

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

PRESENT: Mr Gentle (Vice-Chairman in the Chair): Mr Austin, Mr Bailey, Mr Bloore, Mrs Eddlestone, Mr Moody, Mr Noble, Mr Pointer and Mrs Simpson

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Browning and Mrs Perry

31. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2004 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

32. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No interests were declared for this meeting.

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

Mr Gentle referred to the Secretary of State's proposal to confirm the New Forest National Park Designation Order. The intention was to exclude from the Park that part of Wellow Parish north of the A36, thus leaving a substantial part of Wellow outside the Park. It appeared that the Order could only be challenged on limited grounds; however, Members were concerned about the effect of the amended boundary and, in particular, the loss of Heritage Area status for the affected land.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Council work with the New Forest Consultative Committee and Test Valley Borough Council in an effort to restore the boundary originally proposed for the National Park in respect of Wellow Parish;
- (2) That, in the event that the amended boundary is confirmed, Test Valley Borough Council be asked if they can provide any protected status within the Local Plan for the area of Wellow losing Heritage Area status.

34. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Applications for grant: Members considered the following applications:
 Winged Fellowship – breaks/support for carers and disabled people
 Wellow Under Fives – new security fence and equipment shed at Village Hall

In respect of the Wellow Under Fives' application, members felt that the Village Hall Committee should be responsible for maintaining appropriate safety standards for hirers.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That a grant of £50 be paid to the Winged Fellowship;
- (2) That, in respect of the Wellow Under Fives' application, the Village Hall Committee be asked if they will meet the cost of the new security fence.

(Mr Noble declared an interest in the Wellow Under Fives' application, took no part in the discussion and did not vote thereon)

- (b) Policing Structure within Test Valley Borough: A letter from Hampshire Constabulary sought the Council's views on policing structure within the new West Hampshire Basic Command Unit. It was agreed to request that provision for a dedicated police officer for Wellow be restored.
- (c) Other matters: Members received details of the following and agreed action as shown:
- (i) Letter from TVBC concerning the Local Transport Review Process (Members to submit comments to the Clerk for inclusion in the response (to be agreed with the Vice-Chairman))
 - (ii) Letter from HCC inviting bids under the Community Safety Initiative Street Lighting scheme (agreed no action)
 - (iii) Enquiry from local resident concerning celebrations for the 60th VE and VJ anniversaries in 2005 (Mr Moody to raise with the local branch of the Royal British Legion)
 - (iv) E-mail from the new Project Manager of Western Challenge providing an update on the proposed affordable housing scheme. Funding was now available from the Housing Corporation but a land purchase had to be negotiated with the new landowner.

35. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) A36, Plaitford – speed limit: A letter from WS Atkins sought the Council's comments on the proposed reduction of the speed limit through Plaitford from 50 mph to 40 mph. It was agreed to support the proposal.
- (b) A36 - horse crossing opposite Maurys Lane: Further to minute 22(b)/6/04, Mr Browning had inspected the site as requested. He was of the view that there was no need to set back the gate for horseriders; however, he proposed that hedge cutting be carried out and silver birch removed.
- (c) HGV restrictions between A36 and A27: Plaitford and Melchet Park Parish Council had previously requested HGV restrictions along Sherfield English Road, Sherfield English Lane and Steplake Lane to counter through-traffic movements. However, HCC had carried out a traffic survey and concluded that such restrictions could not be justified.
- (d) Plant Close: TVBC had given notice that they were now proceeding with the change of name of Plants Close to Plant Close.
- (e) Kingston Caravan Park: Members commented that owners'/visitors' cars were being parked in the road outside the caravan park. It was agreed to ask TVBC if parking requirements within the planning consent were being observed.
- (f) Potholes: Highway defects at the following locations would be reported to the highway authorities:
- Canada roundabout (eastern approach)
 - Romsey Road, near Somerled

36. PLANNING

- (a) Planning and General Purposes Committee: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 7 and 21 June 2004 (shown as appendices 1 and 2 in the minute book) be received.

- (b) Deputies on Planning and General Purposes Committee: Members reviewed the position concerning deputies on this Committee following the appointment of Mr Browning as Chairman of the Environment Committee.

RESOLVED that the named deputies on this Committee be amended to Mr J Bloore and Mrs J Eddlestone.

