

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Wellow Village Hall – 17 June 2002
(7.00 p.m. – 9.03 p.m.)

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Kittow and Mrs Simpson

42. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 13 and 20 May 2002 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

43. **MATTERS ARISING**

- (a) Land at the Triangle, Ridge: The Chairman reported on discussions with members of Romsey Extra Parish Council concerning joint discussions on the Viridor appeal. Periodic meetings to discuss matters of mutual interest were also suggested.
- (b) Chatmohr: Mr Gentle reported that no planning permission had been granted for the units currently being marketed for business use. However, no enforcement action was possible at this time.
- (c) Play area: RoSPA had agreed to carry out a safety inspection at the play area during the next few weeks. In addition, Test Valley would make a visit shortly to assess the suitability of Lower Common Road for the mobile skateboard facility.
- (d) Lockerley to Marchwood gas pipeline: Lattice Energy Services had supplied further details of the proposed pipeline to be constructed next year. The pipeline would skirt the edge of the Carlos site, albeit the working area included part of the land. However, the intention was to install the pipe without disturbing the land surface.

44. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

There were no matters to report under this item.

45. **PLANNING**

- (a) Current application: Members considered the following application and agreed action as indicated:

TVS.09428/1 Foxhills Farm, Foxes Lane – outline application for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling	Mr Bloore, Mr Harris and Mr Noble to inspect the site on 18 June and report to the Chairman. Clerk authorised to submit views on the Council's behalf in light of the visit and discussions.
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- (b) Applications requiring Committee decision: It was noted that the following applications

would be considered by Southern Area Planning on 18 June:

TVS.02895/4	Hope Cottage, Slab Lane
TVS.09421/1	Land to the rear of Acorns, Whinwhistle Road
TVS.09560	Jays Farm, Embley Lane
TVS.09592	Louville, Blackhill

- (c) Two Ways, Lower Common Road: Mr Gentle reported that permission was being recommended for this site, subject to approval of a satisfactory drainage scheme.

46. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Applications for Grants: Consideration was given to two applications for grant aid.

RESOLVED that grants be approved as follows under the provisions of section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972:

Hampshire County Youth Band Association	£100
Romsey & District Carers Forum	£50

- (b) Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000: A note received from HATPC on this legislation referred to the general duty on local councils to promote race quality. As a result, councils should have due regard to this duty in carrying out their functions.

RESOLVED that Wellow Parish Council acknowledges the general duty placed upon it by the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000. The council will continue within its functions and policies to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, promote quality of opportunity and promote racial equality between people of different racial groups.

- (c) Local Investigation and Determination of Misconduct Allegations: A consultation paper from the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions set out proposals for the framework within which allegations about misconduct by councillors could be handled by local authorities.

RESOLVED that the paper be circulated to members for further discussion at the 8 July meeting.

- (d) Test Valley Web Site: The Borough Council had enquired whether Wellow wished to include details of its agendas and minutes on the Test Valley web site. There would be no cost for six months after which the position would be reviewed.

RESOLVED that Wellow's agendas and minutes be included in the web site for an initial period of six months.

- (e) Other Correspondence: The Clerk reported receipt of:
- (i) Details of the Children's Fund, Hampshire set up as part of the Government's strategy to tackle poverty and social exclusion;
 - (ii) A letter from Test Valley concerning the new Queen's Golden Jubilee Award, to be made annually to reward excellence in services provided to the community by groups

- (iii) Confirmation of the appointment of District Audit as the external auditor for Wellow for the period to 31 March 2007;
- (iv) An invitation to the AGM of New Forest, Totton & Romsey Victim Support (the Council's apologies to be sent)
- (v) Other correspondence as shown in the list circulated with the agenda.

47. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

(a) Highway defects: RESOLVED that the following matters be referred to the Area Surveyor:

- road subsidence in Romsey Road near Thornegate;
- damaged car park barrier outside 86 Gurnays Mead causing a footpath obstruction (to be referred also to Testway Housing)

(b) Other matters: Members noted:

- notes of a meeting on 19 April between the County Council, the Highways Agency and W S Atkins concerning A36 detrunking and safety issues, in particular the Whinwhistle junction
- a letter from a local resident suggesting speed cameras on the A36 (the resident has been advised of the Parish Council's efforts in this respect)

48. **HAPTC AGM, 5 OCTOBER 2002 – RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLVED that no resolutions be submitted by Wellow to this meeting.

