

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Wellow Village Hall – 4 March 2002
(7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.)

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

An apology for absence was received from Mr Austin

240. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 4 and 18 February 2002 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

241. **MATTERS ARISING**

- (a) Foxes Lane: A letter from the Area Surveyor gave details of the proposed remedial works which were due to start shortly. The Surveyor considered it unlikely that the land slippage was caused by a blocked drain but the situation would be checked by the contractor.
- (b) Street Nameplates: Test Valley were uncertain about the proposed location for the “Salisbury Road” nameplate. The approach to the Parish Council had also been to elicit suggestions for other nameplate requirements.
- (c) Highway drainage: In response to the Council’s request, the Area Surveyor had jetted drainage systems in School Road and Whinwhistle Road. Lower Common Road would be further investigated to ascertain the cause of flooding.
- (d) Tutts Lane: Test Valley were unaware of any general ‘Access Only’ restrictions in Tutts Lane or of any section 106 agreements affecting lorry routing. Any specific problems caused by commercial traffic could be investigated further on receipt of details.

242. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS’ REPORT**

No report from District Councillors was made to this meeting.

243. **PLANNING**

- (a) Current applications: RESOLVED that comments be submitted on the following applications as indicated:

TVS.01675/5 Coopers Cottage, Whinwhistle Road - No objection
 partial demolition of and erection of
 extension to existing dwelling and erection of detached double garage

TVS.01688/9 Land adjoining Leahurst, The Frenches - Opposed – contrary to Local Plan
 erection of one detached three bedroom housing policies
 dwelling

TVS.05746/3 Squabb Wood Landfill Site, A27, Shootash – construction of a gas utilisation plant comprising a gas flare, gas engines, ancillary equipment and an access/parking area (County matter)	No objection, subject to the plant being sited in the north east corner of the site, away from residential properties
TVS.05887/5 Carlos, Romsey Road – change of use to Class A3 (Food and Drink)	No objection, subject to any policy considerations and any permission being made personal to current applicant
TVS.07378/3 Westmead, Gazing Lane – erection of conservatory to rear of property	Supported
TVS.09148/1 Two Ways, Lower Common Road - erection of three five-bedroom dwellings with garages and associated access and landscaping dangerous access onto Gazing Lane; inadequate on-site parking and turning arrangements	Opposed: properties too large for the site; larger properties will aggravate the existing drainage problems in the area and give rise to additional vehicle movements;
TVS.0955/2 4 Merrytree Close – erection of single storey side extension to provide utility room and enlarged dining room	No objection

(b) Planning decisions: Members noted the decision set out in paper 5A accompanying the agenda (shown as an appendix in the minute book).

(c) Appeals: It was noted that the following appeals had been lodged:

TVS.CLE.00047 Embley Ashley and 1 Embley Green, Embley Park – refusal to issue certificate of lawful existing use and non-compliance with agricultural occupancy condition on RSR9692

TVS.07366/2&3 Land at Woodington Farm, Woodington Lane – refusal of permission for revised restoration scheme and an extension of time

RESOLVED that the Council's earlier comments on these applications be re-affirmed.

(Mrs Perry declared an interest in respect of TVS.CLE.00047 and did not vote thereon)

244. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) New Forest, Totton and Romsey Victim Support: Consideration was given to a grant application from this organisation.

RESOLVED that, under the provisions of section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, a grant of £50 be authorised in this case.

- (b) New Forest National Park: The Countryside Agency had now made a Designation Order for the New Forest National Park. In relation to Wellow, the boundary proposed earlier remained unaltered. Representations or objections to the Order could be made up to 25 March 2002.

RESOLVED that the Council make further representations seeking an extension of the northern boundary of the Park to include most or all of Wellow parish.

- (c) Other correspondence: The Clerk reported:

- (i) a letter from Test Valley concerning the availability of 75% grants (up to £15,000) for skateboard ramps;
- (ii) other correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda.

245. **HIGHWAY MATTERS – A36**

A letter from the Highways Agency dealt with the proposed road works starting in April.

The nature of the works would involve closure of the road with temporary diversions in place. Details of the diversions would be discussed shortly with the County Council. Traffic signals would also be installed at the junction of the A27 and the A3090. The contractor would operate a compound during the works where most of the materials would be stored. It was unlikely that materials would be stored on the verge or roundabout but, in any event, the contractor was responsible for reinstating any damaged verges.

RESOLVED that the Council emphasise to the Highways Agency the need to avoid using the roundabout and verges for the storage of materials and the importance of remedying environmental damage to local roads after the event.

246. **DELEGATES' REPORTS**

Members received a report on a fund-raising event attended by the Chairman at Mountbatten School in respect of an educational visit to Romania. The Chairman had made a contribution to the fund and proposed that any Wellow pupils involved in the visit be invited to talk to Members at a future Council meeting.

