

**WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Wellow Village Hall – 5 April 2004**  
**(7.30 p.m. – 9.22 p.m.)**

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

An apology for absence was received from Mrs Eddlestone

179. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2004 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

180. **MATTERS ARISING**

- (a) Mobile Police van (158): Local sites were required for the April visit of the Police van. Members were asked to pass proposals to the Clerk as soon as possible (sites suggested at the meeting – Hatches Farm Sports Field and West Wellow Stores).
- (b) Rail Passengers Committee (163(c)): Noted that John Merrey was unable to continue as the Council's transport representative.
- (c) Romsey Road traffic speed (164(c)): The Chairman had received a copy of the School Travel Plan and would be having discussions with the Chairman of Governors. The Plan was available to members for perusal.

181. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No interests were declared for this meeting.

182. **DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Mr Gentle reported on a number of recent meetings and seminars relating to highway and transportation issues. Discussion had included the need for funding for a footway in Romsey Road.

183. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Proposed Wellow Tourist Guide: A local resident proposed to publish a tourist guide leaflet for Wellow, advertising local attractions and facilities. Members referred to existing publications carrying local information and also the proposal for a Parish web site. On this basis, it was agreed not to participate at this stage.
- (b) Hampshire Museums Roadshow: Parishes were invited to host this roadshow at local venues in the event that the urban display programmed was extended to rural areas. Agreed, pass details to the Village Hall Committee and the Wellow History Society.
- (c) Consultation documents: The following documents proposed changes to regional planning guidance for the South East in respect of:
  - transport strategy (replacement chapter 9)
  - minerals strategy
  - waste management strategy
 Agreed, summary of proposals to be circulated to members.

- (d) New green garden waste collection service: A TVBC officer was available to attend a Council meeting to explain the new scheme. Agreed, session to be arranged to follow an early Planning & General Purposes Committee meeting.
- (e) School Governors: Under the proposed Governor changes, the Council had been offered one of two new 'sponsor' positions on the Board. These places were for people close to the school but without the legal responsibilities of a governor. Sponsors were allowed to attend and speak at Governors meetings, but not vote. Agreed accept.
- (f) Other matters: Members noted the following:
  - (i) Details of the New Forest Spring Clean Week, 17 – 25 April 2004 (Noted that areas of the Common and other parts of the village also required cleaning)
  - (ii) A letter from DTI/Defra concerning extension of broadband to rural communities
  - (iii) Details of a proposed survey by TVBC to ascertain the condition of the privately owned housing stock in the Borough
  - (iv) Other correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda

#### 184. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- (a) Outstanding matters: The Area Surveyor had confirmed that various outstanding highway matters were receiving attention. Mrs Eddlestone had also provided photographs to assist the new Highway Engineer (Steve Pellatt) in identifying the particular issues.
- (b) A36, Plaitford to Wellow: Members received a copy of a letter from Atkins Highways & Transportation in response to the recent joint parish representations. In particular, it was noted that Wiltshire Constabulary objected to reduction of the speed limit west of Maurys Lane without engineering measures to reduce vehicle speeds. Such measures were due to be implemented during 2004/05. Atkins were willing to meet with parishes to discuss progress with A36 safety matters.  
Mr Gentle also reported on recently published traffic figures which showed a reduction of vehicle movements on the A36 in 2002/03 compared to the previous year.
- (c) Embley Lane: Residents of Embley Lane had requested the erection of signs to warn of dangers to young cyclists because of the nature of the road. It was agreed to ask the Surveyor for a suitable sign.
- (d) HGV restrictions between A36 and A27: A letter from HCC referred to a request from Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council for HGV restrictions on Sherfield English Road, Sherfield English Lane and Steplake Lane. Traffic surveys would be arranged to evaluate through traffic movements and the results would be reported in due course.
- (e) Other matters: It was agreed to report the following matters to the highway authorities:
  - mud on the highway near the pumping station in Whinwhistle Road
  - damaged road surface near the Plantation Road turning circle
  - damaged 30mph sign at the junction of Canada Road/A36
  - damaged bollard at the junction of Maurys Lane/A36

#### 185. **PLANNING**

- (a) Planning and General Purposes Committee: Consideration was given to the minutes of the meetings held on 1 and 22 March 2004, copies of which appear as appendices 1 and 2 in the minute book. In respect of the 22 March minutes, it was noted that:
  - under item 2 (Planning Representatives), Mrs Eddlestone had agreed to replace Mr Bailey during his absence
  - under item 7 (Planning Policy), the proposed initiatives in the final paragraph were being presented as formal recommendations.

