

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Wellow Village Hall – 7 January 2002
(7.00 p.m. – 8.48 p.m.)

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

An apology for absence was received from Mr Gentle

190. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 3 and 17 December 2001 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

191. **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

In the absence of Councillors Greasley and Gentle, no report was available on District Council matters.

County Councillor Woodhall reported on:

Foxes Lane – the engineer's report was awaited but an early spring start was anticipated for any remedial works. In view of the rumours about possible closure, Councillor Woodhall agreed to arrange for a press release confirming the intention to re-open the road as soon as possible.

A36 – the 40 mph speed limit extension was now being advertised. Further safety measures could be pursued (flashing lights, 30 mph limit etc) but the ability to achieve these may be influenced by the status of the road. In this context, a decision on de-trunking would be delayed pending the outcome of Dibden Bay. However, Councillor Woodhall would endeavour to support any additional Parish Council safety proposals.

192. **PLANNING**

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

TVS.08031/2	Bell House, Lower Common Road – erection of single storey rear extension and first floor side extension to provide conservatory, extended dining room and extended lounge on ground floor, extended bedroom on first floor	No objection
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(b) Planning decisions: Members noted the decisions set out in paper 5A accompanying the agenda (shown as appendix 1 in the minute book).

(c) The Planning Process – Training for Parish Councillors: A letter from the Head of Planning offered to provide training sessions for Parish Councillors on various aspects of the planning system.

RESOLVED that 18 March, 15 April, 20 May and 17 June be offered as dates for the training session and that, if necessary, the Policy and Finance Committee meeting scheduled for 15 April be re-arranged.

- (d) Vital Villages Programme – Town/Parish Plans: A letter from Mackenzie-Cook Associates offered to provide assistance in the preparation of a Town or Parish Plan or with grant applications under the Countryside Agency’s new Vital Villages Programme.

RESOLVED that the options available under the Programme be considered alongside the Quality Parishes consultation paper at the Council meeting on 21 January.

- (e) Lowick, Crawley Hill – reference was made to alleged workshop development taking place at this property. It was agreed to make enquiries of the Enforcement Officer.

- (f) Other Matters: Members noted receipt of:

- (i) a letter from Test Valley confirming the making of TPO 668 in respect of trees at Ryedown Lodge, Ryedown Lane;
- (ii) a letter from Test Valley explaining the processes regarding applications for agricultural occupancy conditions and certificates of lawful existing use.

193. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported receipt of:

- (i) a letter from DTLR enclosing an extract from the Government White Paper “Strong Local Leadership – Quality Public Services”, on the reform of the financial regime for parishes;
- (ii) a News Release from the Countryside Agency on the decision of the Agency Board to proceed with designation of a New Forest National Park.

194. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- (a) Tutts Lane: Reference was made to the use of Tutts Lane by heavy lorries and to the absence of a vehicle weight limit in the lane. In addition, a former weight limit sign on Tutts Bridge was no longer displayed.

RESOLVED that enquiries be made of the Area Surveyor concerning:

- any existing weight restrictions affecting Tutts Lane or the prospects of a new weight limit order;
- details of any EU Directives concerning bridge standards.

- (a) A36: Discussion took place on safety issues concerning the A36 in the context of further recent accidents, including that at the Shoe Inn, Plaitford. The possibility of pedestrian crossings was again raised but it was generally agreed that crossings would be difficult to secure in the context of the number of pedestrian movements. The only viable crossing point was likely to be in the vicinity of Canada roundabout. Speed cameras and electronic speed warning signs were also discussed as well as the outstanding Whinwhistle junction

roundabout.

RESOLVED that representations be made to the Highways Agency with a view to achieving further safety improvements in the following priority order:

- the installation of electronic speed warning signs at the entrances to the village, together with speed limit reminders in the village centre (with the stated intention of seeking further speed limit reductions)
- the provision of a roundabout at the junction of Whinwhistle Road and the A36 which, in itself, should help to reduce traffic speed.

195. **DELEGATES' REPORTS**

- (a) Wellow School: Members received a report from Ray Morris on Wellow School matters. In particular, the report referred to the continuing high educational standards and the stability of school numbers. Approval had also been given for two new classrooms with construction expected to start in the spring. The public footpath through the school was in need of improvement which appeared to be the responsibility of the school. It was hoped that the money could be raised by various means and that the scheme could be treated as a special project by volunteer groups.

Reference was also made to the metal gate at the School Road entrance to the school grounds. One of the gate posts was loose, posing a danger to schoolchildren and other pedestrians.

RESOLVED that an approach be made to Hampshire County Council concerning the damaged gate post (the Clerk to make an initial approach to the School in the first instance).

- (b) Other reports: Mrs Simpson reported on the recent meeting in Romsey on flood prevention measures following publication of the Halcrow report. Regrettably, documentation supplied to the consultations relating to Wellow had been lost and the report had been based on the receipt of only three returned questionnaires. The consultants had apologised for this and would seek to rectify the matter with publication of a new report.

196. **SPORT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE**

Consideration was given to the minutes of a meeting of the Sport and Leisure Committee held on 12 December 2001, a copy of which appears as appendix 2 in the minute book. In relation to item 9(a) (Football Pitch Drainage), it was noted that Mr Harris would be able to undertake the work concerning reinstatement of the open gully.

RESOLVED that the minutes be received and the recommendations therein contained be adopted.

197. **POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee held on 3 January 2002, a copy of which appears as appendix 3 in the minute book, be received and the recommendations therein contained be adopted.

198. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Mrs Simpson provided a routine report on environmental matters, further discussion on which would take place at the Environment Committee meeting on 10 January. The Clerk also reported a letter from Fisher German advising the proposed inspection of the Fawley to Avonmouth pipeline (crossing West Wellow Common) by Esso Petroleum Co Ltd during January and February.

199. **PARISH COUNCIL PUBLICITY**

It was agreed that the following items would be included in the next quarterly Newsletter to be published in March (draft articles to be available by the end of February): The role of Councillors; progress on Foxes Lane pond; proposed Lower Common Road bus shelter. Committee contributions would be included as follows: March – Environment; June – Sport and Leisure.

200. **PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES**

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

	£	VAT	£
Burial fees	40.00	0	40.00
Wellow Tennis Club – on account payment, 2001/02	250.00	0	250.00

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

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	£
001482	Open Spaces Society (Annual subscription)	27.50	0	27.50
001483	Council for the Protection of Protection of Rural England (Annual subscription)	25.00	0	25.00
001485	Eastleigh Borough Council (Printing, October – December)	105.10	18.39	123.49
001486	Public Works Loans Account (Purchase of Hatches Farm – half-year annuity (no 36))	2411.46	0	2411.46
001487	Wellow Village Hall (Meeting accommodation)	109.16	0	109.16
001488	Bournemouth & West Hants Water (Supply to recreation grounds)	33.98	0	33.98

(Note: Cheque 001484 cancelled)

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

Immediately: £2200
In 14 days: £750