49. **QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE EVENT, 3 JUNE 2002**

It was noted that there was a surplus of £325 from the Queen's Jubilee event after meeting all expenses. A meeting of the organising Committee had been arranged for 19 June to discuss distribution of the proceeds.

50. **DELEGATES' REPORTS**

Members received reports on the following meetings:

- (a) a meeting of TVAPC on 23 May attended by Mr Bloore and Mr Gentle
- (b) the following meetings attended by Mrs Perry:
 - New Forest Association of Parish Councils (there was likely to be a standing invitation to Wellow to attend future meetings)
 - a TVBC workshop on the proposed Test Valley Cultural Strategy
 - Romsey Forum

51. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- (a) Report on meeting with English Nature, 5 June 2002: The Chairman reported on proposals for the spraying of bracken and the treatment of encroaching birch over an area of some 6 to 7 hectares at Monkeys Jump. The work was scheduled for the end July/early August, depending on the weather, and would be funded by English Nature. Further gorse clearance

would also be carried out at Canada in the winter.

- (b) Other Common maintenance items: The following items were reported and action agreed as indicated:

Pulling of ragwort required, mainly at Monkeys Jump: Working party to be arranged mid/late July

Bench at Monkeys Jump vandalised: Roger Marchbank to be asked to repair

Request from resident of Osborne House for permission to remove birch trees: Mr Gentle to agree detailed arrangements on site

- (c) Other Environmental matters: Mrs Simpson reported on routine environmental maintenance matters. In particular, reference was made to the poor condition of the ditch in Slab Lane. It was also noted that:

- Mrs Burrows had offered to supply bulbs for the Barnes Corner site
- Ashley Browning had agreed to join the Environment Committee as a co-opted member
- one of the Council's trimmers might need replacing.

52. **SPORT AND LEISURE**

Members received a report on the following items, each of which would be considered by the Sport and Leisure Committee on 25 June:

- a quotation from Fred Turner in the sum of £500 for further tree work on the Gurnays Mead boundary
- a requirement for routine checking of the emergency exit light at the Lower Common Road pavilion (matter arising from a recent Health and Safety inspection in connection with renewal of the Cricket Club's alcohol licence)
- other general maintenance issues.

53. **PARISH COUNCIL PUBLICITY**

The quarterly Newsletter had now been printed and would be distributed with the Wellow Gazette. It was agreed that an article on the burial ground would be included in the next edition.

54. **PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES**

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

	£	VAT	£
Burial fees	145.00	0.00	145.00
Bank interest	55.70	0.00	55.70

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

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	£
001562	Susan Tillyer (June salary)	74.24	0.00	74.24
001563	Joyce Pidgley (Salary, 18/3 – 12/5 and 3/6 – 30/6/02)	110.80	0.00	110.80
001564	Cynthia Merrey (Tennis agent's fee, 27/5 – 30/6/02)	52.50	0.00	52.50
001565	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses)	506.15	0.00	506.15
001566	Hatches Farm (Gangmower and tractor storage, June quarter)	180.00	0.00	180.00
001567	Southern Electric (Supply to Lower Common Road)	22.25	1.11	23.36
001568	P Cloudsdale (Repairs to water heater and security light, Lower Common Road pavilion)	40.00	0.00	40.00
001569	Ace Liftaway Sanitation Services (Hire of portable toilet facilities, Golden Jubilee event)	75.00	13.13	88.13
001570	R Biddlecombe (Salary and mileage, 2/6 – 8/6/02)	20.11	0.07	20.18

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

In 21 days: £750

55. **QUEEN'S JUBILEE VISIT TO PORTSMOUTH**

It was reported that ten pupils from Wellow School had been nominated to meet Her Majesty the Queen during her forthcoming Jubilee visit to Portsmouth.