

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

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Wellow Village Hall: Monday, 3rd February 2014. 7.15pm to 9.20 pm.

Wellow Room

Present: Alan Clark (AC), Dr Peter Chandler (Chair), Tish Cochrane (TC), Mike Derrick (MD), Francis Feeney (FF), Julie Jacobs (JJ), Jamie King (JK), Ray Noble (RN), Angela Ratcliffe (AR) (Vice-Chair), Phil Stenner (PS).

Attending: Cllr Gordon Bailey, PCSO Jo Cole, Lesley Weldon (Clerk) (LW) - Minutes.

Apologies: John Saunders (JS).

Cc. (for information only): Cllr Tony Gentle, Cllr Roy Perry.

ITEM

ACTION

PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs Kerry Somers from Wellow School came to introduce herself as the organiser of the school's WW1 commemorative project.

134 APOLOGIES

As above. JS - apologies accepted.

135 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

136 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Jo Cole reported that:

- (i) Arrests have been made with connection to the burglary from January in Canada Road. Culprits are from the Millbrook area. One culprit is still at large
- (ii) Canada Common - persons believed to be poachers were seen with a wheel barrow. No one could be traced
- (iii) There were no burglaries recently
- (iv) Twenty horses were caught in the Braishfield and Ampfield area

FF advised that there had been 2 fuel thefts from the same property in Romsey Road, one being last week. PCSO Cole had no knowledge of this and advised that the victim should report the incident to the Police by telephoning 101.

JK advised that the response in answering the bell at the side of Romsey Police station was too slow. PCSO Cole said she would report this.

137 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Perry did not attend. See Appendix 1 for his report.

Cllr Gordon Bailey reported that:

- (i) TVBC Local Development Plan has been passed for consultation. He referred to map 41, which shows Wellow's outline and confirmed again that Maury's Mount is outside the Local Plan area and part of the countryside
- (ii) Cllr Bailey has given authorisation for the release of S.106 funds totalling £4359.50 for the play area and goal posts, as requested by WPC.
- (iii) TVBC Council Tax Support Scheme - passed 24th January 2014
- (iv) Council Tax Benefit - TVBC have made the following changes to the scheme:
 - abolish 10% discount on 2nd homes
 - Reduce the current 100 per cent exemption period for vacant properties from 6 months to 3, after which the full rate of Council Tax is payable
 - Abolish the current 50% Council Tax discount for vacant properties that applies after the current 6 months 100 per cent exemption period.
 - Introduce a premium Council Tax payment of an additional 50 per

cent on top of the full rate, for properties that are vacant for two years or more.

- No changes will be made to Council Tax benefit for those on the lowest incomes.
- (v) Consultation on TVBC proposals on a variety of parking and traffic measures in Romsey will begin on Monday, 13th January 2014 for 3 weeks. Full details of the proposals will be available to view in the TVBC Council Offices in Romsey from 13th January 2014 to 31st January 2014. A manned exhibition will also be held at Crosfield Hall on 16th, 21st, and 29th January between 3.00 pm and 8.00pm.
- (vi) Flood risk strategy - Cllr Perry has asked for a meeting and formal investigation into why the flooding in Romsey happened. HCC has published its draft local flood risk strategy for consultation.
- (vii) Gazing Lane - Cllr Bailey to liaise with Cllr Perry. Some options to be discussed with WPC
- (viii) In most cases, the lack of ditching clearance and maintenance is responsible for flooding

Cllr Bailey was asked to investigate the cause of flooding at A27/Squabb Wood junction, as it was felt the recent work to raise the hill was responsible for the water not being able to run away as previously. Cllr Bailey was also asked to report why the pumping station was not working.

Cllr Bailey thanked PCSO Jo Cole and her team for the good support they provide.

138 MINUTES

RESOLVED: Minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2014 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

139 MATTERS ARISING

Clerk advised that TLC have confirmed £360 as the annual cost of website administration and will be instructing them accordingly.

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140 FINANCE

- a) Income and Expenditure - **RESOLVED:** That the schedule (Appendix 2) was received, agreed and endorsed by Members.
- b) To consider the lease agreement for the Parish Office with Wellow Village Hall. Clerk provided members with a time line of correspondence from April 2007 to November 2008 for information. **RESOLVED:**
 - (i) Clerk to request confirmation that the Parish Office is covered by the WVH buildings insurance LW
 - (ii) MD to provide a draft lease document MD
- c) To consider Wellow organisations using Parish office printing facilities. It was considered inappropriate as it could snowball and affect the cost of maintaining the machinery as well as being distracting for the Clerk. **RESOLVED:** Not to support.

141 PLANNING

- a) **RESOLVED:** Minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2013 be signed by Chair as a correct record with amendments as follows:
13/02850/FULLS - last sentence to read: Should TVBC Planners agree to the application, WPC will ask District Councillors to call it into Committee.
13/02764/FULLS - To include reference that MD took the Chair for discussion on this application.

142 HIGHWAYS

- a) To receive A36 update from AC. **RESOLVED:** the Highways Working Group,

consisting of AC, FF, JJ, JK, RN and PS, to provide a report and proposal for action by WPC for the next Full Council meeting on 3rd March 2014.