- (c) Car boot sale, Shootash: Members noted a letter from Hampshire Constabulary in response to the matters previously raised. Officers had had occasion to assist with traffic congestion at the site and had issued the owner with 'no waiting' cones. The Police would deal as necessary with any cases of obstruction. No injury accidents near the site during the last five years could be attributed to the location of the car boot sale.

The Clerk reported that TVBC had agreed to grant permanent permission for the site in September 2002. However, formal consent had not yet been issued pending completion of a legal agreement. It also appeared that TVBC were contemplating allowing an earlier start time of 7 a.m. It was agreed to request that the existing start time of 8.15 a.m. be retained and that enforcement action be taken in respect of the advertising signs at and around the site.

- (d) Other matters: Members noted letters from TVBC on the following:
- (i) Confirmation that the Council's request for attention to drainage details at the Sundew, Slab Lane site had been passed to Building Control (this would be borne in mind in the event that the developer used the local authority building control service)
 - (ii) Confirmation that the oak tree formerly situated outside land adjacent to 11 Goddard Close had not been covered by a TPO.

37. **GREEN GARDEN WASTE SERVICE**

Members considered whether the cancelled presentation on this topic (21 June) should be re-arranged.

RESOLVED that the presentation be re-arranged, if possible, for Thursday 23 September 2004.

38. **DELEGATES' REPORTS**

There were no matters to report under this item.

39. **POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE – MEMBERSHIP**

RESOLVED that, following the appointment of the Chairmen for the Environment and Sport and Leisure Committees, the membership of the Policy and Finance Committee be confirmed as follows:

Mr Austin, Mr Bloore, Mr Browning, Mrs Eddlestone, Mr Gentle and Mr Moody
Ex-officio Mrs Perry.

40. **SPORT AND LEISURE**

- (a) Sport and Leisure Committee. Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2004, a copy of which appears as appendix 3 in the minute book. In respect of item 7 (Maintenance Issues), quotations had been received from A Austin as follows:

Hatches Farm Sports Field – vehicle barrier: £395

Lower Common Road Recreation Ground – provision of wooden structure for grass cuttings: £825.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That Mr Pointer and the Clerk discuss further details of the proposed vehicle barrier at Hatches Farm and that the Clerk be authorised to accept a quotation from Mr A Austin if the proposal meets the Council's specification;
 - (2) That the proposal for a grass cuttings storage box at Lower Common Road be referred back to the Committee for further consideration;
 - (3) That, subject to (1) and (2) above, the minutes be received and the recommendations therein contained be adopted.
- (b) Play area: The Clerk referred to the Rospa report on the recent safety inspection. There were no high risk items but the report made recommendations on medium and low risk matters.

RESOLVED that arrangements be made for members of the Sport and Leisure Committee to discuss the report on site.

- (c) Hatches Farm pavilion: Members noted the renewal of temporary planning permission for the pavilion to 30 June 2009.

41. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- (a) Monthly report: An update was given on current issues as follows:
- a working party had undertaken work at the Buxton site on 10 June (noted that a larger strimmer will be needed for the future)
 - materials for the seats at the Carlos site had now been obtained – Mrs Kenny being consulted on siting
 - Mrs Perry and Mr Browning had met Jane Nordstrom of English Nature to discuss this year's gorse and birch management work. A new 5-year agreement would also be prepared in due course
 - 7 Nightingale Close – hedge overhanging footway on Slab Lane frontage – agree refer to Surveyor
 - Foxes Lane pond – new landowner of Kings Farm land was apparently claiming ownership of the pond. Agreed, request County Surveyor to submit claim as highway land with a view to Parish Council taking over as a licensed site
- (b) Songs of Praise Service, Canada Common: Members considered a request for permission to hold a combined service for Wellow and Sherfield Churches on Canada Common on Sunday 12 September 2004. Members agreed the request.
- (c) Dog Fouling, Canada Common: A letter from TVBC dealt with the problem of dog fouling at the Plantation Road turning circle. Members agreed to accept the following offers of help:
- patrolling by the Dog Warden at suitable times of the day
 - provision of an article for publishing in the Parish Newsletter

42. **PARISH COUNCIL PUBLICITY**

The next edition of the Parish Newsletter was currently being prepared. It was agreed to include information on Council members and on Explorer bus passes.

43. **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 949 to 952)