

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Wellow Village Hall – 13 May 2002
(7.00 p.m. – 9.58 p.m.)

PRESENT: Mrs Perry (Chairman); Mr Austin, Mr Bloore, Mr Gentle, Mr Moody, Mr Noble, Mr Overton-Hore, Mrs Simpson and Mr Thaxter

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Harris and Mrs Kittow

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED that Mrs V Perry be appointed Chairman of the Council for the year 2002/03.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED that Mr A Gentle be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 2002/03.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 2 and 15 April 2002 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Information on matters arising was noted as follows:

- (a) Borough Local Plan: David Bibby of Planning Services would be attending the Council meeting on 20 May to discuss housing policies;
- (b) Proposed bus shelter, A36: A meeting with a representative from W S Atkins had been arranged for Friday 17 May;
- (c) Hedge fronting Common, Monkey Jump: Transco had agreed to reinstate the hedge recently removed on the A36 frontage. The hedge would be realigned in view of the new gas main. Ownership of the hedge required clarification in due course;
- (d) 4 Crosfield Close – TPO application: The Tree Wardens had raised no objection to the proposed crown reduction and comments had been submitted accordingly.

5. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Woodhall reported on the following items:

Land at The Triangle, Ridge – appeal by Viridor: The County Council would defend robustly the refusal of planning permission.

A36: There was encouragement for de-trunking of the A36 but the County Council required various issues to be addressed before this occurred. These included provision of a roundabout at the Whinwhistle junction. It was also hoped that European funding could assist provision of new digital safety equipment for the road.

Thanks were also due to the contractor and W S Atkins for the manner in which the recent resurfacing contract had been carried out.

Highway maintenance: The annual meeting with the Area Surveyor would take place the following week. Councillor Woodhall should be advised of any issues the Parish wished to raise.

6. PLANNING

(a) Current applications: **RESOLVED** that comments be made to the planning authority on the following applications as indicated:

TVS.CLE. 00060	B & W Nurseries, Salisbury Road, Plaitford – certificate of lawful existing use for retail sales of imported and home grown plants, trees and shrubs together with gardening requisites, including breach of condition 2 of planning permission TVS.300/1, and continued use of car park	No objection
TVS.01036/ 31	Merry Hill, Tanners Lane – erection of porch and detached open shelter	No objection
TVS.02183/2	61 School Road – erection of replacement conservatory to side of property	No objection
TVS.04707/1	Embley Firs, Embley Lane – erection of two storey side extension to provide additional living accommodation	No objection
TVS.09632	Homelands, Canada Road – erection of a 2 storey extension to the rear and a conservatory to the side of the property to provide enlarged living accommodation	No objection, subject to consideration being given, if necessary, to the use of obscure glass for windows on the boundary with Kingston Lodge

(b) Planning decisions: Members noted the decisions set out in paper 7A accompanying the agenda (shown as appendix 1 in the minute book). In respect of the permission for TVS.09332 (Willow Lake, Embley Lane – construction of hard standings etc), members noted that construction had started (including tree felling) prior to approval of the necessary landscaping scheme. In addition, members queried whether the marketing of business units to let at Chatmohr was permissible. Mr Gentle agreed to raise both matters with the Enforcement Officer.

(c) TVS.08924 – Extraction of sand and gravel at The Triangle, Ridge: Viridor Waste Management Ltd had appealed against refusal of permission. The Council's objection to the original application would be passed to the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions for consideration in the appeal. The Clerk agreed to enquire whether an inquiry would be held in this case.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Hampshire Tree Warden Scheme: A letter from the Wildlife Trust advised that, due to cut backs in staff and resources, the Trust would no longer be co-ordinating the Tree Warden

scheme in Hampshire. Alternative options were being explored and further information would be sent in due course.