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

- (b) 'Sundew', Slab Lane: Following the decision to allow this appeal, members were concerned about possible parking problems during construction work. It was agreed to raise the matter with the planning authority albeit the opportunity for formal conditions as part of the planning consent had been lost.

**186. DELEGATES' REPORTS**

Members received reports on the following meetings:  
 NFADC, 11 March (topics included Dibden Bay, local Policing, flooding, New Forest Planning, child safety in cars and affordable housing)  
 TVAPC, 4 March (topics included TVBC community strategy and Local Plan, NHS Foundation Trusts and local police houses)

**187. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 21 APRIL 2004**

Members agreed final arrangements for this meeting, including agenda order and publicity.

**188. NEW PAVILION WORKING GROUP**

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the minutes of the meetings of the Working Group held on 11 and 24 March 2004 (appendices 3 and 4 in the minute book) be received and noted;  
 (2) That the next meeting of the Group, provisionally arranged for 14 April, be postponed for approximately two weeks.

**189. SPORT AND LEISURE**

- (a) Sport and Leisure Committee: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 16 March 2004 (appendix 5 in the minute book) be received and the recommendations therein contained be adopted.
- (b) Cricket Club agreement: It was noted that the Cricket Club had agreed the Council's amended terms for the proposed three-year agreement for Local Common Road. The Clerk had also written to the Club setting out the proposed operation of the agreement in the context of the replacement pavilion scheme.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Cricket Club's acceptance of the agreement terms be noted; and  
 (2) That the contents of the Clerk's letter of 18 March 2004 to the Cricket Club be endorsed.
- (c) Monthly report: Members received a report on outstanding items in the play area, including re-painting of the roundabout and renewal of the climbing board on the multi-play unit. Tree branches growing through the safety fence also required attention (Chairman to attend). Mr Bailey had attended to various protruding bolt heads in both the play area and

the sports area, as identified in the last safety report.

- (d) Tennis Club summer bookings: Consideration was given to a request from the Tennis Club for block booking of the Council's courts during the period April to September 2004.

RESOLVED that the request be approved, subject to the Saturday bookings during the school summer holidays being reduced to one court.

## 190. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- (a) Monthly report: Members received an update on current environmental matters. Action was agreed as follows:

Canada Common: Mr Browning to arrange for felling of two trees  
 Groundsman to carry out clearance of blackberry bushes  
 Groundsman/Mr Gentle to repair Plantation Road turning circle with scalplings. Parking area fence also in need of repair  
 Monkeys Jump: Mr Gentle to investigate repairs needed to road in front of cattle grid  
 Buxton land: Working party to be arranged to remove brambles, rubbish etc  
 Malin memorial plaque to be replaced  
 Groundsman to clear adjacent ditch in Canada Road in summer

- (b) Canada Common track: A meeting had been held with the Forestry Commission and English Nature concerning the erection of a barrier to prevent through traffic. The proposal was likely to be opposed by some residents and would require full consultation. The matter would be discussed again at the next meeting of the Environment Committee.

- (c) Repairs: It was agreed to approach Andy Austin for quotations for the following repairs:  
 Replacement of fencing posts on A36 frontage of West Wellow Common  
 Renewal of damaged boards on Hatches Garage bus shelter

- (d) Burial request: Members considered a request for interment of a non-resident (EW) with strong family connections with Wellow.

RESOLVED that the request be approved.

## 191. PARISH COUNCIL PUBLICITY

A good response had been received to the recent Parish Newsletter. The next edition would be published in June. Investigations were continuing with regard to establishing a Parish website.

## 192. PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES

- (a) Income: Members noted income received since the last meeting, as shown in appendix 6 in the minute book.

- (b) Accounts: RESOLVED that authority be given for:

(i) payments listed in appendix 6 (cheques 901 to 908)  
 (ii) the following additional payment (cheque 909):  
 D A Electrical Services Ltd (security lights, Hatches Farm pavilion) £99.93