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Minutes of the Wellbrook Committee held at the Cotton Hall, 24th February 2009

Present: Cllrs Ford-Smith, Thorrold, Clift, and Neil Cook

In attendance: Robert Stone, Clerk

09/01 To receive apologies for absence

Received from Cllrs Sparling, Martin, Hiley, & J. Garner and S. Holland

09/02 To elect a Vice Chairman for 2008/09

Deferred.

09/03 That the Committee co-opts a further member(s) to the Committee.

Neil Cook was co-opted for the meeting.

09/04 Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

None.

09/05 That Standing Orders be suspended for an Open Session for the public

A resident of Wellbrook Way was present, and standing orders were suspended to enable him to add to the debate on the current issues.

09/06 That Standing Orders be reinstated and the Committee meeting resumed

Standing Orders were re-instated.

09/07 That the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 11th July 2008 be signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

Signed.

09/08 Matters arising from minutes

None.

09/09 To receive a report on the latest position on planning for the LEAP, and bowling green.

Cllr Clift advised that he had been in touch with South Cambs DC, Wimpeys and Blakes, the landscape consultants, in order to try to push planning permission forward. Plans had been submitted to Wimpeys by Blakes but these had yet to reach the Planning Department at the district council. This should occur in the near future.

The only changes to the original landscape plans appear to relate to the trees, scrubs and fencing which have now been designed to fit in with nearby landscaping. Works would proceed in three phases. The first would be the LEAP; the second the bowling green; and the third the building. The bowling greens and building were both subject to funding and the building to further planning consents. At this time the new plans had not been fully scrutinised

09/10 That the Committee identifies outstanding issues relating to the Wellbrook

Development.

Cambridge County Council had yet to adopt the highway (Section 38) on the development. It was the responsibility of the developer to complete the works to the required standard before this could be done. The Planning Authority needed to push these matters forward to completion prior to the formal transfer of the open spaces on Wellbrook Way to the Parish Council. The roads, street lights, sewers and gullies all needed to be in good condition before this could occur.

09/11 That the Committee identifies areas of concern, and actions to address these.

At present the Parish Council had no formal remit at Wellbrook Way. The housing estate was still in the hands of the developer. However, it had and would continue to urge all parties to work together to complete the development. This was in everyone's interests.

The new Abbeyfield building may help to take things forward as it was a major project that required connection to all the site facilities, and road access.

The new residents of Wellbrook Way might also consider forming a residents association with the help and encouragement of the Parish Council to press the developer to complete the roads, planting scheme, drainage and lighting.

It was decided to make a short report on the issues in the April edition of the Girton Parish News, and to consider making the Wellbrook Way Development an agenda item within the Annual Parish meeting on 7th May 2009.

Action: Clerk

The meeting ended at 8.35pm.