

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

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Wellow Village Hall: Monday, 10th June 2013. 7.30pm to 09.45pm

Wellow Room

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

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

Apologies: None received.

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

ITEM

ACTION

PUBLIC SESSION

Concerns were expressed about the publicity surrounding the new pavilion and costs proposed, as well as the lack of public consultation. Chair advised that the pavilion was owned by the Parish Council and leased to the Cricket Club. He summarised the options considering the structural report; (1) to replace it, as it is not a viable option to continue to repair it; (2) to allow it to fall down.

The replacement of the pavilion has been on the Council's agenda for approximately 12-14 years and has been widely known by Parishioners. Chair advised that information had been publicised through the newsletter in January 2013, agendas and minutes, as well as the Annual Parish meetings in April 2012 and 2013. Funding of £75,000 is coming from the Parish accounts, which is a realistic figure. The Council are looking at grant funding, and fundraising. The pavilion will be used predominantly for both adult (men's and women's) and youth cricket (of which the latter WPC are committed to support as part of youth amenities). The building is an asset to the community and will be available to the community for use, particularly outside the cricket season. However, it is not intended that this should compete with services already offered by the Village hall. The Council are fully aware of concerns regarding bar opening and nuisance and this issue will be addressed in the conditions of a new lease with the Cricket Club. The Cricket Club pay for the utilities used and business rates.

As regards the precept increase from £45,000 to £60,000 in 2007, to accommodate the Parish Office, Chair advised that the figure had been reduced to £55,000 in 2012/2013 and has remained at £55,000 for 2013/2014.

019 APOLOGIES

As above.

020 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

021 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Jo Cole reported that:

- i) Parishioners should keep an eye on their heating oil
- ii) Thefts of lead form the School - Police working with Housing Association concerning perpetrators
- iii) Motor bike incident on Canada Common lead to arrests being made in respect of cannabis possession
- iv) Motor bike riders on the Common - Police matter - please report any incidents/information to the Police
- v) Travellers - it is the responsibility of the landowners to move them on. The Police have no power to do so.
- vi) Bus shelter damage -Police appeal for any information
- vii) Drinking - Police have visited local shops concerning the selling of alcohol - Community Wardens will also be checking.

022 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Roy Perry reported:

- a. Following the County Council elections in May 2013 and the Annual Meeting of the County, Cllr Perry has now been elected as Leader of the Council. It is a demanding role as Hampshire is the 3rd largest county council in the country with a population of 1.3million and a budget of £1.7billion - staff of over 15000. This role is responsible , amongst other matters for Adult Care, Public Health, over 500 schools and 5000 miles of road. Cllr Perry explained, as to other Parishes in the Division, whilst representing Romsey Extra Division remains his number one responsibility, he will necessarily have to cut down the number of times he visits Parish Councils but will endeavour to make this at least once a quarter. He will, of course, be accessible in between while on specific issues.
- b. Since becoming Leader he has been pleased to see as part of operation Resilience the resurfacing of long stretches of Tutts Lane and the bend in Tanners Lane/Woodington Lane. The top of Ryedown Lane has also had a stretch of road surface re-laid. There will be extra lining and warning signs put in Gardeners Lane. Cllr Perry will be visiting the Parish shortly with the County Highway officer and would be interested to hear of particular concerns. He will certainly be reporting to him Hackleys Lane, Church Lane, Foxes Lane and Spouts Lane work requirements.
- c. Street name signs are a Test Valley responsibility and some signs are in poor condition and need replacing. It would be appreciated to receive Parish comments on which signs they think in most need of replacing.
- d. Cllr Perry is pleased the Village Hall are now starting to use the £4000 he allocated to them from the County Community Development fund. The car park will shortly be marked out. The Village Hall is an important amenity for the village and needs all the support it can get.
- e. Cllr Perry has resigned as a Churchwarden - again because of time pressures. Cllr Perry requested assistance for any contribution WPC can give in respect to the St Margaret's Church car park in particular. For the time being he will remain on the Viridor Local Grants panel- and the Parish might well consider applying to them for help with capital projects.

Cllr Gordon Bailey reported:

- a. He would look into the refusal of planning permission of the Pavilion
- b. He would look into the cutting of grass on A36 roundabout/triangles at junction with Lower Common Road
- c. Please let him know of any issues concerning the services being delivered by TVBC from the Former Magistrates Court
- d. TVCB Plan - public comments are being processed and put online. Decisions will be made at a later date.

023 MINUTES

RESOLVED: Minutes of 8th May 2013 to be signed by the Chair as a correct record, with the following amendments:

Item 7(a) delete last 2 sentences relating to the Common and the National Trust.

