

## WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

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Wellow Village Hall: Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013. 7.45pm to 10.05pm

Wellow Room

Present: Dr Peter Chandler (Chair), Tish Cochrane (TC), Mike Derrick (MD), Ray Noble (RN), Angela Ratcliffe (AR) (Vice-Chair), John Saunders (JS).

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

Apologies: Alan Clark (AC), Julie Jacobs (JJ), Jamie King (JK), Phil Stenner (PS).

Cc. (for information only): Francis Feeney (FF), Cllr Tony Gentle.

### ITEM

### ACTION

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

A request was made (see item 067f below) to replace the dead tree in the Parish burial ground, planted originally by the Friends of Organic Gardeners, with a tree in memory of Lesley Boden. Concerns were expressed about the proposed development of land at Maury's Mount, Slab Lane. The parishioner explained that this development was not in the Village Plan and is a designated rural area, belonging to the Village. It is a corridor for wildlife and the area has mature oak trees. There is a problem with drainage, which would be exacerbated with any development. Chair advised that a presentation had been made to the Parish Council at the Full Council meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013. The majority view of the Parish Council was not to support this development. It has not yet reached the planning application stage. The developers are planning to stage a public exhibition at the Village Hall in the future (see item 067d below).

#### **057 APOLOGIES**

As above.

#### **058 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **059 POLICE REPORT**

PCO did not attend.

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

Cllr Roy Perry reported:

- a) Finance: He attended yesterday St Mary's Copythorne- where Viridor had granted £30k towards the repairs of the Church roof. He hopes Wellow PC will make sure you bid to them for funds for any capital projects you have in this Parish. Viridor funded work for Mottisfont Cricket Club. You may have seen my comments in the press re Romsey Town Council expenses. It is the case that all recreation grounds, burial grounds, maintenance of verges etc in Romsey is funded by TVBC i.e. all of us as Test Valley tax payers. They spend their money for the most part on £80,000 for administration and they lose £70,000 on the costs of the Town Hall.
- b) Adult Services - Nightingale Lodge- This is under consultation but HCC want to replace the 50 year old building with a state of the art "Extra Care facility" on the same site. Cllr Perry is happy to arrange a visit. All existing residents will be offered a place at Forest Court- Calmore or Fleming House in Eastleigh
- c) Education - Mountbatten School- 69% of children gained 5 GCSE's A-C (incl English and Maths) putting Mountbatten in the top third of Hampshire Schools.
- d) Highways: Work will be done on A3090, resulting in some lane closures. Repairs to pot holes at Foxes Ford have been done. The damaged signs at Shootash and Romsey Rd are to be replaced. Also TVBC will look at street name plates in a poor state. Has the PC any to go on the list that need replacement?

Cllr Perry has met MacDonald's who will help with litter clearing in the village and the location of litter bins and want us to identify sites where there is a litter problem with MacDonald's materials. They have offered to match a team of volunteers with their people, including breakfast at the Ower restaurant (see item 066 below).

- e) Wellow Post Office - HCC can offer help in terms of grants. Cllr Perry has written to Mrs Mundy, Senior Stakeholder Manager for the Post Office, concerning the effects of the Post Office Modernisation Programme.

Cllr Gordon Bailey reported:

- a) Following approval of proposals for the provision of additional parking in Romsey, a planning application has been submitted for the change of use required for the car park at the Former Magistrates' Court, Church Street. If approved, eleven of the spaces in the car park will be available for pay and display car parking during the week. At weekends the entire car park will be available as a Public car park. A planning application in respect of a new long stay car park at Romsey Rapids is currently being prepared and it is anticipated that this will be submitted in this month. Feasibility work into additional parking at Romsey railway Station is also underway.
- b) Members of the Public will now have swift and easy access to details about planning applications thanks to the introduction of Quick Response (QR) codes.
- c) Nominations for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS) are required. For details see [www.gov.uk/queens-award-for-voluntary-service](http://www.gov.uk/queens-award-for-voluntary-service) for more information contact Marianne Piggitt, Community Development Officer (Tel: 01264 368623).
- d) Council celebrate delivery of more than 360 affordable homes in the past year. 55% for social rent, 34% are shared ownership. 16% comprises of a variety of affordable rented properties as well as first buy and discounted sale homes, which are national initiatives to help people with small deposits and a limited mortgage onto the housing ladder.

## 061 MINUTES

**RESOLVED:** Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 and the Extraordinary meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2013 to be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

## 062 MATTERS ARISING

**RESOLVED:** that the refurbishment of the original roundabout from the old play area in the recreation ground, Lower Common Road, be put on the agenda for 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

## 063 SPORTS AND LEISURE

- a) New Community Pavilion: - **RESOLVED:**

i) With reference to the report prepared by the Clerk on the tender process and timescales (appendix 1), that the building work for this project will commence in September 2014, provided funding can be secured.

