made by the parishioner or the engineers) and that the BT work was, in fact, not being affected by the dog excrement.

Cllr Wood went on to give an update on the Wellington Parish and Wellington Plan websites, both of which had seen a large increase in usage over the past month.

#### **5.2 Facebook**

Cllr Miller reported that 58 people now 'liked' the page and the usage was continuing to rise, the highest being when the details of the Community Speedwatch was published.

#### **5.3 To Consider Website and Facebook Policy**

This item was deferred until February. Cllr Wood to circulate existing website policy for comment.

### **6.0 Open Time**

A parishioner who was unable to attend had asked the Chair to raise something on his behalf. The resident noted that the footpath running up the side of Gelerts Brow had been strimmed twice this year by Mr Holt of Munns Cottage. The resident said Mr Holt had done an excellent job, saving the Parish Council the expense of the Lengthsman having to do the work and asked that the Parish Council consider writing a letter of thanks to Mr Holt. This was agreed.

A resident noted that the tree work was currently being carried out and that during the litter pick no-one had specifically reported dog excrement to be a problem.

### **7.0 Financial Matters**

#### **7.1 To Receive a Report from the RFO**

Treasurer's Account (as at 02/12/15) £9,781.81 Business Instant Access £58,404.87. It should be noted that these figures include earmarked reserves and do not represent available funds.

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Clerk**

<b>Income since November meeting – £3,077.79</b>	Interest (November)	£2.48
	Contribution from D&M GPC towards Clerks Conference	£34.50
	HMRC VAT Claim 01/04/15 – 30/09/15	£2,390.81
	Wellington Delights (November Rent).	£650.00

**The following invoices have been issued but not yet paid**

- 04/15 Lengthsman invoice Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 £1,601.50 (dated 03/11/15)
- 05/15 PCC Contribution to Cemetery Maintenance Costs £736.25 (dated 14/11/15)

**Transparency Act for Small Councils** – it had now been confirmed that the £25,000 threshold for compliance with the Transparency Act is gross income so Wellington will fall outside of this and will have to maintain the external audit regime.

**7.2 To Agree Payments made since last meeting - None**

**7.3. To Agree Payment of outstanding invoices**

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Amount</b>
978	Printing of documents for Solar Appeal (J Gowan)	£13.82
979	Richard Mills invoice 2990. Work to trees in Mill Lane as per quote 28/07/15 £590 + VAT	£708.00

**Resolved:** Payments approved

**Resolved:** The Clerk was given authorisation to pay invoices for approved work/services and PAYE during January where there was no meeting.

**7.4: To Consider Contribution to Wellington Fun Week**

An email had been received from Phil Smith asking whether the Parish Council would be prepared to make a commitment to supporting the 2016 Fun Week. It was felt that the Parish Council would support Fun Week in the usual way but needed to know what the proposal was so that it could be considered. The Clerk was asked for get more details.

**7.5: Update on Lengthsman Scheme in relation to 2016/17 budget and precept**

The following proposal had been approved by Cabinet. That there will be no change in the level of match funding for the Lengthsman/P3 Scheme in 2016/17 but there will be no new Parishes accepted into the scheme. The Scheme will then gradually be phased out over the coming 2 financial years so that by 2020 it is expected that there will be no Lengthsman or P3 Grant and all work will need to be funded through the Precept.

**7.6: To Consider Membership of Tree Warden Network**

Jenny Guille gave some background to the Tree Warden Scheme, saying she had been a Tree Warden since 1993 and had found it interesting and enjoyable. She noted that the Tree Warden Scheme had originally been run by Herefordshire Council but this was no longer the case and the present proposal was for an independent organisations for Tree Wardens in partnership with the Tree Council. The Tree Wardens Network will be offering support and advice, training and organised walks and events. Jenny Guille also mentioned about planting new trees and the need for people to suggest locations which could be considered.

**Resolved:** To join the Tree Wardens Network at an annual cost of £25

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Amount</b>
980	Tree Warden Network Membership	£25.00

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**7.6 To Consider a Grant Awarding Policy**

At the October meeting it was agreed to consider setting a maximum level for grant allocations. The Chair proposed that a maximum limit of £100 was set for national charities provided the Parish Council were sure there was a local influence and benefit adding that anything taking place specifically in Wellington should be debated on its merits.