- (b) HAPTC AGM, 5 October 2002: Resolutions for this meeting were required by Friday, 12 July 2002. It was agreed to consider any possible Wellow resolutions at the June Council meeting.
- (c) Other correspondence: The Clerk reported receipt of:
 - (i) A proposal by Lattice Energy Services to construct a 600mm natural gas pipeline between Lockerley and Marchwood in 2003;
 - (ii) Details of a New Councillors Seminar at Winchester on 18 June 2002; and
 - (iii) Other correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) Romsey Road – verge opposite school: A letter from the Area Surveyor referred to the damage caused by vehicles to the verge at the rear of the layby opposite the school. As a preventative measure, a soil bund would be placed along the rear and side of the layby to deter overrunning.
- (b) Foxes Lane: A starting date of 29 April had been given for remedial works to the bank in Foxes Lane. However, the contractor had been delayed by other work and it was now expected that the work would start in the coming week.
- (c) A30/A35/A31 Exeter to Southampton Route Management Strategy: Following the recent public consultation, the Highways Agency had published the Final Report on this strategy. Deposit documents would be placed at the Post Office for public inspection.
- (d) Meeting with Area Surveyor: The following items were identified for the forthcoming meeting with the Surveyor: the condition of the triangle at the junction of Ryedown Lane and Woodington Road; replanting of Foxes Lane bank. Members were asked to advise the Clerk of any other items requiring attention.

9. 2002/03 APPOINTMENTS

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the following appointments be made to Committees and Working Groups for the year 2002/03:

Environment: A Gentle, J Harris, Mrs S Kittow, A Overton-Hore and Mrs W Simpson
 Co-opted members: 5 places (currently Reverend G Biggs, Mrs G Burrows, Mrs J Kenny, C Matthews and C Parsons)

Sport & Leisure: M Austin, A Gentle, F Moody, R Noble and P Thaxter
 Co-opted members: 7 places (currently E Kemish, S Kemish, B Pointer, WPC Strachan (for PC Biggs), D Palmer (Football), J Moret (Tennis) and A Overton-Hore (Cricket))

Policy & Finance: M Austin, J Bloore, J Harris, F Moody, Mrs W Simpson and P Thaxter

Maintenance: J Harris, R Noble, A Overton-Hore and Mrs W Simpson (1 vacancy)

Village Housing: M Austin, A Gentle, Mrs W Simpson, A Overton-Hore and P Thaxter

- (2) That the Chairman of the Council continue to serve as a member ex-officio on all Committees and Working Groups, with full voting rights;
- (3) That membership of the Policy & Finance Committee be varied as necessary in the light of Environment and Sport & Leisure Committee Chairmen appointments, with any new Chairmen replacing existing Chairmen of those bodies on the Committee;
- (4) That sports clubs be formally invited to nominate their representatives on the Sport & Leisure Committee;
- (5) That membership of the Maintenance Working Group be reviewed in the light of Environment and Sport & Leisure Committee appointments.
- (6) That members be appointed as planning representatives for the year 2002/03 as follows:

Area 1 (North West):	R Noble (deputy Mrs V Perry)
Area 2 (North East):	M Austin (deputy P Thaxter)
Area 3 (South West):	Mrs W Simpson (deputy Mrs S Kittow)
Area 4 (South Central):	J Bloore (deputy A Overton-Hore)
Area 5 (South East):	A Gentle (deputy J Harris)

- (7) That the following appointments be made to outside bodies for the year 2002/03:

Wellow Primary School:	R Morris (to June 2003)
Test Valley Asscn of Parish Councils:	J Bloore and R Noble (+ Clerk)
Hampshire Asscn of Parish Councils:	A Gentle and Mrs V Perry
Commoners Defence Association:	A Gentle
Village Hall Committee:	Mrs V Perry
New Forest Panel:	Mrs V Perry (deputy Mrs W Simpson)
Wellow Twinning Association:	P Thaxter (deputy A Overton-Hore)
Southern Test Valley Voluntary Transport Scheme (Dial-a-Ride):	A Gentle (to September 2002)

10. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2002/03

The Clerk tabled a draft calendar of meetings for the year 2002/03. It was noted that the Clerk was unavailable for the monthly meeting on 10 June.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the 10 June and 17 June 2002 meetings be re-arranged as Planning meeting and Monthly meeting respectively; and

(2) That further consideration be given to the draft calendar at the 20 May meeting.

11. **MATTERS ARISING FROM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Members considered matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17 April and agreed action as indicated:

Inconsistent delivery of Wellow Gazette:	Clerk to raise with Tony Pankhurst
Progress with village housing scheme:	Meeting of Working Group to be held on Thursday 20 June at 7 pm (former sites to be reviewed)
Condition of Hackleys Lane:	Condition of road now felt to be much improved
Restoration of village roads following A36 repairs:	Highway Agency has agreed to carry out any necessary work

12. **DELEGATES' REPORTS**

Mr Bloore reported on attendance at a recent Police liaison meeting. Topics had included the facilities offered by the mobile crime van.

