

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING - MINUTES

Wellow Village Hall: Friday, 23rd May 2014. 7.00 pm to 7.50 pm.

Wellow Room

Present: Angela Ratcliffe (Chair), Alan Clark, Tish Cochrane, Mike Derrick (minutes),
Francis Feeney, Julie Jacobs, Jamie King (Vice-Chair),
Ray Noble, John Saunders and Phil Stenner

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

ITEM**ACTION****PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr John Harris noted the absence of the Clerk and enquired whether the meeting had been properly constituted. It was explained that there was no legal requirement for the Clerk to be present and that a Councillor would be taking notes of the meeting. Proper notice of the meeting had also been given.

020 APOLOGIES

None

021 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

022 PARISH COUNCIL BY-ELECTION, 10 JULY 2014 - POLL CARDS

Test Valley Borough Council had enquired whether poll cards were required for the forthcoming by-election. These would cost in the region of £800. It was noted that there was no legal requirement for poll cards for a parish by-election and that their use in this instance was a decision for the parish council. Some members favoured the issue of poll cards on the grounds that personal notification of the election would improve the prospects of voters exercising their democratic rights. The majority view, however, was that the additional cost could not be justified, particularly in the context of election expenditure of £6000. It was also felt that adequate notice of the election could be given by other means. For example, publicity could be given in the next Newsletter and by way of leaflets delivered with newspapers and through Wellow School. In addition, leaflets could be delivered to individual households where members were willing to undertake this task.

A motion was moved that poll cards be not requested for the by-election and, on being put to the vote, was carried. A recorded vote was requested and the voting was as follows:

For the motion: Tish Cochrane, Mike Derrick, Julie Jacobs, Jamie King, Ray Noble and John Saunders - 6

Against the motion: Alan Clark, Francis Feeney and Phil Stenner - 3

RESOLVED: that poll cards be not requested for the by-election and that publicity be undertaken by the Parish Council as discussed.

ALL/LW

Public participation at this meeting: Three members of the public attended