Cllr Crane was concerned that if each application were debated separately whether the decision would be upheld if challenged. Cllr Wood said that each application needed to be looked at on its own merits and that it was impractical to have one set of criteria.

Cllr Crane felt that the Policy should contain a safeguard against any donation made to local branches of a national charity reducing the level of national funding that charity received, saying that he had experience of this in the past and reassurance was needed that any donation would directly benefit the local area.

**Resolved:** To adopt the proposal put forward by the Chair with each application being considered on its own merits depending on the level of local benefit. To amend the Policy accordingly.

Cllrs to consider Cllr Crane's reservations on displacement of national funding and to put forward suggestions for amendment of the existing policy to take account of this.

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Clerk**8.0 To Consider Planning Matters****8.1 To Consider any Planning Applications**

Reference Number	Application
153304	Walnut House, Wellington - Proposed variation of planning permission 140755 to allow erection of a two-storey extension.

The application was discussed and there was no objections to the proposals.

**Resolved:** To support the application

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Reference Number	Application
153379	Avallon, Bridge Lane, Wellington - Works to trees
153275	Thurston House, Wellington - Works to Horse Chestnut tree

The above applications had been passed to Jenny Guille, Tree Warden, who had visited the sites and had no objection to the proposals.

**Resolved:** To support the application

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Reference Number	Application
153475	The Brick House, Wellington – Fell Sitka Spruce

The above application had been received too late for Jenny Guille to carry out her customary inspection.

**Resolved:** To respond in line with Jenny Guille's recommendations

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**8.2 To Agree Procedure for Considering Planning Applications in January**

As there would be no Regular Parish Council Meeting in January the Chair asked Councillors to make a resolution regarding how to deal with any planning applications received in December or early January.

**Resolved:** Any applications for tree works to be dealt with in line with Jenny Guille's recommendations without requiring an Extraordinary Meeting be called.

**Resolved:** Any minor planning applications to be dealt with by gaining a majority view from

Councillors without requiring an Extraordinary Meeting be called.

### 8.3 To Consider Planning Appeal

Reference Number	Application
P150929/F	Stocks House Farm, Land West of C1109 Upper Wellington. Proposed installation of an 1 MW solar photovoltaic (PV) farm and ancillary infrastructure

The Chair gave some background to the appeal. It was noted that any response should be on the basis of new comments as the Planning Inspector will be in possession of existing representations and will look at the whole case, not just on the basis of the appeal.

The Chair invited comments from the public and from Councillors and these were discussed.

**Resolved:** The following points would be included in the appeal submission

- That the Aylus Hill Planning Application (which had been refused) should be taken into account and the potential for there to be a further appeal if the Stocks House Farm Appeal were to be granted. This was particularly in relation to the cumulative nature of these two sites - the impact on visual amenity and properties in close proximity
- That despite being assured by AR Partners that they would provide reference sites of similar installations they failed to do so which has meant that the Parish Council and local people have been unable to judge noise levels and visual impact.
- As far as the Parish Council is aware no acoustic noise impact assessment has been carried out – the environment in question has very low ambient noise levels and this is a major concern.
- That if the appeal is granted a specific condition should be included stipulating that diesel generation should not be permitted on the site.
- Concerns regarding EMI (Electro Magnetic Interference) given that the application is unclear regarding the type of inverter to be used and the effects on radio and TV signals, telephone and Wi-Fi reception for the properties in close proximity.

**Resolved:** The following point from the original submission would be reiterated:

- The access track shown on the application maps as being ‘included in the site’ is not in the ownership of the farmer on whose land these panels would be sited, nor, as claimed in the appeal documentation, does that farmer maintain the track (this reiterates a point made in the original representation).