13. **QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

Mr Thaxter reported on preparations for the Golden Jubilee event on 3 June. While arrangements were progressing well, the main need was for more helpers/volunteers.

14. **POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee held on 15 April 2002, a copy of which appears as appendix 2 in the minute book). Further to item 4 (New Audit Process), an HAPTC training session had now been arranged for Tuesday 16 July at Winchester. On item 5 (Lower Common Road Recreation Ground Pavilion), members agreed that a review of facilities was appropriate for both Lower Common Road and Hatches Farm, to be undertaken initially by the Sport and Leisure Committee.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Clerk (and Mr Bloore if available) attend the audit training session on 16 July;
- (2) That, in respect of item 5, the Sport and Leisure Committee undertake a review of facilities at Lower Common Road and Hatches Farm prior to discussion by the Policy and Finance Committee; and
- (3) That, subject to (1) and (2) above, the minutes be received and the recommendations therein contained be adopted.

15. **SPORT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of the Sport and Leisure Committee held on 8 April 2002, a copy of which appears as appendix 3 in the minute book.

Further to item 5 (Lower Common Road Play Area), a further quotation from Wicksteed contained a price for edging some but not all the areas of safety surfacing. Further discussion also took place on the need or otherwise to address the ground clearance on the roundabout. The Clerk also reported that Test Valley's mobile skateboard facility was available during the period August to October 2003 if required. Members suggested that similar facilities elsewhere should be viewed prior to their use at Wellow.

On item 6 (Lower Common Road General Maintenance), Mr Austin was obtaining a quotation from Fred Turner for further tree work on the Gurnays Mead boundary.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That arrangements be made as soon as possible for an inspection of the play area equipment by RoSPA, and that further action on remedial work be deferred pending receipt of the inspection report;
- (2) That Test Valley's mobile skateboard facility be booked for the period August to October 2003; and
- (3) That, subject to (1) and (2) above, the minutes be received and the recommendations therein contained be adopted.

16. **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 25 April 2002, a copy of which appears as appendix 4 in the minute book. Arising from the minutes, further updates were reported on the following items:

- Carlos site: Enquiries would be made on the effect of the proposed Lockerley to Marchwood gas pipeline
- Footpath 17: A quotation had been requested from Fred Turner for this work
- Buxton land: It appeared that the Ted Malin memorial tree may have died. If necessary, a replacement tree would be planted in the autumn.

In relation to the highway seat near the war memorial in Romsey Road, it was agreed that the Council should paint the seat and assume future maintenance responsibility.

RESOLVED that the minutes be received and the recommendations therein contained be adopted.

17. **PARISH COUNCIL PUBLICITY**

It was noted that the sport and leisure article for the next Parish Newsletter would need to be prepared by the end of May. Reports on the Annual Parish Meeting and the recent A36 works would also be included and any additional items agreed at the 20 May meeting.

18. **PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES**

- (a) Income: Members noted the following income received since the last meeting:

	£	VAT	£
Burial fees	360.00	0	360.00
Precept (1 st instalment)	17500.00	0	17500.00
Bank interest	47.62	0	47.62
2½% consols – dividend	1.48	0	1.48

(b) Accounts: RESOLVED that authority be given for the following payments:

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	£
001541	Romsey Acorns Playscheme (Grant)(minute 280/4/02 refers)	75.00	0	75.00
001542	Southern Water (Sewerage charge - Lower Common Road)	8.15	0	8.15
001543	Eastleigh Borough Council (Printing, January to March)	125.50	0	125.50
001544	Wicksteed Leisure (Play area parts)	125.86	22.03	147.89
001545	J C Dawkins (Repairs to Lower Common Road pavilion)	108.00	0	108.00
001546	Eric Turner (Salary and travel, 10/3 – 4/5/02)	156.07	0.07	156.14
001547	Paul Cloudsdale (Plumbing repairs, Lower Common Road pavilion)	100.00	0	100.00
001548	HAPTC (Audit training session)	20.00	0	20.00

(c) Transfer: RESOLVED that the following transfer be made from the Premier Interest Account to the Treasurers Account:

In 7 days: £800

19. NEW WELLOW GUIDE

The History Society required guidance on various issues concerning the new Wellow guidebook. Members agreed the following:

Guide to be sold at 50p (to be printed on the front cover)

A decision to be made on use of the proceeds in due course (noting that the History Society has incurred an outlay in preparation costs)

Copies of the guide to be distributed through local shops etc.