

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Wellow Village Hall – 7 June 2004
(7.30 p.m. – 9.24 p.m.)

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Bailey and Mrs Eddlestone

16. **MR NOBLE**

On behalf of the Council, the Chairman congratulated Ray Noble on completing 25 years' service with the Parish Council.

17. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2004 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

18. **MATTERS ARISING**

Shootash car boot sale (11/5/04: A letter had been received from the Head of Planning in response to the matters raised by the Council (see Planning & General Purposes Committee minutes of 7 June).

19. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No interests were declared for this meeting.

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

There were no matters to report under this item.

21. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Application for grant – Hampshire County Youth Band Association: A letter from this body sought grant-aid, with particular reference to the purchase of new instruments. Members agreed to make a contribution and also suggested that the Band consider providing a concert in the Wellow area.

RESOLVED that a grant of £100 be made in this case.

- (b) Other matters: Members noted the following:

- (i) a letter from HCC showing the results of the re-tendering exercise for subsidised local bus services
- (ii) a letter from The Local Channel offering free website facilities (Web Site Working Group to consider)
- (iii) Other correspondence as shown in the list tabled at the meeting.

22. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- (a) Street nameplates: Further to minute 7(b)/5/04, members considered a letter from TVBC on suggestions for additional street nameplates. The proposals had arisen from a recent Citizens Panel questionnaire. Members felt that, on balance, the nameplates suggested would not be of significant value. It would be preferable to use available funds to replace or repair the many existing signs in need of attention.
- (b) A36: Horse crossing at Maurys Lane – a letter from WS Atkins contained proposals for alterations at the Maurys Lane entrance to the Common, to improve safety for horseriders. The suggestions had been made by residents attending the recent safety exhibition. It was agreed that Mr Browning would inspect the site and report back to the next meeting.
- (c) Potholes: A number of potholes and other hazards remained outstanding despite requests for repair. It was agreed that these would be pursued and correspondence copied to Councillor Woodhall.
- (d) Other matters: Members noted the following:
 - (i) A letter from the Highways Agency thanking the Council for its attendance at the recent A36 exhibition and for assisting with publicity;
 - (ii) A letter from HCC indicating that the improvement proposals requested for the Danes Road/Shootash crossroads were of low priority and were still awaiting investigation.

23. **PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 10 and 24 May 2004 (shown as appendices 1 and 2 in the minute book) be received.

24. **DELEGATES' REPORTS**

There were no matters to report under this item. A note of the recent meeting regarding footpath 24 appears under minute 27(a) (Environmental Matters).

25. **NEW PAVILION WORKING GROUP**

Members received the minutes of the Working Group meeting held on 26 May 2004 (appendix 3 in the minute book).

It was noted that information on likely building costs was needed before further progress could be made. This could hopefully be addressed through discussions with Compton and Shawford Parish Council who had recently completed a new pavilion. A visit to the new building was also planned. In this context, it was agreed to postpone the next Working Group meeting scheduled for 17 June but to substitute, if possible, a visit to Compton on the same date.

26. **SPORT AND LEISURE**

- (a) Monthly report: Visitors' cars had recently been parked near the Hatches Farm pavilion during football and tennis matches. This was likely to cause ground damage if allowed to continue. It was agreed to raise the matter at the meeting of the Sport and Leisure Committee on 15 June. In addition, the Groundsman would be asked to trim the area behind the tennis courts.

- (b) Cricket Club – synthetic wicket: A letter from the Wellow & Plaitford Cricket Club asked the Council to reconsider the matter of financial assistance for the proposed artificial wicket at Lower Common Road. The Club had obtained grant offers from various external bodies but had a funding shortfall of £1000.

Members agreed that there were insufficient funds to assist this project in 2004/05. The Council had already committed the majority of the Projects Fund to the new pavilion scheme which should receive priority. Members felt that the pavilion and artificial wicket should be combined into a single project thus avoiding areas of possible conflict. In addition, there was concern about the increasing size of the cricket table and its implications for the safety of the play area.

Members acknowledged that any delay in progressing the synthetic wicket had possible implications for grant-aid but agreed that there were overriding reasons for deferring the project at this time.

RESOLVED that the Cricket Club be informed that the Parish Council is unable to assist financially with the cost of the artificial wicket or to give permission for this scheme at the present time.

27. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- (a) Environment Committee: Consideration was given to the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 27 May 2004 (appendix 4 in the minute book). An update was provided as follows:

Item 5 (Co-opted Members): It was suggested that Michael Stephens might wish to join the Committee to fill the co-opted member vacancy.

Item 6 (Footpath 24): Mrs Perry had recently met on site with the landowner and Ian Lawrence to discuss proposals for this footpath. A proposal to fence the path appeared acceptable but Rights of Way were opposed to re-siting the stile situated at the Foxes Lane end. A kissing gate might be considered in place of the stile, and the stile midway along the path would be removed. The landowner also proposed to rehang the gate at the footpath entrance to avoid encroaching on the path, and to reinstate the hedgerow.

It was also noted that hardcore had been installed at the entrance alongside the footpath. Mr Gentle agreed to pursue the matter of planning permission.

Item 9 (Buxton Land): A working party session had been arranged for this site on the evening of Thursday 10 June. In the context of recent discussions on the display of notices on the adjoining land, the Highway Agency was of the view that the land was owned by the Parish Council. On this basis members were content to allow the existing advertisement for the Canada Road nursery to remain.

Item 14 (Highway Signs): Reference was made to the 'Unsuitable for Heavy Vehicles' sign installed at Embley Lane. It was suggested that a similar sign would be beneficial in Church Lane.

Item 16 (Hedges): The new landowner had agreed to deal in the autumn with the overhanging hedge in Romsey Road.

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

- (b) West Wellow Common: Members agreed the following action in respect of the Common:
Brambles at Monkeys Jump – Groundsman to clear
Memorial seat at Canada Common – two design options tabled at meeting. Mr Gentle to liaise with donor on level of contribution.

28. **PARISH COUNCIL PUBLICITY**

Item to be included in the next Newsletter:
- the availability of Explorer bus passes at the Post Office
Any other items to be notified to Mrs Eddlestone.

29. **PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES**

- (a) Income: Members noted income received since the last meeting, as shown in appendix 5 in the minute book.
- (b) Accounts: RESOLVED that authority be given for:
 - (i) the payments listed in appendix 5 (cheques 934 to 936)
 - (ii) the following additional payment (cheque 937):
Ashley Browning (Fitting of signs at Hatches Farm and Monkeys Jump) £50.00

30. **COUNCIL MEETING, 6 SEPTEMBER 2004**

RESOLVED that the Council meeting scheduled for 6 September be moved to Monday 13 September 2004.

Note: The following matter was discussed in the public participation session:

Advertising boards at Hatches Farm Sports Field – Wellow Football Club