

**WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Wellow Village Hall – 8 July 2002**  
**(7.00 p.m. – 10.50 p.m.)**

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

An apology for absence was received from Mr Bloore

56. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 10 and 17 June 2002 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

57. **MATTERS ARISING**

(a) TVS.09428/1 (Foxhills Farm, Foxes Lane): Following a site inspection by members, the following response had been sent to this planning application: “No objection, subject to any new unit being restricted to a single-storey dwelling”.

(b) Gurnays Mead: Testway Housing had advised that an order had been placed for repair of the damaged rail and post outside 86 Gurnays Mead. In addition, Testway were presently looking at improvement options for Osborne House, as part of which the request for additional external lighting could be considered.

58. **DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS’ REPORT**

There were no matters to report under this item.

59. **PLANNING**

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

TVS.01171/3 Beechwood, Ryedown Lane – increase in roof height with installation of dormer windows and rooflights to provide first floor living accommodation, erection of single storey extension to provide games room to north elevation, erection of pitched roof to garage and erection of detached double garage No objection

TVS.02019/2 Lower Woodington, Woodington Road - erection of front porch, installation of dormer window and erection of two storey and first floor side extension to provide utility room and boot room on ground floor and bedroom with dressing area and en suite shower room on first floor No objection

TVS.02577/10 The Coach House, Salisbury Road – erection of two storey side extension to provide utility room and wc on ground floor, extended bedroom on first floor No objection

- TVS.03970/2 Ashlea, Maurys Lane – installation of dormer window to front of property and erection of rear extension to provide extended kitchen and dining room No objection
- TVS.09690 Oakdene Farm, Whinwhistle Road – change of use of land for the siting of residential mobile homes for 7 families, plant machinery, equipment and vehicles by travelling showpersons  
Opposed on following grounds:  
The use is contrary to the Borough Local Plan Policy C1 in that it is a use that does not have to be in the countryside within the Borough. It is neither essential to some rural pursuit nor does it fall within one of the classes of development which the Local Plan advises would be allowed in the country; the use conflicts with the aims and intentions of BLP Policies C1 and D1 in that it is detrimental to the character and appearance of this rural area; the use is likely to generate activity, including maintenance activity, noise and traffic, which is detrimental to the area and its residents; the site has inadequate access for the size of vehicles involved; the junction of Whinwhistle Road and the A36 is already extremely hazardous and would be further compromised by approval of this application.

(b) Planning decisions: Members noted the decisions set out in paper 5A accompanying the agenda (shown as appendix 1 in the minute book).

(c) Appeals: The Clerk reported the following new appeals:

TVS.04725/1: 43 School Road – erection of two storey rear/side extension

TVS.09421/1: Land to the rear of Acorns, Whinwhistle Road – erection of special needs dwelling

(d) Applications relating to trees: The Clerk reported the views of the Tree Wardens on the following applications. Members agreed action as indicated:

TPO.231/T.2826: Spinney House, Little Wood –  
prune 4 oaks in front garden

TPO.209/T.2838: Acorns, Whinwhistle Road -  
fell and remove one oak

Query conditions imposed as part of original planning consent  
Mr Austin and Mr Harris to inspect site. Clerk authorised to comment on application in conjunction with the Chairman and Mrs Simpson

(e) Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton Minerals Waste Local Plan Review: An Issues Paper had been published as part of the consultation process for this review. Comments were invited by 31 July 2002. It was agreed that the following members would peruse the document with a view to further discussion at the 29 July planning meeting: Mr Harris, Mrs Simpson, Mr Austin and Mrs Perry.

(f) Test Valley Borough Local Plan Review: A letter from the Head of Planning dealt with the process for this review. A report would be considered by both the Executive and the Borough Council in July. Subject to the outcome, the intention was to publish the plan for consultation in October. Publication of the second deposit version for comment was planned for the summer of 2003 with a public inquiry likely in spring/summer 2004.

## 60. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Proposed Songs of Praise Service: A letter from Gillian Parsons sought permission for the use of Canada Common for the Wellow and Sherfield Churches' service on Sunday 8 September at 2.30 p.m.

RESOLVED that permission be granted.

- (b) Romsey Show: A letter from the Secretary of Romsey Show sought permission to erect an advertising board for the show on the Council's land at Canada Corner from 21 August.

RESOLVED that permission be granted.

- (c) Strategy for the New Forest: A consultation draft of this document had been published by the New Forest Committee, with responses requested by 16 September. It was agreed that the document would be circulated amongst members with a view to discussion at an early meeting.

- (d) Other correspondence: The Clerk reported receipt of:

- (i) 'Managing Flood Risks in Parishes – A Best Practice Guide';
- (ii) Proposals affecting breast screening assessment services in Hampshire - consultation document;
- (iii) Other correspondence as shown in the list circulated with the agenda.

## 61. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) Foxes Lane: A letter from the Area Surveyor explained the further delay in the road works in this lane. Ground conditions were presently unsuitable for installation of the 'gabion' retaining wall and presented dangers to the contractor. It was estimated that a further six to eight weeks' suspension would be needed to allow the soil to dry out and stabilise.

Members also considered a letter from a local resident of Foxes Lane suggesting that it would be appropriate to close the road permanently to traffic. The resident suggested that this was a view shared by many in the village. However, members cited many residents who had expressed concern at the continued closure and were pressing for its early re-opening.

RESOLVED that the resident be advised that the Council does not consider the permanent closure of Foxes Lane would be in the best interest of the village.