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ii) 2013/2014 lease to remain unchanged.

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iii) To renegotiate the 2013/2014 lease for 2014/2015.

iv) Chair, AR and PS to attend the Cricket Club meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013 to outline the Council's position.

v) The footprint for the new building will not be increased.

vi) The New Pavilion Working Group to discuss the issue of Community use and furniture and report at the next meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

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- b) To consider the invoice issued to Wellow Soccer Academy in June 2013.

**RESOLVED:** to reduce the contribution requested from Wellow Soccer

Academy to £45.00. Clerk to write.

LW

- c) To consider the court booking requirements of the Tennis Club - **RESOLVED:** To advise the Club that there is no problem to book out all courts for tournaments, but to ensure that, on other occasions, there is a court available to the Public at all times, without the need for the Public to book 48 hours in advance, as per the current lease agreement. The Tennis Club is to advise Country Consumables of the dates of the tournaments. It was also suggested that there should be information available for the Public concerning bookings at the courts.

#### 064 FINANCE

- a) Income and Expenditure - The Clerk included in the schedule a report showing income and expenditure against budget. **RESOLVED:** That the schedule, (Appendix 2) was received, agreed and endorsed by Members.
- b) Fixed rate investment - MD and RN advised that they will be attending a meeting (details) and will advise the Council on investment possibilities at the next meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013. MD

#### 065 PLANNING

- a) **RESOLVED:** Minutes of the meetings held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 and 5<sup>th</sup> August 2013 be signed by Chair as a correct record.

#### 066 HIGHWAYS

- a) To consider the litter problem in and around Wellow - **RESOLVED:** AC to liaise with McDonalds.

#### 067 ENVIRONMENT

- a) Bracken Spraying as part of Wellow Common Management Plan - **RESOLVED:** to accept the quotation received from JCB contractors for £770.00.
- b) Padlocks for Common gates - **RESOLVED:** to accept the spend of £200.00 on combination padlocks for 3 gates. Clerk to arrange with necessary signs. LW
- c) Copythorne Parish Council's invitation concerning the Lengthsman Scheme - **RESOLVED:** to accept the invitation. Clerk to write. LW
- d) Response to the letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> August 2013 from Gordon Rogers concerning the proposed development at Maurys Mount Slab Lane - **RESOLVED:** to reiterate the Parish Council's majority view not to support this proposal, but confirm attendance at a future Public consultation meeting in the Village hall. Clerk to write. LW
- e) Purchase of a leafblower for the Groundsman - **RESOLVED:** To purchase the leafblower at a cost of £195.00. LW
- f) Memorial bench and headstone Plot N27 - **RESOLVED:**
- i. To agree to memorial design request
  - ii. To approve the memorial bench design and location to the top right hand corner of the Parish Burial Ground
  - iii. To agree to the replacement of the dead tree originally provided by the Friends of Organic Gardeners, with a flowering shrub, dedicated to Lesley Boden, maintaining the original plaque.
- g) Wellow Post Office - Wellow Parish Council are very concerned at the loss of the post office in the Village.

#### 068 COMMUNICATION

- a) September newsletter - MD to collate all contributions.

- b) Future arrangements of the newsletter - **RESOLVED:** to continue with the quarterly newsletter as a free publication, as requested by Parishioners.

**069 CORRESPONDENCE**

**RESOLVED:**

- a) List of correspondence/consultations received & noted by members - items of interest available to members as required.
- b) To respond to the letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> July 2013 concerning an enquiry into a skate park, advising that the Parish Council are looking into the feasibility of a skate park, however, looking at the cost of simple items, it would be difficult to fit the expense into the existing budget at the moment.
- c) Test Valley Passenger Transport Forum - The Parish Council require a representative on this forum and would like FF to consider this.

LW

**070 DELEGATES REPORTS**

TC advised that St Margaret's Church is planning the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for 2015.

**RESOLVED:** that the Parish Council will participate in its' support.

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**071 STAFF MANAGEMENT**

- a) 2013/2014 National Salary Award for Local Council Clerks - **RESOLVED:** To accept and implement the increase to the Clerk's salary SCP 27, from £11.932 per hour to £12.052 per hour, with effect from 1st April 2013.

**072 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

- a) Planning and Full Council Meeting - Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013
- b) Cricket Club Meeting - 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013

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*Public participation at this meeting: approximately 8 members of the Public attended*

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