### 8.4 To Note any Decisions/Notifications Received

Reference Number	Application	Determination
152770	Land Adjacent to The Grange, Upper Buskwood Farm, Hope under Dinmore – Proposed change of use of pastureland to holiday caravan park, consisting of 42 units, together with associated access road, car park, sewage disposal plant & caravan sales area.	Awaiting Decision
152983	Queenswood View, Bridge Lane, Wellington – Fell field maple and blue birch trees. Reduce and thin variegated maple and ornamental damson	Approved
152347	Ognal Cottage, Bridge Lane, Wellington. Proposed conversion of existing garage, workshop and office to ancillary self-contained annex	Approved with Conditions

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Reference Number	Application	Determination
153123	12 Dernside Close, Wellington – Proposal to remove Maple Tree	Awaiting decision
153206	Silver Birches, Wellington – Proposed works to Maple Tree	Awaiting decision
153093	Westend Cottage, Wellington - Proposed works to Leylandii trees	Awaiting decision
152188	Land opposite Aylus Cottages, Auberrow. Proposed erection of solar photovoltaic array, including metering and inverter kiosks, security cameras, fencing and gates and a temporary construction compound and access track.	Refused
151845	6 Brookside, Wellington. Proposed change of use of summer house to small beauty room	Approved with Conditions
151460	Ravensholt, Wellington. Proposed works to various trees	Awaiting decision
151954	Ravensholt, Wellington. Proposed development of 3 bedroom dwelling	Approved with Conditions
132970	Khotia, Wellington. Change of use and proposed double garage	Awaiting decision

## 8.5 Other Housing Issues

### 8.5.1 Bell Homes and Section 106

There are now posters up advising that the social rental housing applications are being taken. As previously agreed Councillors will not get involved in any individual applications other than to direct applicants to Bell Homes. The Chair had been advised that 10 information packs had been sent to people with a general interest in Herefordshire and 14 to those with a specific interest in Wellington of which one already lived in the village.

## 9.0 To Consider Highways Issues

### 9.1 A49 Issues

#### 9.1.1 Feedback on Traffic Survey and A49 Speeding Issues

CLlr Crockett confirmed that the A49 issues were ongoing and that no reply had been received on the highways issues currently under discussion. This would be followed up. Ward CLlr Crockett had updated the meeting on the Community Speed Watch Initiative earlier in the agenda (minuted under 4.1).

The Chair had received a response from Kier, who have responsibility for the A49 about signage at The Marsh, who were getting costs prior to programming in the work regarding the right turn sign travelling south. Kier requested that immediately the Parish Council becomes aware of signage being damaged it is reported and the Chair now has a direct means of doing this. Kier are also looking into the pedestrian signage and also improvements to signage where the garden centre road comes onto the A49.

The Chair reported there was no further news on the bisected footpath at Old Comrade and she would contact CLlr Crockett regarding this.

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There was no further update on the bins at the bus stop. The Chair reported that Balfour Beatty were currently trialling what happens when bins are removed from various locations, whether litter increases. Once the results of this trial are known it may be possible to get bins by the bus stop on the A49 as part of a free trial.

A member of the public had posted on the Wellington Facebook page concerns about speed of traffic outside Wootton Cottages which she felt posed a high risk to other road users, pedestrians and cyclists. Cllr Crockett is meeting with our PCSO and this is on the agenda as well as the use of this lane by heavy vehicles.

The chair reported that Bob Haynes Traffic Management Advisor at Warwickshire and West Mercia Police had responded with statistics from a speed enforcement activity on the A49 which took place between 29/05/15 and 25/09/2015 at Lyde and Burghope saying that the area was visited a number of times but the results yielded little or no offences with speed generally within acceptable levels. On the basis of this the Safer Roads Partnership had decided continued enforcement could not be justified and activity at these two locations had been suspended. Bob Haynes confirmed that the A49 was a principle route in Herefordshire and they would continue to be involved in monitoring activities

## **9.2 To Receive any other Highway Issues**

Cllr Crane reported that he had recently seen a vehicle fail to stop at the junction with the Canon Pyon Lane by Adzor House, noting that there were no give way or stop signs although there was white lining on the road. The Chair would report this to Phil Pankhurst. *Post meeting note: There is a T-junction sign approaching the bend but it has fallen down. The Lengthsman has been asked to put it back up. Balfour Beatty consider that even without this sign the white lines and triangle on the road give sufficient warning and say the sign cannot be any closer to the junction due to the bend.*

It was also suggested that on the bend by Queenswood Close, before the Auberrow turn there should be SLOW markings on the road.

