

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

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Wellow Village Hall: Wednesday, 7th November 2012. 7.30pm to 10.15pm
Wellow Room

Present: Dr Peter Chandler (Chair), Tish Cochrane (TC), Mike Derrick (MD), Francis Feeney (FF),
Jamie King (JK), Ray Noble (RN) (Vice-Chair), Angela Ratcliffe (AR) John Saunders (JS),
Phil Stenner (PS).

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

Apologies: Julie Jacobs (JJ), Cllr Gordon Bailey.

Cc. (for information only): Cllr Tony Gentle, Mr Alan Clark

ITEM

ACTION

PUBLIC SESSION

No public comments

073 APOLOGIES

As above.

074 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

075 POLICE REPORT

PC Vernon Gook reported:

- a) During September and October there have been 'non dwelling' burglaries of garden equipment. He advised that owners of equipment should ensure that the equipment is locked away, photographed and serial numbers recorded. This will enable police to return stolen equipment if recovered.
- b) Fuel and oil thefts are low at the moment.
- c) There have been 'opportunist' thefts from cars around school times.
- d) There is speed enforcement in the area.

076 MINUTES

RESOLVED: Minutes of 1st October 2012 to be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

077 MATTERS ARISING

- a) 062b - Clerk reported that one of the kissing gates has been repaired. Motor bikes are still getting through the Slab Lane entrance. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to speak to Housing Assoc. **LW**
- b) 063d - **RESOLVED:** Clerk to write to Hampshire Independent re circulation in Wellow **LW**
- c) 063e - **RESOLVED:** Parliamentary Constituency boundaries to be discussed at next meeting **All**
- d) 065c - Clerk reported estimate received for £600 for vegetation and rubbish clearance in recreation ground, which was considered too expensive. **RESOLVED:** JK and AR to chase up J Hatch with estimate for total cost and hourly rate. **JK/AR**

078 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Gordon Bailey report (Appendix 1) to be circulated to members

Cllr Roy Perry reported:

- a) HCC is aiming for a 4th year on year council tax freeze for 2013/14. Reserves remain high but are needed for the demand on school places and possible outstanding equal pay claims (see recent Birmingham City tribunal decision)
- b) The English GCSE issue did impact on local schools - eg: Mountbatten saw a 11% decline in 5 GCSE's A* to C. At 67%, still well above Government target of 50%, but were hoping for 80% pass rate. Cllr Perry has written to Ofqual backing raising standards but objecting to one cohort of pupils being treated

unfairly. We face a large increase in the birth rate. Over 90% of children will get 1st choice and over 95% in one of first three. All children will be allocated a place. £57,000 will go to youth in Romsey and all children's centres will be retained. In Wellow, the under 5's is struggling and face further competition from the new provision being opened at Chatmohr.

- c) The issue remains concerning the increasing numbers of elderly people and the pressures this has on Adult services.
- d) Environment and Highways -
 - i. 40 mph speed limit is now underway at Shootash and will be extended to The Frenches.
 - ii. salt bins should be checked to ensure free flowing.
 - iii. Wind Farms - HCC will object to any wind farms on HCC land - Stoneham Lane area.
 - iv. Cllr Perry toured Wellow with Mr Jonathan Bambridge, Highways Area Manager, and identified areas of flooding and poor maintenance of ditching. Ditching maintenance is generally the responsibility of landowners. Ground water is high at the moment.
 - v. Mr Bambridge commented that the uneven surface at the turning circle at Plantation Road could be largely rectified by the levelling the existing material.
- e) WPC photocopier - Cllr Perry invited WPC to write to him re any funding. LW

079 CASUAL VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR

RESOLVED: that Mr Alan Clark be co-opted to the Council. Clerk to issue necessary paperwork. LW

080 SPORTS AND LEISURE

- a) Cricket lease - **RESOLVED:** that Chair will meet with Chairman of the Cricket Club to discuss the Council's concerns about the breaches and recourse. PC Gook advised about TENs (Temporary Event Notices). Chair JK
- b) Cricket square and Recreation Ground drainage - **RESOLVED:** to defer until next meeting. JK
- c) New Pavilion - Members received and discussed the pre planning summary provided by TVBC. **RESOLVED:** AR to seek clarification of car parking and access. New Pavilion Working Group to provide specification for the tender process. AR
- d) Play area - **RESOLVED:**
 - i. To approach Adam Palmer about repair and painting the old roundabout LW
 - ii. MD to clarify the position concerning the steps to the activity centre MD
 - iii. To pay Vita Play the final invoice of £4,380.00
 - iv. Once play area is finished, to arrange publicity. PAWG
- e) Hatches Farm Football Pavilion - **RESOLVED:** to accept the quotation of £1275.68 from Upright Fencing to do the repair work. Clerk to confirm. Following the electrical report provided, Clerk to obtain 2 quotations for electrical work. LW

081 ENVIRONMENT

- a) Common Working Group update - **RESOLVED:** wording of letter to residents concerning the commencement of work agreed .
- b) St Margarets Church request for further funding for the car park - **RESOLVED:** letter to be written to link any contribution to the car park to the sale of the land required by the Parish Council for the Burial ground and such discussion being of mutual benefit. LW

- c) Buxton Land - **RESOLVED:** Clerk to approach Natural England concerning access and preservation

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082 POLICY AND FINANCE

- a) Income and Expenditure - **RESOLVED:** That the schedule (Appendix 2) was received, agreed and endorsed by Members.
- b) Audit 2011/2012 - Clerk reported that the External Auditor's certificate and opinion had been received and displayed. Clerk read out the External Auditor's report which stated that, 'on the basis of our review, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met'.

083 PLANNING

RESOLVED: Minutes of the meetings 1st October 2012 and 15th October 2012 be signed by Chair as a correct record.

084 CORRESPONDENCE

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

RESOLVED: Clerk to register the Council's agreement that plans remain as before, with no changes to the Roke Manor site, in connection with the Hampshire and Minerals Waste Plan notice.

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085 DELEGATES REPORTS

- a) PS attended the Squabb Wood Liaison meeting on 1st November 2012. Viridor process 5,000 to 8,000 tons of commercial waste in landfill every month. Their planning application expires in April 2013 and they will be seeking an extension.
- b) MD the NFNPA NE Quadrant meeting on 30th October 2012. There was a presentation on enforcement and the Village Agents Scheme, which is run and funded by HCC.
- c) RN attended the NF Consultative Panel meeting on 1st November 2012, with nothing to report

Confidential business -

086 STAFF MANAGEMENT

- a) Grounds maintenance - **RESOLVED:** to adopt our own Lengthsmen Scheme
- b) Clerk Training - **RESOLVED:** Clerk to attend RBS end of year accounting training. Clerk to attend HALC Clerk Forum on Thursday, 10th January 2013.

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087 FUTURE MEETING DATES

- a) Date of next meeting - Monday, 3rd December 2012, 7.15pm in the Village Hall.
- b) Councillor Training - Tuesday, 8th January 2013, 7.00pm in the Village Hall