- b) Litter in Tutts Lane - **RESOLVED:** AC to organise a litter pick and contact Cllr Perry. An item on dog fouling to be put in the Spring newsletter.

HighWG
AC

143 ENVIRONMENT

- a) Wellow Community Wildlife Project - Angela Peters Community Wildlife Plans Project Officer, presented members with copies of the Project and action plan. This is a 40 page illustrated document and Angela will come to the Annual Parish Meeting to give a presentation and explain to parishioners how they can be involved. Council members to give comments to the Clerk for the next meeting on 3rd March 2014.
- b) Buxton Land - Angela presented members with a draft report outlining the species in the Buxton Land and an action plan. Stage 1 is to clear the shrub and overgrowth. Angela is prepared to organise volunteers and lead a day to start the process, and work with WPC to advertise locally. WPC accept that parishioners would like to see the Buxton Land maintained. **RESOLVED:** to provide £500 to make safe access and bridge over the stream to enable volunteers to work.

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144 SPORTS AND LEISURE

- a) New Community Pavilion Working Group update:
Clerk reported that:
- (i) Viridor Credits application has been submitted within the deadline and had received a letter from Viridor Credits advising donations of just over 10% (ie: approx. £7,000) of the grant request needed to be pledged by third parties or the application cannot be considered. AR presented WPC with a cheque from Mr F Moody for £7,000 as a donation to the project. This means that WPC can now further this application. Clerk to write to Mr Moody to express the heartfelt gratitude of the Council for his generous donation.
- (ii) Clerk has contacted Unsted Designs to submit the non-material amendment to the pavilion plans requested by the Cricket Club.
- b) To agree 2014 Play Areas inspection. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to instruct Mr N.W.Adams, Engineering Design Services, to carry out the annual inspections and provide risk assessments for both recreation ground Play Area and Trim Trail at Hatched Farm at a total cost £186 + VAT.

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145 COMMUNICATION

- a) Annual Parish Meeting 30th April 2014. Clerk advised that several community groups had confirmed that they will be providing a display at this meeting. Groups include: Wellow Community Wildlife Plan, Community Response Team, Wellow Youth Football Club, Wellow Tennis Club, Wellow Help Group and Lunch Club. **RESOLVED:** to include a promotion for the 2015 elections.

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146 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED:

- a) List of correspondence/consultations received & noted by members - items of interest available to members as required.
- (i) Test Valley Passenger Transport Forum 3rd March 2014 - AC/FF to attend, if possible
- (ii) Test Valley Local Plan 2011-2019 - MD to consider any input by WPC
- (iii) Letter by Mr John Harris published in the Romsey Advertiser on 31st January 2014. The contents and inaccuracies of this letter were

AC, FF

MD

discussed. In accordance with HALC advice given, WPC will not respond to this letter through the Romsey Advertiser.

RESOLVED:

- i. to put an article in the next Parish newsletter including the role of councillors and to proactively encourage support for 2015 elections.
- ii. Full confidence in the Chair.

147 DELEGATES REPORTS

None

148 Confidential business - RESOLVED: to exclude the press and public for the following item on the grounds that, by reason of the confidential nature of the business, publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest. No members of the press or public were present.

Staff Management. RESOLVED: Clerk to continue to monitor performance of Grounds Maintenance Operator. **LW**

149 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- a) HALC training - Wednesday, 26th February 2014
- b) Finance WG Grant applications - date TBA
- c) TVBC Planning Training - 5.30 pm. Monday, 3rd March 2014 Maurys Mount
- d) Planning and Full Council Meeting - Monday, 3rd March 2014

Public participation at this meeting: approximately 3 members of the Public attended.

Minutes of the above meeting signed by the Chair as a correct record:

Signed:..... Date:.....

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Payments made between 14/01/2014 and 03/02/2014

Nominal Ledger Analysis									
Date	Payee Name	Cheque	£ Total Amnt	£ Creditors	£ VAT	A/c	Centre	£ Amount	Transaction Detail
15/01/2014	Lesley Weldon	3785	1,181.49			4125	101	52.43	Clerk Exp Feb 2014
						4102	102	6.18	Clerk Travel Feb 2014
						4100	102	1,122.88	Clerk Salary Feb 2014
31/01/2014	Jeffrey Benham	3786	76.85			4108	102	16.25	Travel Jan 2014
						4106	102	60.60	Salary Jan 2014
31/01/2014	Karen Steer	3787	22.00			4122	101	22.00	Office Cleaning Jan 2014
31/01/2014	Soc of Local Council Clerks	3788	82.80		13.80	4119	102	69.00	Regional Conference 2014
Total Payments :			1,363.14	0.00	13.80			1,349.34	

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Banked on : 31/01/2014		2,188.87							
500082	Wellow & Plaitford Cricket Clb	186.44			1501	501	186.44	Electricity Aug/Nov 2013	
500082	Wellow & Plaitford Cricket Clb	562.43			1506	501	562.43	Semcorp May/Nov 2013	
500082	Wellow Tennis Club	1,200.00			1553	502	1,200.00	Rental Sept 2014/Aug	
500082	A H Cheater Ltd	240.00			1800	801	240.00	Interm Pl. W109 C Duley	
Total Receipts :		2,188.87	0.00	0.00			2,188.87		