- (b) Tutts Lane: Members commented on the use of Tutts Lane by large vehicles and the problem of traffic speed in both Tutts Lane and Scallows Lane.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That a width restriction order be sought for Tutts Lane;

- (2) That the Surveyor be requested to attend to any obscured road signs and to consider additional warning signs at the junction of Tutts Lane and Groves Down.
- (c) Traffic Speed: Discussion took place on traffic speed in both Whinwhistle Road and Romsey Road. A member suggested speed humps but this was generally felt to be inappropriate for rural roads.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That a request be made for an extension of the 40 mph limit in Whinwhistle Road to the junction with Ryedown Lane (with the ultimate aim of seeking an overall reduction in the limit to 30 mph); and
- (2) That the Police be asked to carry out additional local speed checks.

## 62. **CONSULTATION PAPER – LOCAL INVESTIGATION AND DETERMINATION OF MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS**

Members considered this consultation paper from the Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions. The paper set out a framework within which allegations of misconduct referred to local authorities by Ethical Standards Officers at the Standards Board could be investigated and determined.

RESOLVED that the following comments be made on the consultation paper:

- the five principles outlined in the paper are about right
- the Chairman of a Standards Committee of a local authority (intended to be an Independent Member) is likely to need local government experience
- a ‘lighter touch’ process should be considered for less serious breaches (with better guidance given on how to deal with such cases)
- the proceedings of Standards Committees should be conducted in private, at least in the initial stages
- provision should be made for witnesses taking part in complaints hearings to have their expenses repaid (loss of earnings cover should be a minimum)
- it should be made clear in the guidance that any Parish Council member involved in hearing a complaint about a Parish matter should *not* be a member of the Council concerned

## 63. **DELEGATES’ REPORTS**

The Clerk presented a paper on the pre-inquiry meeting at Lyndhurst on 1 July concerning the New Forest National Park. The inquiry would start on 8 October and was expected to last around six months. Representations would be handled through three separate processes (formal and informal sessions and written representations). Members were asked to confirm or otherwise their earlier decision to request an informal session which would involve the attendance of one or two Council members to present a case.

RESOLVED that the request for an informal session be confirmed and that members be appointed for this purpose at a later date.

**64. QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE EVENT, 3 JUNE 2002**

Members received a recommendation from the organising committee that a highway seat be purchased with the surplus proceeds from this event (around £325). The proposed site was at the junction of the A36 and Lower Common Road. It was noted that additional funding might be needed for the provision of a new base.

RESOLVED that the recommendation for a new highway seat be approved.

**65. SPORT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of the Sport and Leisure Committee held on 25 June 2002, a copy of which appears as appendix 2 in the minute book. Item 4 (Pavilion facilities at Lower Common Road and Hatches Farm) was considered in conjunction with the separate recommendation at item 16 and members agreed to exclude the press and public for this purpose. On item 6(d) (Tree works on Gurnays Mead boundary), Mr Austin had yet to obtain a revised quotation.

Members also noted that the Council's large strimmer was in need of replacement. Consideration was being given to a suitable model. A discussion also took place on charges made to the Football Club for pitch hire. In this respect, Mr Harris was asked to supply details of the last two season's fixtures as a means of verifying the charges levied.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the minutes be received and the recommendations therein contained be adopted; and
- (2) That authority be given for the purchase of a new strimmer.

**66. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Mrs Simpson reported on various environmental maintenance issues which would be dealt with in more detail at the Environment Committee meeting on 25 July. In particular, it was noted that:

- the damaged bench at Monkeys Jump had been repaired by John Dawkins
- the tree protection work required at Monkeys Jump had been undertaken by Georgina Burrows.
- the bus shelter opposite Hatches Garage required repair and removal of graffiti.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs Burrows for her help with the tree works; and
- (2) That Roger Marchbank be asked to carry out the necessary work at the A36 bus shelter.

**67. PARISH COUNCIL PUBLICITY**

An item on village flood protection would be included in the next Parish Newsletter.

## 68. PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES

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

	£	VAT	£
Burial fees	205.00	0.00	205.00
Golden Jubilee proceeds	438.31	0.00	438.31
Bank interest	75.29	0.00	75.29

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

Cheque No	Payee	£	VAT	£
001571	Hampshire County Youth Band Association (Grant) (Minute 46(a)/6/02 refers)	100.00	0.00	100.00
001572	Romsey & District Carers Forum (Grant) (Minute 46(a)/6/02 refers)	50.00	0.00	50.00
001573	Southern Water (Sewerage charge, Lower Common Road)	65.87	0.00	65.87
001574	Bournemouth & West Hants Water (Supply to recreation grounds)	64.80	0.00	64.80
001575	Landford Garden Machinery (Repairs to mowers)	127.98	22.39	150.37
001576	Eastleigh Borough Council (Printing, April to June)	121.60	21.28	142.88
001577	Veronica Perry (Chairman's allowance)	187.20	0.00	187.20
001578	Jean Kenny (Maintenance of highway sites, May and June)	36.05	0.00	36.05
001579	R Biddlecombe (Salary 9/6 – 6/7/02, travel + purchases)	126.10	1.56	127.66
001580	J Benham (Grass cutting, Hatches Farm)	30.00	0.00	30.00
001581	J Benham (Salary, 1/7 – 6/7/02, travel + purchases, including supply/fitting of tow bar)	199.81	21.49	221.30
001582	Inland Revenue (Tax and NI, April to June)	700.90	0.00	700.90
001583	Mrs G Burrows (Tree work on Common)	30.00	0.00	30.00
001584	Mrs W Simpson (Purchase of bark)	12.00	0.00	12.00

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

In 7 days: £2750

69. **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.

70. **HOUSING WORKING GROUP**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Working Group held on 20 June 2002 (appendix 3 in the minute book) be received and the recommendations therein contained be adopted.