247. **BUS SHELTER, LOWER COMMON ROAD**

Two tenders had been received for this proposed new shelter, the lowest being from Frenchmoor Garden Buildings in the sum of £1874. The Clerk also referred to possible grant-aid from the County Council.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the tender of Frenchmoor Garden Buildings be accepted; and
- (2) That an application for grant be made to Hampshire County Council.

248. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 17 APRIL 2002

Members noted that neither Stephen Jefford nor Diana Westerhoff could attend the Annual Parish Meeting as guest speaker. The matter of the presentation of Committee reports was also discussed.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Annual Parish meeting continue without a guest speaker; and
- (2) That Committee reports be presented verbally to the meeting by Committee Chairmen.

249. QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Mr Thaxter reported on progress with arrangements for the Golden Jubilee event on 3 June.

It was unlikely that Charlie Dimmock could open the event in view of other commitments. Children's activities would be the focus of the afternoon, with local organisations helping in various ways. A public address system and band had been booked and options for the provision of bar facilities were being explored. It was hoped to complete the detailed arrangements at the next Committee meeting.

RESOLVED that Tony Gentle be invited to open the Jubilee event as prospective Mayor of Test Valley.

250. COUNCIL MEETING, 2 APRIL 2002

Discussion took place on the possible alteration of this meeting date bearing in mind the absence of the Chairman.

RESOLVED that the meeting be held on the scheduled date, with the Vice-Chairman in the chair.

251. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Members received a report on the following items:

Buxton land: Clearance work would be carried out at the weekend given dry conditions

Carlos site: A planting plan was currently awaited from Georgina Burrows. The trees on the site remained in the ownership of the County Council and a case would need to be made for any cutting/trimming

West Wellow Common: The hedge cuttings had now been cleared and further rhododendron clearance undertaken. Discussions were being held with English Nature on spraying of bracken and rhododendron stumps. It was agreed that Mr Gentle would approach Mr Parsons to clean out and repaint the Monkeys Jump cattle grid.

Burial ground: It was noted that a fence had now been installed on the edge of the bank at the north eastern end of the burial ground.

252. SPORT AND LEISURE

Members received a report on the following items:

A recent foul sewer blockage in front of the pavilion had been cleared following a call to Southern Water. The latter had been asked to advise on any resulting health risks Mr Overton-Hore would arrange for the water supply to the pavilion to be turned on following the winter break

The Clerk was arranging for the agreed weed treatment of the recreation ground to be carried out as soon as possible

Mr Bowles had been asked to remove the concrete slab across the Gazing Lane ditch adjacent to Two Ways and to install fencing in the gap in the hedge

253. PARISH COUNCIL PUBLICITY

A draft of the next Parish Newsletter had been prepared and would be finalised in time for distribution with the March edition of the Wellow Gazette. Members were asked to identify any additional items for inclusion.

254. PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES

(a) HAPTC and Local Council Review: RESOLVED that authority be given for a payment of £411.88 to HAPTC in respect of 2002/03 fees for annual membership (£292) and supply of the Local Council Review (£119.88).

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

	£	VAT	£
Burial fees	120.00	0	120.00

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

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	£
001510	Roger Marchbank (Hedge trimming at Buxton land and clearance work at burial ground)	32.00	0	32.00
001511	Marc Nokes (Clearance work at Common)	290.00	0	290.00
001512	British Telecommunications plc (Telephone account)	34.71	6.07	40.78
001513	Royal Mail (Response service licence top-up)	62.91	0	62.91
001514	B.F.T. Fire Ltd (Fire extinguisher supply and service at Lower Common Road pavilion)	76.90	13.46	90.36

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001515	Winged Fellowship Trust (Grant) (minute 232(a)/2/02 refers)	100.00	0	100.00
001516	West Wellow Stores (Materials for Lower Common Road pavilion)	7.95	0	7.95
001517	Eric Kemish (Hatches Farm retainer) (see minute 258)	160.00	0	160.00

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

Immediately: £1200

In 14 days: £500

255. NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Planning meeting was scheduled for 18 March, the evening of the proposed planning training session. In this context, there were two Wellow planning applications in the current weekly list (being dealt with by Mr Gentle), neither of which appeared contentious.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised to submit comments to Test Valley on the two planning applications, following discussion with the Chairman and Mr Gentle.

256. TREE WORKS

Reference was made to tree cutting taking place at a property in Romsey Road. Mr Gentle agreed to investigate further.

257. 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.

258. REVIEW OF EMPLOYEE SALARIES

RESOLVED –

(1) That the following hourly rates be approved for employees with effect from 1 April 2002:

Susan Tillyer	£4.64
Joyce Pidgley	£4.64
Jean Kenny	£5.15

(2) That a retainer of £160 be paid to Eric Kemish for 2001/02 in respect of duties at Hatches Farm Sports Field.