

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Wellow Village Hall – 20 May 2002
(7.00 p.m. – 8.58 p.m.)

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Austin, Mrs Kittow and Mr Thaxter

20. **PLANNING**

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

TVS.00009/2	Maurys Mount, Slab Lane – change of use from dwelling to boarding school, and alterations and extension to existing outbuilding to form a dance studio	Opposed on the following grounds: plans are insufficient to allow informed decision to be made; in addition, there are concerns in relation to Policy C9 of the Local Plan, highway access, effect on neighbour amenity and commercial use in a residential area
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(Mrs Simpson declared an interest in this application and left the room for the debate)

TVS.00709/3	Brambles, Crawley Hill – erection of a detached double garage with workshop and room in roof space	No objection, subject to the new development remaining ancillary to the house
TVS.01691/2	Wellow Wood Cottage, Wellow Wood Road – demolition of existing detached garage and erection of a detached double garage with study	No objection, subject to the new development remaining ancillary to the house
TVS.08269/3	Magpies, The Frenches – demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new detached dwelling with detached double garage and store over (Revised scheme previously approved under TVS. 08269/2)	No objection, subject to the garage remaining ancillary to the house
TVS.09124/2	Laurana, Kooyong Close – erection of front extension to provide hall, conservatory to rear of property and installation of pitched roof and second garage door to garage/store	Supported

(b) Planning decisions: Members noted the decisions set out in paper 2A accompanying the agenda (shown as appendix 1 in the minute book).

(c) Applications requiring Committee decision: It was noted that the following applications would be considered by Southern Area Planning on 21 May:

TVS.09148/1 Two Ways, Lower Common Road
 TVS.09421/1 Land to the rear of Acorns, Whinwhistle Road

RESOLVED that Mrs Simpson attend the Southern Planning meeting to represent the Council in respect of the application for the Two Ways site.

21. LOCAL HOUSING

David Bibby of Test Valley Planning Services attended the meeting to discuss housing policies in the context of the Local Plan review.

The current review exercise involved rolling forward the 1996 plan to 2011 and, where possible, to 2016. In the process, the planning authority would take into account any changed circumstances and appeal decisions since preparation of the original plan. A review document would be prepared in July and published for consultation during September and October.

In general terms, there would still be a presumption against building in the countryside. In addition, there were no plans to change current housing policies for Wellow. In relation to affordable housing, new schemes would be considered where specific need could be shown. Various criteria would continue to apply, including relationships to existing settlements, impact on the landscape and factors concerning the highway network, access and parking.

Discussion took place on the effect of the New Forest National Park which would impose an area of restraint in planning terms. Reference was also made to Government Circular PPG3 (Housing) which sought to maximise the use of housing sites by encouraging higher densities and also imposed restrictions on the number of parking spaces.

22. A STRATEGY FOR CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN TEST VALLEY

Consideration was given to a Consultative Document from Test Valley on a Cultural Strategy for the Borough. Comments on the paper were invited by the end of May.

The document sought to identify the main issues, priorities and needs of local people in terms of cultural provision. The diversity of cultural services was also seen as a way of tackling some of today's key issues such as health, crime, environment, education and economic growth. In this context, Members were particularly supportive of policies which encouraged sport and leisure provision and youth facilities as a means of reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

23. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2002/03

Further consideration was given to the draft timetable of meetings for 2002/03. Following discussion, the following changes were agreed:

Monday 10 June 2002	Planning meeting (instead of Monthly meeting)
Monday 17 June 2002	Monthly meeting (instead of Planning meeting)
Monday 8 July 2002	Monthly meeting (instead of 1 July)

The Vice-Chairman would also be asked to chair the following meetings in the absence of the Chairman:

Monday 29 July 2002 Planning meeting
 Monday 19 August 2002 Planning meeting
 Monday 2 September 2002 Monthly meeting

RESOLVED that the calendar be agreed, subject to the above changes.

24. **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE SITE VISITS TO BURIAL GROUND AND COMMON**

Consideration was given to a note of matters discussed at visits made by the Environment Committee on 15 May 2002 to the burial ground and common. A copy of the note appears as appendix 2 in the minute book.

In relation to item 6 (Information Cairn and Memorial Seat) and item 8 (Proposals concerning the track at the southern end of the common), consultation would be required with English Nature. On item 9 (Maintenance items), members agreed that gorse clearance plans should be prepared with care in order to preserve necessary shelter for animals.

RESOLVED, that, subject to the above, comments, the note be received and the recommendations therein contained be adopted.

25. **PARISH COUNCIL PUBLICITY**

Members were asked to notify the Chairman as soon as possible of any additional items for the Parish Newsletter.

26. **PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES**

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

	£	VAT	£
Tennis fees	81.70	14.30	96.00

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

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	£
001549	Cynthia Merrey (Tennis agent's fee, 29/4 – 26/5/02)	42.00	0	42.00
001550	Susan Tillyer (May salary)	74.24	0	74.24
001551	Joyce Pidgley (Salary, 13/5 - 2/6/02)	27.84	0	27.84
001552	M Derrick (Clerk's salary and expenses)	547.16	2.85	550.01
001553	The Studio (Printing of new Wellow Guide)	598.00	0	598.00

001554	Landford Garden Machinery (Servicing/repairs to Mountfield mower and strimmer)	130.86	22.90	153.76
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(c) Transfer: RESOLVED that the following transfers be made from the Premier Interest Account to the Treasurers Account:

Immediately: £500

In 21 days: £600

27. **PROPOSED BUS SHELTER, A36**

Mrs Simpson reported that W S Atkins had approved the principle of a bus shelter on the A36 opposite the Post Office, subject to clarifying the matter of land ownership.

28. **FOXES LANE**

Mr Harris indicated that he would be approaching the contractors engaged on restoration of the bank in Foxes Lane to ascertain details of the work programme.

29. **MAINTENANCE ISSUES**

Members commented on the following maintenance items:

Play area: Mr Bloore had now replaced the children's swings.

Canada Cross: Mr Moody had been unable to remove the damaged cross for repair purposes. An alternative method of repair was therefore needed.

Hatches Farm: Grass cutting was required prior to the Cancer Research event on 25 May.

30. **CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that, by reason of the confidential nature of the business, publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

31. **HATCHES FARM PAVILION CLEANER**

Member discussed circumstances in which the Hatches Farm cleaner (JP) could receive a salary payment during sickness absence.

RESOLVED that, in the circumstances outlined, salary be paid to JP for the period of the employee's recent sick leave.