The Chair reported that she had received two complaints about the speed of farm vehicles, particularly tractors, and especially through the main street, although the complainants did not want to be identified. It was noted that it was hard to judge vehicle speed as a pedestrian and it was suggested that the Community Speedwatch should include farm vehicles in their activity. It was also noted that anyone who is concerned about this should obtain the registration number of the vehicle so that the Parish Council could report it to the police; but the complainant must accept that their name may not remain confidential.

### **9.2.1 Identification of work to be carried out and any other updates**

The blocked drain near Norton House and the street lighting reported at the last meeting have both been dealt with promptly by Balfour Beatty.

Flooding at Vinery Corner and the issues at the Mill are still being investigated and the Chair would follow this up, noting that all land owners have responded regarding clearance of the watercourse in that area.

Footpath issues in Brookside are still unresolved as there is discussion about whether these are the responsibility of Herefordshire Housing or Balfour Beatty. The Chair would follow this up.

The Clerk was asked to issue a worksheet to the Lengthsman to go round all the roads and clear the drain covers of fallen leaves. Also to carry out any sign cleaning and clearing as required.

It was felt that the issue with Dog Fouling was on the increase again. It was suggested that all new residents needed to be reminded about their responsibilities regarding dog fouling. A letter had been sent to the new residents of Parsonage Farm and the Chair would look this up with a view to doing the same with the new residents of Church View. The issue would go on the February agenda.

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<p><b>10.0</b></p>	<p><b>Report on Footpaths</b></p> <p><b>10.1 Update on Footpath Maintenance</b> Cllr Crane reported that all the usual footpath maintenance was ongoing and it was his intention to walk all of the paths over the coming weeks. A meeting with Phil Pankhurst had taken place and materials ordered for the steps at the top of the Dingle and the handrail. Now the foliage is dying back Cllr Crane will check signs and fingerposts and carry out any remedial work necessary.</p> <p><b>10.2 Schedule of Maintenance</b> Cllr Crane reported that rather than put a formal schedule of work in place he would rather continue to monitor and maintain the paths on a proactive basis.</p> <p><b>10.3 Claypits Lane</b> It was agreed this would not be progressed and would be taken off the agenda until the results of the appeal on the solar farm are known.</p>	
<p><b>11.0</b></p>	<p><b>Community Hub</b></p> <p><b>11.1 To Consider Provision and Position of Noticeboards</b> The Chair reported that an external location, which met everyone's criteria has been agreed and once the size and type of noticeboard has been decided a cost for installation would be obtained. The Chair asked the CLP group to let the Parish Council have their proposals for management of the use of the board and these would be discussed and agreed at the February meeting.</p> <p><b>11.2 To Consider Landscaping</b> Cllr Wood reported that many of the shrubs planted a year ago have grown into reasonably large specimens but more work needed to be done, including weeding the gravel. It was agreed to ask D C Gardening to weed the flower beds as soon as possible. Cllr Langford noted that depending on whether the plants were annuals or perennials they may need to be sprayed. A shop meeting would be arranged for before Christmas so that further proposals for landscaping could be considered.</p> <p><b>11.3 To Review and Confirm Snow and Ice Clearance Procedures</b> Cllr Wood reported that the Parish Council had taken advice from the insurers, Came and Company, on its responsibilities to clear snow and ice and he read out the relevant sections from the Parish Council Guide 'To Grit or Not to Grit'. Cllr Wood confirmed that a map of the area to be cleared had been put on the notice board inside the foyer and that Rob had a team of volunteers who would clear snow and ice from the path to the left of the entrance and to the shop. Parishioners will still be able to use other routes but at their own risk. The car park and other paths will not be cleared and a notice will be clearly displayed to this effect. If the pathways or the car park becomes unsafe it may be incumbent on the Parish Council to close the shop on safety grounds. The process will be managed by Rob and overseen by the Parish Council to ensure compliance with the guidelines.</p>	<p>DW</p>
<p><b>12.0</b></p>	<p><b>Update from the Community Led Planning Groups</b></p> <p><b>12.1 Formation of CLP Implementation Group</b> Cllr Miller confirmed that following the last Parish Council meeting a CLP Implementation Group had been formed to ensure as many actions as possible listed in the 2013 – 2018 CLP are addressed. The first meeting had been held on 25<sup>th</sup> November, all members of the original CLP steering group were invited to attend together with lead volunteers, Cllr Dan Miller (the nominated Parish Councillor) and the Clerk of the Parish Council. At this meeting the following posts were appointed Chair: Jennifer Jarrett, Vice Chair: Mike Lyke, Secretary: Liz Bullar. Other members of the team included Shirley Edgar, John Hayward, Pat Lewis and Dave Willis.</p> <p>The Implementation Team would meet every 3 months (or more if deemed necessary) and would</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify actions that should take place</li> <li>• Take responsibility for identifying and encouraging volunteers to carry out these actions</li> <li>• Identify those actions that are not supported and should therefore be either deferred or</li> </ul>	

