

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Methodist Church, Maurys Lane – 19 August 2002
(7.00 p.m. – 8.50 p.m.)

PRESENT: Mr Gentle (Vice-Chairman in the Chair); Mr Austin, Mr Bloore, Mr Harris, Mr Noble and Mr Thaxter

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Kittow, Mr Moody, Mrs Perry and Mrs Simpson

78. **PLANNING**

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

TVS.01619/ 13	Maytrees, Romsey Road – addition of dormer window to first floor south elevation and revised window layout to first floor west elevation (revised scheme to that approved under TVS.01619/12)	No objection
TVS.09722	5 The Hollies – erection of conservatory to rear of property	No objection
TVS.09730	Penryn, Hamdown Crescent – increase in roof height, installation of dormer windows and erection of 2 storey rear extension to provide additional living and bedroom accommodation	No objection
TVS.09736	The Gables, Blackhill – erection of two single storey side extensions	No objection, subject to retention of the tree between The Gables and Blackhill Farm

(b) Planning decisions: Members noted the decisions set out in Paper 2A accompanying the agenda (shown as an appendix in the minute book).

(c) Consultation - Pilgrims Farm, Steplake Lane, Sherfield English: Members considered the following application:

To import inert construction and demolition wastes, including concrete, brick, earthspoils, soils and sub soils, in place of a proportion of the recycled soils permitted under a GPDO.

RESOLVED that the Council object strongly to the application on the grounds of:

- significant impact on the local environment
- high risk of pollution to the River Blackwater
- unsuitable road access and danger to other road users

(Mr Harris declared an interest in this application and did not vote thereon)

- (d) TVS.CLE.00060 – B&W Nurseries, Salisbury Road, Plaitford: In the context of this application (yet to be determined), a letter from Test Valley Planning sought information on activity at this site, particularly since 1991, which would support the issue of a certificate of lawful existing use. Members recalled evidence of sustained use during that period, albeit not during the last two years or so. It was agreed to respond accordingly.
- (e) Land at Woodington Farm: It was noted that the appeal by Dr P Pilbrow and J&W Waste Management Ltd would take place at Wellow Village Hall on Tuesday 17 September at 10 a.m.
- (f) Land at The Triangle, Ridge: The Clerk reported that the inquiry into this appeal would open at 10 a.m. on Tuesday 5 November in the Cedar Room at Paultons Park, Ower. It was expected to last three weeks. A pre-inquiry meeting would also be held at 11 a.m. on Friday 13 September at The Castle, Winchester. It was proposed that the Chairman attend the pre-inquiry meeting, if available, and that discussions be held with Romsey Town Council and Romsey Extra Parish Council prior to the inquiry proper.
- (g) Application for tree works at 2 Fielders Way – TPO2859: A proposal to prune an oak tree at this property had been referred to the Tree Wardens for comment. The latter had raised no objection to the proposal and it was agreed to respond to Test Valley Planning accordingly.

79. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) A36 Traffic Sign Improvement: Atkins Highways and Transportation had supplied details of traffic sign and road marking improvements for the A36. These focused principally on the Whinwhistle junction and, in addition, reinstated the twin town signs (proposed sites near Chatmohr Lodge and the Maurys Lane junction).

Members suggested that one of the twinning signs should be installed near Fighting Cocks Farm, one of the original locations. It was also proposed that, bearing in mind the long-term absence of these signs, the highway authority be invited to fund a replacement bus shelter at Whinwhistle corner as part compensation.

RESOLVED that the Council respond to Atkins on the above lines.

- (b) Danes Road, Awbridge: It was noted that the County Council had agreed to implement the 40 mph speed limit in this case, effective from 2 September 2002.
- (c) Other matters: A letter from Hampshire Highways advised that the subsidence in Romsey Road near to Thornegate would be attended to as soon as possible. With regard to the proposal for width restrictions in Tutts Lane, the Surveyor was unable to agree to the request. A number of vehicles in the area utilised large vehicles and would be allowed access in any event.

RESOLVED that further representations be made concerning the need for a junction warning sign in Tutts Lane near the Groves Down junction.

80. SHARED OWNERSHIP PROPERTY RESALE

Members noted a letter from Test Valley Rural Housing Association concerning the proposed sale of the shared ownership leasehold of 7 Eastwood, Sherfield English. The three-bedroom semi-detached house would be offered for sale to local people for £99,000 representing 66% of its current open market value. The closing date for applications was Friday 6 September.

81. NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK

The Clerk reported that the Council's timetable slot for the Public Inquiry had now been moved to 31 October/1 November 2002.

82. BUS SHELTER OPPOSITE HATCHES GARAGE, A36

It was noted that this shelter had been damaged by vandals on two successive nights (6/7 August) and as a result was now beyond economic repair. Mr Gentle agreed to arrange for its removal. It was agreed that any new shelter should be built with metal angle posts.

