

**WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Wellow Village Hall – 18 February 2002**  
**(7.00 p.m. – 8.52 p.m.)**

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

**231. PLANNING**

(a) Current applications: RESOLVED that the Council comment on the following applications as indicated:

TVS.08031/3	Bell House, Lower Common Road - erection of single storey rear extension to provide extended lounge and dining room and re-position conservatory	No objection
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TVS.09533	41 Brookfields – erection of single storey side extension to provide bed/sitting room and conservatory to rear of property	Opposed on grounds of over- development of site
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(b) Planning decision: Members noted the following decision:

TVS.A. 00274/2	Bellevue Garage, Crawley Hill – erection of 2 single sided freestanding advertisement display units	Advert consent granted, subject to conditions
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(c) Applications requiring Committee decision: It was noted that the following applications would be considered by Southern Area Planning on 19 February:

TVS.04156/10	Hatches Farm, Foxes Lane – erection of a wall and chainlink fencing to provide short tennis court (Wellow Tennis Club)
TVS.09460	Bryanston, Whinwhistle Road – change of use to pre-school provisions (Mrs J C Jacobs)

(d) Other matters: Members noted the following:

- (i) An application for construction of a gas utilisation plant at the Squabb Wood landfill site, to be considered at the 4 March meeting;
- (ii) A copy of a letter sent by residents of Nightingale Close to the owners of the Red Rover concerning the problem of surface water from the public house car park.

**232. CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) Winged Fellowship Trust: Consideration was given to a grant application from this organisation.

RESOLVED that a grant of £100 be made in this case under the provisions of section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

- (b) Health and Safety Service: An invitation had been received from Zurich Municipal to renew membership of the Local Council Advisory Service from 1 February 2002. The fee was £120 plus VAT.

RESOLVED that renewal of membership be approved.

- (c) Reception for Parish Councils: The Mayor of Test Valley had invited Parish Councils to a reception in the Crosfield Hall, Romsey on Tuesday 12 March at 7 p.m. The Chairman agreed to attend.
- (d) Test Valley Local Strategic Partnership: A letter from Test Valley gave details of a new borough-wide partnership group to be formed from nominees of local organisations and agencies. The aim was to identify measures to improve the overall economic, social and environmental well-being of the area and, through closer working, to co-ordinate and target relevant resources more effectively. A consultation paper had been published, copies of which were tabled at the meeting. It was agreed that members would report to the 4 March meeting on any issues arising from the paper.
- (e) New Primary Care Trusts: A letter from the Southampton and South West Hampshire Health Authority gave details of the Secretary of State's approval for a new Eastleigh & Test Valley South PCT and the city-wide Southampton City PCT.

### 233. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- (a) A36 Safety Measures: A letter from the Highways Agency confirmed that the Whinwhistle Junction Safety Study had identified a major scheme for this site. However, securing the funding and acquiring the necessary land would be a lengthy process. Provision had been made for the year 2002/03 for some preparatory works.

Implementation of the extended 40 mph limit was imminent and the effect would need careful monitoring before further reductions were considered. The Council's request for introduction of 'vehicle activated signs' would require consultation with Hampshire County Council and the Police.

- (b) A36 – Proposed Closure: Letters from the Highways Agency and W S Atkins gave details of the proposed closure of the A36 for surface repairs. Works would commence on 8 April for approximately 4 weeks, covering the section from the Hampshire/Wiltshire border to Canada roundabout. The closure had been re-programmed to accommodate concurrent works by Transco. It was proposed to allow local access through the works and to erect signs to indicate businesses were open as normal. Discussions were taking place with Wilts & Dorset buses and the County Passenger Transport Unit on measures for dealing with bus services. Additionally, arrangements were in hand to deliver a leaflet or letter to residents directly affected by the work.

Members expressed concern at the apparent lack of forward planning for the closure. More information was required as soon as possible on the detailed programme of work, arrangements for bus diversions, any temporary road restrictions and proposals for storage of equipment etc. It was suggested that traffic lights would be required at the bottom of Green Hill to deal with the additional traffic flows at this junction. The Clerk was asked to

write further to the Highways Agency on these matters. Copies of the letter from the Agency would also be displayed for information in the Post Office and local shops.

- (c) Tutts Lane: Members received a letter from the Area Surveyor in response to Council concerns about the use of Tutts Lane by commercial vehicles.

