

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wellow Village Hall – 10 May 2004
(8.08 p.m. – 10.10 p.m.)

PRESENT: Mrs Perry (Chairman); Mr Austin, Mr Bloore, Mr Browning, Mr Gentle, Mr Moody, Mr Pointer and Mrs Simpson

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Bailey, Mrs Eddlestone and Mr Noble

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Mrs V Perry be appointed Chairman of the Council for the year 2004/05.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Mr A Gentle be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 2004/05.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 April 2004 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Green garden waste collection service (183(d)/4/04): Tom Evison of Test Valley Borough Council would give a presentation on this new scheme following the planning meeting on Monday 21 June (7.30 p.m.).

5. DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Gentle reported on: further discussions regarding funding for a footway in Romsey Road; possible bridge repair work by the National Trust at the southern end of Canada track.

Councillor Lewis referred to the proposed public exhibition at Plaitford Village Hall on Friday 21 May regarding A36 safety proposals. Councillor Lewis also agreed to arrange a meeting with Test Valley's Environmental Health Officer and Enforcement Officer to address issues relating to work being undertaken on land to the north west of Kings Farm, Foxes Lane (discussed in the public participation session).

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Application for grant – Victim Support, New Forest and Romsey. RESOLVED that a grant of £50 be made in this case.
- (b) Wellow & Plaitford Cricket Club: The Club had requested a grant towards the cost of an artificial wicket for the Colts. However, members felt that, in terms of available funding, priority should be given to the new pavilion project. Construction of the new building might also influence the location of any new wicket. On this basis, it was agreed to ask the Club to defer the artificial wicket proposal for the time being.
- (c) Council insurances: RESOLVED that the insurance policy with Allianz Cornhill be renewed in the sum of £4045.90.

- (d) Other matters: Members noted the following:
- (i) a letter of thanks from the Happy Go Luck Club for the Council's grant;
 - (ii) a letter from Southern Water giving an update on work at the Wellow Mill pumping station;
 - (iii) Other correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda.

7. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) A36 Plaitford to West Wellow Speed and Safety Study: Members received a copy of the Executive Summary and Recommendations in the Final Study Report. In particular, the study recommended: reinforcement of the 40mph speed limit between School Road and Fighting Cocks Farm; engineering measures through the 50 mph limit to reduce speeds (with the ultimate aim of reducing the limit to 40 mph); reduction of the circulatory carriageway at Canada roundabout; provision of a number of formal and informal crossings through the length of the study area. A public exhibition would be held at Plaitford Village Hall on 21 May from 4 pm to 7 pm.
- (b) Street nameplates: A letter from TVBC asked for comments on new nameplates at various locations in Wellow following suggestions from a recent Citizens Panel questionnaire. It was agreed to defer discussion to the next meeting to allow further time to consider the proposals. In particular, planning representatives were asked to report back on the suggestions.
- (c) Tutts Lane/Scallows Lane: A deep hole had appeared at the side of the road opposite the junction with Spouts Lane. Agreed, refer to Surveyor.

8. PLANNING

- (a) Planning and General Purposes Committee: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 5 and 19 April 2004 (shown as appendices 1 and 2 in the minute book) be received.
- (b) Planning procedures: Members received a letter from the Head of Planning in response to the Council's representations on planning procedures. On the suggestion of a planning 'audit', a member training programme already existed. However, a session would be included in the coming year on some aspect of recent decision making. It was felt that the proposal to include a planning history as part of the consultation process would benefit all consultees and would therefore be pursued further.
- (c) Enforcement training: A letter from TVBC gave details of a planning enforcement training event at Kings Somborne Village Hall on Tuesday 22 June at 7 pm. Mr Austin, Mr Browning and Mrs Perry agreed to attend.

9. 2004/05 APPOINTMENTS

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the following appointments be made to Committees and Working Groups for the year 2004/05:

Planning & GP: Mr Austin, Mr Bailey (Mrs Eddlestone as temporary substitute), Mr Browning, Mr Noble, Mrs Perry and Mr Pointer

Policy & Finance: Mr Bloore, Mrs Eddlestone, Mr Gentle and Mr Moody (plus Chairmen of Environment and Sport & Leisure Committees)

Environment: Mr Browning, Mrs Eddlestone, Mr Gentle and Mrs Simpson
Co-opted members: 5 places

Sport & Leisure: Mr Austin, Mr Bailey, Mr Moody, Mr Noble and Mr Pointer
Co-opted members: 4 places

Village Housing: Mr Austin, Mr Browning, Mrs Eddlestone, Mr Gentle and Mrs Simpson

New Pavilion: Mr Bloore, Mr Gentle, Mrs Perry and Mr Pointer

Parish Plan: Mr Austin, Mr Bloore, Mr Browning and Mr Gentle (early meeting to be arranged)

Parish Web Site: Mr Bailey, Mrs Perry and Mrs Simpson

- (2) That the Chairman of the Council continue to serve as a member ex-officio on all Committees and Working Groups, with full voting rights, where not already a member in his/her own right;
- (3) That the Chairmen of the Policy & Finance and Environment Committees continue to serve as substitutes on the Planning & General Purposes Committee when required;
- (4) That members be appointed as planning representatives for the year 2004/05 as follows:

Area 1 (North West): Mr Noble

Area 2 (North East): Mr Austin

Area 3 (South West): Mr Pointer

Area 4 (South Central): Mr Browning

Area 5 (South East): Mr Bailey (Mrs Eddlestone as temporary substitute)

- (5) That the following appointments be made to outside bodies for the year 2004/05:

Wellow Primary School: Mrs Eddlestone

Test Valley Asscn of Parish Councils: Mr Bloore and Mr Noble (+Clerk)

Hampshire Asscn of Parish Councils: Mr Gentle and Mrs Perry

Commoners Defence Association: Mr Gentle

Village Hall Committee: Mrs Perry

New Forest Panel: Mr Browning (deputy Mrs Simpson)

Wellow Twinning Association: Vacancy

STVVTS (Dial-a-Ride): Mr Bailey

Pavilion Funding Group: Mrs Perry

10. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2004/05

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the draft calendar for 2004/05, circulated with the agenda, be approved;
- (2) That bookings for meetings of the Planning and General Purposes Committee be made from 6.30 p.m.

11. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 21 APRIL 2004

Members considered matters arising from the recent Annual Parish Meeting and agreed responses/action as indicated:

Vegetation on Canada roundabout	Councillor Lewis pursuing
Speed-activated light on A36	Councillor Lewis pursuing
Green waste scheme – questions from parishioner	Councillor Lewis responding (Tom Evison also giving presentation to the parish on 21 June)
Canada Road nameplate replacement	Being actively pursued
Woodington Farm – ongoing activity	Councillor Woodhall pursuing
Shootash car boot sale	Clerk to write to Enforcement Officer to confirm that no conditions are being breached, including those relating to vehicle access times. Members also to view site with a view to an approach to the Police in the event of any highway issues.

12. POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2004 (appendix 3 in the minute book). In respect of item 3 (Audit of 2003/04 Accounts), it was noted that the Council's current internal auditor, Valerie Court, was no longer available. Paul Reynolds of Fair Oak was able to carry out the audit work for a fee of £315.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That Paul Reynolds be appointed to carry out the 2003/04 audit;
- (2) That, subject to (1) above, the minutes be received and the recommendations therein contained be adopted.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- (a) Repairs: RESOLVED that the following quotations from Mr A Austin be accepted:

Repairs to Hatches Garage bus shelter £95

Repairs to Common fencing (A36 frontage) £165

(Mr Austin declared an interest in this item, took no part in the discussion and did not vote thereon)

- (b) Burial Ground litter bin stanchion: RESOLVED that the quotation from Test Valley Borough Council in the sum of £88 for an additional stanchion be accepted.

- (c) Burial Ground – disposal of grass cuttings: Members discussed arrangements for the disposal of grass cuttings from the burial ground in the context of the new green waste refuse service. While TVBC encouraged membership of the scheme, Parish Councils could continue with the current bin arrangements. It was agreed that the present arrangements should be retained.

- (d) Buxton land: Members considered a request from Ann Jarrett for a permanent signboard at Canada Corner for the display of notices. In particular, it was hoped to display an

advertisement for the forthcoming Flower Festival. Members were concerned that a permanent notice board at this point would be a distraction to motorists and therefore agreed that the request should be declined. However, a temporary sign could possibly be erected on the bridge railings in front of the site, subject to a 28-day licence from the Highway Agency.

- (e) Burial Ground – proposed seat: A letter from Mrs P Pearson of Gardeners Lane requested permission to place a memorial bench in the burial ground. The request was agreed, subject to the seat being suitably secured.
- (f) Other matters: Members discussed the following matters and agreed action as indicated:
 - Buxton land - replacement memorial plaque (Mr Malin): Clerk to check wording of original plaque; Mrs Simpson to order new one
 - New signs – approximate cost of £45 for erection of new signs at Hatches Farm and Monkeys Jump (Mr Browning): Noted
 - New Forest Consultative Panel – new ragwort legislation: Highway authority will be making efforts to remove ragwort from roadsides. Common will also require attention.
 - Common – complaints received concerning flying of large kites and use of motorised jeeps. Dog mess also a problem near the turning circle.
 - Finger post formerly sited on the grass triangle at the junction of Romsey Road and Foxes Lane: Agreed replace.

14. **SPORT AND LEISURE**

- (a) Play area: A suitable Allen key was still required for replacement of the climbing board on the multi-play unit. The Clerk agreed to pursue this further.
- (b) Tennis Club: The Club wished to hire the Council's courts and pavilion on Sunday 16 May from 9 am to 12 noon for a Tennis Day. Members agreed the request.

15. **PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES**

- (a) External audit: It was noted that District Audit had set 31 August 2004 as the date for the audit of the 2003/04 accounts.
- (b) Income: Members noted income received since the last meeting, as shown in appendix 4 in the minute book.
- (c) Accounts: **RESOLVED** that authority be given for payments listed in appendix 4. (cheques 916 to 924).

Note: The following matters were discussed in the public participation session:

Development on land adjoining Kings Farm, Foxes Lane
A36 Plaitford to West Wellow Speed and Safety Study