Members discussed a timetable for a replacement shelter. In this context it was noted that the Environment Committee were recommending a new shelter at Whinwhistle corner from the current year's budget and a bid for a further shelter opposite the Post Office in the 2003/04 estimates. The response from Atkins concerning the Whinwhistle shelter (minute 79(a) above) might also have a bearing.

RESOLVED that, without commitment at this stage as to the timing of a replacement shelter, a quotation be sought for a new shelter on similar lines to the one recently installed in Lower Common Road.

83. BUXTON SITE (CANADA CORNER) AND HATCHES FARM SPORTS FIELD – STILES

Members considered a quotation from Ashley Browning for the provision of stiles at the Buxton land (to give access from Canada Road) and at Hatches Farm Sports Field (to allow footballers access to adjoining land to retrieve footballs). In addition, a 1 metre wide footbridge with handrails was proposed for each site to cross the adjacent ditches. The quotation was £160.60 for each stile and £200 for each bridge crossing.

RESOLVED that the quotation be accepted, subject to approval of the highway authority to the specification for the ditch crossing at the Buxton land.

84. MOWING EQUIPMENT

The Clerk referred to the need to replace the Mountfield mower (used principally at the burial ground). Members also discussed the requirement for a ride-on mower to assist with maintenance at all Council sites.

Mr Harris offered for sale a nearly-new Hayter to replace the Mountfield. In addition, Mr Harris agreed to make further enquiries about a second-hand ride-on mower available for sale in the area.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That purchase of the Hayter mower be authorised if suitable; and
- (2) The Clerk enquire about the cost of a new ride-on mower.

85. CANADA COMMON INFORMATION CAIRN

Members considered the following quotations in respect of the proposed cairn:

Andrew Parsons – construction of cairn:	Approximately £600
Colin Brown – production of plaque:	Approximately £374

RESOLVED that the quotations be accepted.

86. PARISH COUNCIL PUBLICITY

The following items were agreed for the next Parish Newsletter: bus shelter vandalism; A36 road improvement signage; role of Tree Wardens

87. PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES

- (a) Grant for Scout Hut roof: The Clerk reported that the 9th Romsey Scout Group had succeeded in obtaining grants from the County Council (£3000) and Test Valley Borough Council (£2123) for roof repairs to the Scout HQ in Canada Road. The Test Valley offer was subject to the Parish Council also providing a 12½% contribution (approximately £1060). The County Council had already released its grant and this would be used by the Scouts to commence urgent work.

RESOLVED that a grant of £1060 for the 9th Romsey Scout Group be included in the 2003/04 draft estimates.

- (b) Methodist Church refurbishment: The Clerk reported that refurbishment works were proposed for the Methodist Schoolroom in Maurys Lane. The works were likely to cost in excess of £60,000, of which £30,000 would be met from grants and £5000 from Church funds. The Church were also hoping to secure grant-aid from the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that further information be sought on the proposed building project.

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

	£	VAT	£
Burial fees	215.00	0.00	215.00
Tennis fees	110.00	19.25	129.25
Insurance claim, Buxton land	473.00	0.00	473.00
2½% Consols – dividend	1.48	0.00	1.48
Bank interest	64.98	0.00	64.98

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

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	£
001595	Susan Tillyer (August salary)	74.24	0.00	74.24
001596	Joyce Pidgley (Salary, 29/7 – 1/9)	46.40	0.00	46.40
001597	Cynthia Merrey (Tennis agent's fee, 19/7 – 1/9)	52.50	0.00	52.50
001598	J Benham (Salary, 28/7 – 17/8 + travel and purchases)	279.61	5.46	285.07
001599	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses)	525.02	1.63	526.65
001600	Audit Commission (Audit fees, 2001/02)	432.00	75.60	507.60
001601	K S Parsons (Agricultural) (Cleaning of Monkey Jump cattle grid)	352.00	61.60	413.60
001602	J C Dawkins (Repairs to Monkey Jump seat + new fencing at Lower Common Road recreation ground)	133.00	0.00	133.00
001603	Jean Kenny (Highway sites maintenance + purchase of bark)	64.28	1.79	66.07
001604	Sports Mann (Set of goalposts and nets, Hatches Farm)	589.00	103.07	692.07
001605	Landford Garden Machinery (Repair of Hayter mower)	27.12	4.75	31.87

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

Immediately: £2400
In 14 days: £500

88. FOXES LANE

It was noted that additional travellers were now present in Foxes Lane. Members also commented on the need for early re-commencement of the bank restoration.

RESOLVED that representations be made to the highway authority concerning the above.