cancelled.

- Liaise with relevant authorities and organisations to assist the volunteers in their action including sources of funding where necessary.
- Regularly report back to the Parish Council on progress, issues arising and outcomes from the actions taking place

### **12.1.1 Terms of Reference**

These were being drafted and would be put before the Parish Council for approval in February.

### **12.2 Playground Initiative**

Cllr Miller reported that the group (named WELLPAG) were now working with the WCA and with Fran White of Herefordshire Council. A suitable piece of land for the playground has been identified but the NDP would need to be finalised before this option was progressed.

#### **12.2.2 Preferred Site and Access**

The Chair explained the land identified was at the rear of the new Church House Farm development and was designated RST5 public open space in the UDP and had been put into the NDP for protection. The land is part of the David Williams estate. A footpath connects it into the new development. The Chair carried on by saying that Bell Homes have been discussing whether they could dispense with the footpath and add the land into the garden of one of the plots adjacent. Following discussion Bell Homes have agreed to retain and build the footpath and retain ownership of it until such time the use of the land is agreed. Herefordshire Council have confirmed that neither they nor the Parks Department will adopt it. If the Parish Council adopted it they would be responsible for ongoing maintenance and possibly the installation of a gate into the open space land. The Chair felt this would seem a logical course of action to take once the NDP has been through examination and the land protected. Planning permission would be needed for change of use to a play area and if approved would be subject to the landowner's agreement. The Chair confirmed that there would be no cost to the Parish Council or WCA at this stage, the commitment only being to adopt the footpath and gate it. A parishioner recommended that the Parish Council ensures that it obtains title to the path via the Land Registry.

**Resolved:** The Parish Council will take over the management and maintenance of the footpath.

**Resolved:** To investigate how the land can be transferred from its current owners and then consider planning permission for a playground

### **12.3 Other Updates**

**Bulb Planting** - Over 750 bulbs had been planted including those by school children outside the Community Centre/School. £78.40 had been raised in donations and a further donation promised by Tarmac for planters. Thanks were given to all those volunteers who did the planting, the people who donated funds and in particular to Shirley Edgar, June Willis and Pat Lewis.

**Litter Picking** - A litter picking day on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November was held and a further one in the Spring will be arranged. Thanks go to Pat Lewis for getting all the equipment together and for making the arrangements. Thanks were also given to the numerous Parishioners who collected litter while on their walks throughout the Parish.

**IT** - Following the IT training earlier this year "Understanding the Internet" Fastershire have offered funds for another session provided enough people can be found to attend. In addition for a fee of £5 per session a programme of 8 "Computing for Beginners" sessions could be put on. Details of both these sessions have been put in Welcome.

**Benches** - 2 new benches have been placed by the football pitches and a further 3 more benches will be installed once the landowner's permission has been obtained. Thanks go to John Allender for his continuing involvement in this action.

