

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Wellow Village Hall – 4 October 2004
(7.35 p.m. – 9.26 p.m.)

PRESENT: Mrs Perry (Chairman); Mr Austin, Mr Bailey, Mrs Eddlestone, Mr Noble and Mrs Simpson

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Browning, Mr Gentle and Mr Pointer

62. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2004 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the following amendment:

In minute 59 (Parish Council Finances, item (b)(i) (Accounts), substitute “appendix 7” for “appendix 6”

63. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Foxes Lane pond (55(a)/9/94): Mr Nelson had confirmed his belief that he owned both the pond and the adjoining verge. He was checking his title deeds for confirmation.

(b) Insurance cover for volunteers (58/9/04): As reported previously, volunteers were covered by the Council’s insurance policy provided they were working at the sole request of and under the sole control of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that Mrs Patricia Pointer be authorised to assist Brian Pointer in his duties as planning representative.

64. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared for this meeting.

65. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Test Valley Council Offices, Romsey: Members received a copy of a letter from Chilworth Parish Council to the Chief Executive of TVBC objecting to the possible closure of the Council offices at Duttons Road, Romsey. The letter requested consultation with local residents before a decision was made.

RESOLVED that the Council make similar representations to TVBC.

(b) Foxes Lane: A letter from local residents complained of various matters affecting Foxes Lane, including the presence of travellers, the problem of local flooding and the absence of adequate parking and turning facilities for vehicles.

RESOLVED that the matters be pursued with the relevant authorities.

(c) Other matters: The Clerk reported the following:

(i) Details of changes to admissions to primary school procedures (to be copied to Jean Clarke for inclusion in Parish magazine; Mrs Eddlestone to discuss with School);

(ii) Conference on funding and managing community projects, 9 November at Winchester. Agreed either Clerk or Mr Bloore authorised to attend;

(iii) Managing countryside paths in your parish event, 16 November at Winchester. Agreed Mrs Eddlestone to attend if available;

(iv) Requirement for Council to register under the Data Protection Act (fee of £35 payable). Agreed, fee to be paid;

- (v) Letter of thanks from the local branch of the Royal British Legion for use of the recreation ground in July for the RBL fete;
- (vi) Note of discussion at the New Forest Association of Local Councils in September concerning nomination of four Parish Councillors to serve on the National Park Authority (formal invitation for nominations to be issued shortly);
- (vii) Test Valley Catchment Liaison meeting (Hampshire Flood Steering Group), 9 November at Stockbridge;
- (viii) Invitation to STVVTS (Romsey Dial-a-Ride) AGM, 24 November at Romsey (passed to Mr Bailey);
- (ix) Letter from New Forest Section of Hampshire Field Club and Archaeological Society concerning proposed survey of West Wellow Common;
- (x) Other correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda.

66. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) Litter: Mrs Eddlestone referred to problems of litter, particularly in Tanners Lane, Embley Lane, Gardiners Lane and Whinwhistle Road. In particular, the problems seemed to emanate from the take-away restaurant at Ower and local waste management operations. Agreed, relevant authorities to be asked if enhanced litter pick arrangements can be introduced for vulnerable areas and for laybys on the A36.
- (b) Other matters: Members noted the following matters and agreed that the relevant bodies be approached:
 - (i) Tutts Lane/Scallows Lane: hole at road edge still present
 - (ii) A36: exposed grating near Hatches Garage
 - (iii) Romsey Road: water from highway flowing into track opposite Methodist Church
 - (iv) Lower Common Road: sunken drain opposite Oaklands.

67. PLANNING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meetings of the Planning and General Purposes Committee held on 13 and 20 September 2004 (appendices 1 and 2 in the minute book).

RESOLVED that the minutes be received and the recommendations therein contained be adopted, subject to the recommendation in item 3 of the 20 September minutes being amended to read:

“That the request be approved on the basis that only *one* Council court may be used on the dates proposed”.

68. DELEGATES' REPORTS

Mr Noble reported on the meeting of TVAPC held at Kings Somborne on 9 September 2004.

69. HAPTC AGM, 16 OCTOBER 2004

Members received details of motions to be presented to this meeting. It was agreed that the Council's representatives would exercise their votes in the light of debates on the relevant issues.

70. 60TH VE AND VJ ANNIVERSARIES, SUNDAY 10 JULY 2005

In the absence of Mr Moody, no report was available from the British Legion on this matter.

71. NEW PAVILION WORKING GROUP

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2004, shown as appendix 3 in the minute book.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the minutes be received and the recommendations therein contained be adopted;
- (2) That Bill Everton of Gentle Associates be invited to the Council meeting on 1 November.

72. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

In the absence of the Committee Chairman, no report was available for this meeting. It was agreed, however, that Mr Noble would discuss with the owner, the presence of a caravan on Canada Common.

73. SPORT AND LEISURE

It was noted that the next meeting of the Sport and Leisure Committee would be held on 6 October.

74. PARISH COUNCIL PUBLICITY

The next edition of the Parish Newsletter was likely to be published in November.

75. PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES

- (a) Income: Members noted income received since the last meeting, as shown in appendix 4 in the minute book.
- (b) Accounts: RESOLVED that authority be given for the payments listed in appendix 4 (cheques 988 to 995).

76. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

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

77. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Members discussed a health and safety issue relating to the Groundsman and agreed appropriate action.

78. JL GRAVE MEMORIAL

The Chairman and the Clerk reported on a meeting with the installers of this memorial which did not comply fully with the burial ground regulations. In addition, it was noted that there were items on the grave not permitted by the regulations.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the owner:

- (a) advising that the Council reserves the right to re-landscape the plot if necessary;
- (b) requesting the removal of unauthorised articles from the grave within 30 days; and
- (c) reiterating that the regulations will be applied fully in respect of the other two purchased graves.