024 MATTERS ARISING

None

025 SPORTS AND LEISURE

- a) To agree existing Cricket Club lease for 2013/2014 - **RESOLVED:**
 - i) To include a paragraph relating to the non-payment of utility and business

rates, as follows:

9.1.2 any utility and business rates invoiced by the Landlord, under this agreement is outstanding 3 months after becoming due whether formally demanded or not; or (subsequent paragraphs for 9.1 renumbered accordingly)

ii) To amend the consumption of alcohol conditions to read as follows:

(B) BAR OPENING TIMES

The supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises to be limited to (c) and (d) as laid out below:

- a) Premises to be vacated by 10.30pm (10.00pm bar closing plus drinking up time)
- b) Opening permitted for special events, subject to Council approval on each occasion (a week's notice to be given)
- c) Close Season Opening (October to March):
Opening to be limited to cricket related specific events, subject to the agreement of the Landlord and provided that the bar shall not be opened on Saturdays or Sundays during the close season.

d) Summer Opening (April to September):

To be limited to Close Season Opening times plus senior match days and senior training sessions.

Clerk to issue.

- b) The display of Cricket Club sponsorship boards - **RESOLVED:** that boards can be displayed during matches only and must be removed after each match. LW
- c) New Pavilion Working Group update - **RESOLVED:**
 - i) As planning permission has been refused pending a bat report, to instruct Unsted Designs to obtain a bat report. NPWG
 - ii) To look into a grant application to Viridor and approach the Cricket Club for a contribution to the project. NPWG
- d) Hatches Farm Sports Pavilion -
 - i) Penalty areas - damage was done to the penalty areas on 10th May 2013, believed to be as a result of penalty practice by the hirer, which is not allowed. **RESOLVED:** a contribution of £100 towards the rotivation and reseedling of the areas be requested from the hirer. Clerk to write.
 - ii) That the sports field required spiking. AR advised that new goals were needed at a cost of £2,736.00. **RESOLVED:** To purchase the new goals. To accept TVBC estimate of £105.00 to spike the pitches. LW
 - iii) It was agreed that the Pavilion was in need of repair and refurbishment. **RESOLVED:** AR and the Clerk to obtain work estimates and arrange for the work to be carried out, in consultation with the Chair and Chairman of the Finance Working Group, within a budget of £10,000, including the purchase of the goals. Chair/MD/AR/LW

026 POLICY

- a) Policy Working Group update - in relation to the report dated 15th May 2013 (Appendix 1), **RESOLVED:**
 - i) To accept the Grant Policy PolicyWG
 - ii) To accept the Complaints Procedure as amended
 - iii) List of Councillors' responsibilities and Committees: **RESOLVED:** list agreed at meeting on 8th May 2013 be ratified.

027 FINANCE

- a) Income and Expenditure - **RESOLVED:**
 - i) That the schedule (Appendix 2) was received, agreed and endorsed by Members.
 - ii) The payment of £40,719.16 to Farwells be made less 10% for remedial works to be carried out at a later date. Revised figure being £36,719.16. LW
- b) Annual Return 2012/2013 - **RESOLVED:**

- i) To approve the accounting statements 2012/2013
- ii) To approve the Annual Governance statement 2012/2013

028 PLANNING

- a) **RESOLVED:** Minutes of the meeting 8th May 2013 be signed by Chair as a correct record.

029 HIGHWAYS

- a) **RESOLVED:** Report by AC on Tutts Lane/Scallows Lane to be presented at the next meeting, as AC not present. **AC**

030 COMMUNICATION

- a) Newsletter - **RESOLVED:** JS to produce for June 2013 **JS**

031 ENVIRONMENT

- a) Wellow Common Working Group - reported that a meeting with Natural England was arranged for Tuesday, 12th June 2013 with Natural England to discuss Management work, including bracken spraying, for 2013 and the Common assessment to be carried out.
- b) Footpath no.24 is overgrown. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to write to owner requesting clearance **LW**
- c) Memorial bench request - **RESOLVED:** to approve memorial bench request to be erected on the perimeter of the Burial Ground, but not the planting of a tree. Position and design to be agreed with the family. Clerk to write. **LW**

032 CORRESPONDENCE**RESOLVED:**

- i) List of correspondence/consultations received & noted by members - items of interest available to members as required.
- ii) TVBC Draft revised Statement of Community Involvement in Planning Matters 2013 - Public consultation - to be circulated to Planning Committee for comments for next meeting. **Planning Cttee**

033 DELEGATES REPORTS

Julie Jacobs attended a Service of Celebration on Sunday 2nd June at Winchester Cathedral. The Service was in Celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11.

034 STAFF MANAGEMENT

- a) Groundstaff - **RESOLVED:**
 - i) that the Groundsperson and Maintenance operative hourly rate be increased by 30p per hour to £8.40p, with effect from w/b 10th June 2013. **LW**
 - ii) That a leafblower be purchased **LW**
 - iii) Clerk to liaise with PS concerning availability of Groundsperson and Maintenance operative for footpath maintenance **LW/PS**

035 FUTURE MEETING DATES

- a) Planning and Full Parish Council meeting 1st July 2013

Public participation at this meeting: 1 member of the Public attended