	<p><b>Speedwatch</b> – Dave Willis has agreed to lead this initiative. The 6 volunteers attended a training session from West Mercia Police on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015. The group are undertaking this under the guidance of the police and are included in their liability insurance. The activity can only take place at the designated sites and signs will be on the roadside giving traffic warning of the activity. Speed will be measured within 30 mile an hour zones only. The first session will take place within the next few weeks.</p> <p>More volunteers for all of the activities were welcome.</p>	
	<p><b>12.4 To Agree any Expenditure</b> There was no expenditure</p>	
<p><b>13.0</b></p>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Planning</b></p> <p><b>13.1 Update on Regulation 16 and Next Steps</b> The Regulation 16 consultation ended on 19th November and the Plan had now received approval to proceed to examination. The next stage is that Herefordshire Council will approach the Neighbourhood Planning Independent Examiner Referral Service (NPIERS), who will provide three candidates which it judges fits the brief in terms of local profile and CVs will be sent to the Parish Council for consideration. Other than choosing one of the three candidates the Parish Council has no involvement in the process. It is expected there will be a significant lead time before the NDP goes to examination. The Chair added that the consultant to the Kingcup Cottage application made a comment that Wellington Marsh should have been included in the plan and it is likely there will be an appeal and a revised scheme for six houses. No further information is available at this stage.</p> <p><b>13.2 Hope Under Dinmore NDP Consultation</b> Hope Under Dinmore’s Regulation 14 consultation will run from 23rd November for eight weeks and as a neighbouring parish Wellington Parish Council have been invited to comment. All Cllrs have been circulated with the details.</p> <p><b>13.3 Marden NDP Regulation 16 Consultation</b> Marden’s Regulation 16 consultation will run from 24th November for six weeks and as a neighbouring parish Wellington Parish Council has been invited to comment. All Cllrs have been circulated with the details.</p> <p>The Chair asked for a volunteer to go through the plans to ascertain if there were any comments or action that would impact on Wellington. As there were no Councillors willing or able to take on the task the Chair agreed to review the plans and circulate comments to Councillors.</p>	<p>JG</p>
<p><b>14.0</b></p>	<p><b>Community Defibrillator</b> The funding application for 2 defibrillators was now complete and Cllr Langford was currently looking into which model of defibrillator and cabinet was required. One model required hard wiring and one was plug in. It was felt the model which wired directly into the mains supply was preferable. The installation of the equipment by the shop would be funded by the Parish Council and the equipment by the Community Centre by the WCA.</p>	
<p><b>15.0</b></p>	<p><b>Herefordshire Council Local Transport Plan Consultation</b> Herefordshire Council is calling on residents of the county to help to set its transport and infrastructure spending priorities from 2016-2031. The new LTP4, once adopted, will set out the Council's strategy for supporting economic growth, improving health and wellbeing, and reducing the environmental impacts of transport. Details of the consultation have been circulated to all Councillors.</p>	
<p><b>16.0</b></p>	<p><b>Local Government Award Scheme</b></p>	

	<p><b>16.1 To Agree Registration Costs</b>  <b>Resolved:</b> To pay the registration fee of £50. A further accreditation fee of £100 will be payable on submission.</p> <p><b>16.2 Website Requirements</b>  Obtaining accreditation will require having to publish quite a lot more information on the website and it would be advantageous for a number of people to be able to do this. It was agreed that the website Working Group meet in the new year to take this forward.</p> <p><b>16.3 Next Steps</b>  The Chair and the Clerk would look into this further in the new year.</p> <p><b>17.0 To Note the Information Sheet (December 2015) and any other updates</b>  Resolved: The Information sheet was noted.</p> <p><b>18.0 To Raise Items for the next Scheduled Parish Council Meeting</b>  Dates for 2016 Regular Parish Council Meetings and 2016 Annual Parish Meeting</p> <p><b>To Note Date and Time of the next Regular Meeting of the Parish Council</b>  Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.30 pm.  The meeting closed at 9.30 pm</p> <p>Signed ..... Date 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016 2015  Chairman of Wellington Parish Council</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>DW</b></p> <p><b>JG/ Clerk</b></p>
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