

## WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

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Wellow Village Hall: Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014. 7.15pm to 9.05pm.

Wellow Room

Present: Tish Cochrane (TC), Mike Derrick (MD), Jamie King (JK) (Vice-Chairman), Angela Ratcliffe (AR) (Chairman), John Saunders (JS), Phil Stenner (PS).

Attending: Cllr Gordon Bailey, Cllr Roy Perry, Lesley Weldon (Clerk) (LW) - Minutes.

Apologies: Alan Clark (AC), Francis Feeney (FF), Julie Jacobs (JJ), Ray Noble (RN).

Cc. (for information only): Cllr Tony Gentle.

### ITEM

### ACTION

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Chairman advised that the report received from the planning consultant, Paul Airey, Director, Paul Airey Planning Associates Ltd., concerning the proposed development of Maurys Mount was not going to be discussed in any depth. The Council would debate the issue once a formal planning application had been received.

There were concerns as to why consent had been given by TVBC for the felling of the oak tree in front of Alfalie shops in Lower Common Road (planning ref. 14/00630/TPOS). It was felt that the report provided by TVBC tree officer was insufficient reason, given the aesthetic nature of the tree. TC produced a petition to save this tree with 123 signatures. Members agreed that a letter is to be written to Head of Planning, Paul Jackson and Head of Planning Policy and Transport, Steve Lees for an explanation.

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#### **023 APOLOGIES**

As above

#### **024 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **025 POLICE REPORT**

No PCSO present

#### **026 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Roy Perry reported that:

- (i) Hampshire County Council had its AGM on 30 May 2014, and he was to remain Leader of HCC, having been elected for 4 years. Cllr Davidiovit from Chandlers Ford was elected the Chairman for the year 2014-2015.
- (ii) Finance - There have been no financial changes in the last month. The current investment by HCC in Broadband is now taking shape with new superfast broadband cabinets installed covering most of Wellow. They should shortly go "live". He has been advised that the extra £9m invested should ensure 99% coverage of Wellow. He is still negotiating on the siting of "cabinets" in Romsey.
- (iii) Education - In allocation of secondary school places just announced over 95% Hampshire children gained their first place and over 99% gained one of their first 3 choices. 100% of all primary applicants who applied were given places at Mountbatten School and Wellow School.
- (iv) Adult Services - Nightingale Lodge is now empty with all residents having been carefully re-accommodated. This makes it possible to proceed with plans for the new Extra-Care facility to serve Romsey and surrounding villages.
- (v) Highways and Environment - Both Whinwhistle Road and Ryedown Lane have been resurfaced making them much better. HCC have arranged the grass cutting of the roundabout on the A36 and we see the Highways Agency is resurfacing that road. So highways showing a distinct improvement.
- (vi) He will be making a donation to the 9<sup>th</sup> Romsey (West Wellow) Scout

Group for the improvement of Scout hut facilities in Canada Road

Cllr Gordon Bailey had nothing to report over last month, and confirmed that he had agreed a donation of £500.00 to the Scouts for their project.

027 MINUTES

**RESOLVED:** Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 and the Extraordinary meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2014 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

028 MATTERS ARISING

The item concerning responsible dog ownership be discussed at the next meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

029 PLANNING

- a) **RESOLVED:** Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 be signed by Chair as a correct record.
- b) Paul Airey report concerning the proposed development at Maurys Mount - members agreed that no further discussion would take place until a formal planning application is received for consideration. Whilst the contents of the report from the public exhibition on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014 were noted, members felt that a Housing Needs survey of West Wellow is not relevant to the Maurys Mount location. The Parish Council is aware of the need for affordable housing for Wellow residents, but strongly disagree that the Maurys Mount site is an ideal location, and do not support this area for development, which is also the view of the majority of people.  
(note: in the 1996 Local Plan, this area was designated as an 'important Open Area and Landscape Feature, (E9). The current Local Plan designates this area as 'Countryside'). **RESOLVED:** Clerk to write to Paul Airey Associates outlining the above and advising that if they wish to carry out a Housing Needs survey or future public exhibition, these are matters for them to decide.

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Members were advised that there is currently an Environmental study being made at Hillcrest/Ashes (field adjacent to Maurys Mount).

030 POLICY

- a) Councillor responsibilities - **RESOLVED:** members agreed the schedule (Appendix 1).
- b) Parish Council by-election 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014. Clerk advised that she is awaiting the notice from TVBC with information for nominees. **RESOLVED:** If any election is contested, the poll will be advertised 2 weeks before the date as follows:
  - (i) The flyer to include details of date, polling times and polling station, to be A5 size and advertised as usual Parish Council activities on the website, noticeboards and Parish office and through Wellow School
  - (ii) 400 copies for RN to enclose in newspapers
  - (iii) 350 for Wellow School
  - (iv) A4 notices to be displayed in local shops
  - (v) Article to be placed in the June 2014 newsletter

ALL/LW

031 FINANCE

- a) Income and Expenditure report May 2014 - **RESOLVED:** That the schedule (Appendix 2) was received, agreed and endorsed by Members.
- b) Annual Audit Return 2013/2014 - **RESOLVED:**
  - (i) To approve the accounting statements 2013/2014

- (ii) To approve the Annual Governance statement 2013/2014

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### 032 HIGHWAYS

- a) Travellers at Foxes Lane and possible installation of dragons teeth or similar here and on Carlo's corner. **RESOLVED:** Chairman and PS to inspect and make recommendations at the next meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

Chairman  
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### 033 COMMUNICATION

Newsletter June 2014. **RESOLVED:** Items for inclusion:

- (i) Parish By-Election 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014, if appropriate  
 (ii) Details on the appointment of the Lengthsman (PS)  
 (iii) Annual Parish Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014  
 (iv) New Pavilion update  
 (v) Vandalism in the Lower Common Road Recreation Ground and intimidation of residents. Clerk also to follow up with PCSO Jo Cole and report incident to police on 101

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### 034 CORRESPONDENCE

List of correspondence/consultations received & noted by members - items of interest available to members as required.

- a) Agreement received from Copythorne PC re Lengthsman - **RESOLVED:** To accept, sign and return to Copythorne PC. Duties of the Lengthsman to include: thorough cleaning of all bus shelters; cleaning of highway signs/ road names; maintenance of ditching and footpaths. This to be done on a yearly contract.

From the Lengthsman duties discussion by members, the following was identified:

- (i) that the hedge between School Road and Amberwood residence on Crawley Hill, A36 was encroaching on the footpath and a danger to pedestrians. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to report to Highways agency.  
 (ii) Drainage on Recreation Ground, Lower Common Road. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to arrange with TVBC to slit surfaces, as last year.  
 (iii) Rat infestation at the Gazings. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to arrange for the ditching between the Gazings and the Recreation Ground to be cleared.  
 b) HCC letter concerning the withdrawal of the Accredited Community Safety Officers (ACSO) service at the end of 2014 - **RESOLVED:** Clerk to contact adjoining parishes for their view.

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### 035 DELEGATES REPORTS

- a) TC requested the replacement of signs concerning vehicles and parking on the Common, which are currently unreadable, as the Summer means people may park overnight, which is not permitted. **RESOLVED:** TC to liaise with Clerk and arrange.  
 b) TC advised that the Church and School Fete will be held on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2014, between 11.30am and 3.00pm, in the Wellow School grounds. Members agreed to a Parish Council stall. Clerk to email members for volunteers to run it.

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### 036 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- a) Pavilion Working Group meeting - Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014. 7.00 pm.  
 b) Planning & General Purposes Committee and Full Council meeting - Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

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*Public participation at this meeting: two members of the Public attended.*

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