There were no weight or width restrictions currently placed on Tutts Lane. However, it was suggested that there might be conditions attaching to planning consents. Tutts Bridge also had no weight limit but was assessed as having a 40 tonne load carrying capacity. There were several EU Directives covering the weight of lorries, details of which were supplied.

#### 234. **BUS SHELTERS**

Only one tender had been received to date for the proposed shelter at Lower Common Road. Mr Thaxter was asked to approach the other two tenderers to request a response by 1 March. The Clerk also agreed to make enquiries about possible grant aid from Hampshire County Council.

In the knowledge that the A36 road works were affecting the western end of the village, it was possible now to pursue the new shelter for Whinwhistle corner. Land ownership details were still required for the proposed shelter near the Post Office.

#### 235. **MAINTENANCE WORKING GROUP**

Consideration was given to the minutes of a meeting of the Working Group held on 13 February 2002, a copy of which appears as an appendix in the minute book.

In respect of the Groundsperson vacancy, the Clerk tabled an analysis of the current postholder's work pattern for 2000/01, together with a draft advertisement and job information sheet. Members agreed a minimum of £6 per hour for both the Groundsperson and Maintenance Operative's posts and an average of 3 hours a week for the latter. Car owners were preferred for both posts.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the minutes of the Working Group be received and the recommendations therein contained be adopted;
- (2) That the interview panel comprise Mr Austin, Mr Gentle and Mrs Simpson (with the Clerk as observer), the interviews to take place on Thursday 21 March at 7 p.m;
- (3) That the Panel be authorised to make appointments for the two posts (within a salary limit agreed at the meeting); and
- (4) That Mr Turner be thanked for his past services to the Council and advised of the present recruitment arrangements.

**236. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- (a) Whinwhistle Road/Romsey Road licence site: A quotation was received from Ashley Browning in the sum of £200 for tree cutting work at this site.

RESOLVED that a decision on the quotation be deferred pending agreement on the proposed planting scheme.

- (b) Buxton land: New hedging plants were required before the end of the current planting season to replace the damaged section of hedge on the A36 frontage. The insurance claim could then also be submitted. Mr Harris would also arrange for clearance of debris from the site once suitable access arrangements could be made.

RESOLVED that Mrs Simpson order the necessary hedging plants as soon as possible.

- (c) Clearance Works: A quotation in the sum of £120 was received from Marc Nokes for the clearance of debris from recent hedge cutting on the Common and for the cutting down and removal of a birch tree adjacent to Foxes Lane pond.

RESOLVED that the quotation be accepted.

(Mrs Perry declared an interest in this item and did not vote thereon).

**237. LOWER COMMON ROAD RECREATION GROUND**

- (a) Tree works: RESOLVED that a quotation in the sum of £100 received from Fred Turner for tree lopping adjacent to the play area be accepted.

- (b) Gazing Lane ditch: It was noted that further maintenance work was needed on this ditch. The matter would therefore be referred to the next meeting of the Sport and Leisure Committee. In the meantime, Mr Bloore agreed to ask John Bowles to remove the concrete slab across the ditch adjacent to Two Ways and to install fencing to fill the gap in the hedge. The Clerk was also asked to write to the developer of the Two Ways site advising that the Council owned the ditch and hedge and that no right of way existed onto the recreation ground.

**238. PARISH COUNCIL PUBLICITY**

It was agreed to include an item on the A36 (safety measures and the proposed road closure) in the next Parish Newsletter.

**239. PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES**

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

	£	VAT	£
Burial fees	264.00	0	264.00
2½% Consols – dividend	1.48	0	1.48

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

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	£
001500	Susan Tillyer (February salary)	72.00	0	72.00
001501	Joyce Pidgley (Salary, 27/1/02 - 23/2/02)	36.00	0	36.00
001502	Cynthia Merrey (Tennis agent's fee - February)	19.16	0	19.16
001503	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses)	496.04	0.33	496.37
001504	C Maton (Gorse clearance, West Wellow Common)	3000.00	525.00	3525.00
001505	Clive Jones (Hedge cutting, West Wellow Common (A36))	300.00	52.50	352.50
001506	Inland Revenue – Tax & NI (October – December)	161.26	0	161.26
001507	Aplins Mowers (Servicing of gangmowers)	496.45	0	496.45
001508	Zurich Insurance Company (Health and safety service)	120.00	21.00	141.00
001509	Marc Nokes (Clearance work at West Wellow Common and Foxes Lane pond)	120.00	0	120.00

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

Immediately: £3500  
 In 14 days: £500