

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Wellow Village Hall – 3 October 2005
(7.51 p.m. – 9.10 p.m.)

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Browning and Mr Gentle

66. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2005 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

67. MATTERS ARISING

(a) *Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2006 (51(d)/9/05)*: The Council's candidate had declined to be nominated for the award.

(b) *Rockingham Arms, Canada Road 53(b)/9/05*: The application to vary the premises licence had been approved, albeit with various conditions.

(c) *War Memorial, Romsey Road (56/9/05)*: Agreement had been reached for the new footway serving the affordable housing scheme to be constructed in front of the war memorial. However, grant-aid would be sought to move the memorial away from the highway and carry out repairs to the damaged base. Mr Moody agreed to discuss with The Royal British Legion the possibility of turning the memorial through 90° to improve the layout.

68. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared for this meeting.

69. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

It was noted that a vacancy existed on the Council following the resignation of Mrs Eddlestone. The Chairman had written to Mrs Eddlestone to thank her for her services to the Council. Notices advertising the vacancy had been posted, with the period for residents to request an election expiring on 7 October.

RESOLVED that, in the event that an election is not called:

- (1) Notices be displayed inviting residents to apply for the position of co-opted member;
- (2) Unsuccessful applicants for the vacancy in February be re-considered for the present position;
- (3) The vacancy be filled by co-option at the Council meeting on Monday 7 November 2005.

70. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) *Reductions to supported bus services (51(b)/9/05)*: Service X71 (Salisbury to Southampton, Sundays) would now continue following Wiltshire County Council's decision to contract the service.

(b) *Bus travel*: A local resident had expressed concern about the proposal for free bus travel for persons over 60 and the disabled with the consequent withdrawal of travel tokens. This would preclude persons in remote areas or those with a disability to use tokens for travel by taxi. The Clerk had asked TVBC for clarification of the proposals and was awaiting a reply

RESOLVED that the matter be further considered at the Planning and General Purposes Committee meeting on 24 October 2005.

(c) *Other correspondence:* Members noted other correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda.

71. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) *Canada roundabout, A36:* A letter from the Highways Agency indicated that grass cutting on the roundabout would only take place once or twice a year. It was agreed to pursue the re-seeding as a matter of urgency and enlist the help of Councillor Roy Perry to achieve a higher maintenance standard. The assistance of Bob Morris (National Park Authority) would also be sought when he attended the Planning meeting on 24 October.

Reference was also made to the proximity of the new pedestrian crossing to the roundabout and residents' reluctance to use the facility.

(b) *Safety cameras, A36:* A letter from the Safety Camera Partnership confirmed that the request for an additional camera at Plaitford was still being considered. A casualty analysis had been completed and speed profiles were now awaited.

(c) *Canada Road:* Concern was expressed about overgrown verges and hedges in Canada Road, particularly in the context of increased use by pedestrians and horseriders. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Surveyor.

(d) *Other matters:* Members noted the following:

(i) Decayed woodwork adjoining the cattle grid at Blackhill Road (refer to Surveyor);

(ii) A letter from HCC advising their inability to place warning signs near the building site at Shangri-La, Maurys Lane, as the works were not on the highway. However, mud on the highway would be addressed.

72. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) *Planning and General Purposes Committee:* RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2005, shown as appendix 1 in the minute book, be received and approved.

(b) *Planning deputy:* RESOLVED that Mr D Windell be appointed a planning deputy in place of Mrs Eddlestone.

73. THE SOUTH EAST PLAN

Members discussed the public consultation document on district-level housebuilding targets in South East England. In Central Hampshire and New Forest (the area encompassing Wellow), some 16,000 new homes were planned over the next twenty years. Around 14,000 of these were expected to be built on sites already earmarked for housing and on other sites within towns. Of the options given for the remaining 2000, members favoured sites in the Whitehill/Bordon area, on land currently occupied by the Ministry of Defence. Members were opposed to a proposal to build 10,000 homes near Lee on the grounds of inadequate infrastructure, highway implications and the need to preserve the countryside.

74. DELEGATES' REPORTS

Members received the following reports:

Mr Bailey: Dial-a-Ride meeting

Mrs Perry: Hampshire Service at Winchester Cathedral, 18 September

Mr Noble and the Clerk: TVAPC meeting at Kings Somborne, 8 September

75. **SPORT AND LEISURE**

(a) *Sport and Leisure Committee:* Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2005, shown as appendix 2 in the minute book. In respect of item 6(c) (Tennis Club winter bookings), the Club had submitted two revised dates. On item 7 (Projects for 2006/07), measurements for hockey and netball pitches were now available and Mr Austin and Mr Pointer would carry out a site analysis.

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

(b) *Wellow Football Club:* The Club was seeking a meeting with the Council to discuss proposals for improvements to the pavilion and football pitches at Hatches Farm. It was agreed to hold a meeting with the Club on Wednesday 12 October 2005.

(c) *Monthly report:* Mr Austin reported on the following:

- climbing board on the multi-play unit now re-fitted
- entrance gate to the play area now repaired following vandalism
- damaged bolt on the safety fence to be replaced

76. **NEW PAVILION WORKING GROUP**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2005, shown as appendix 3 in the minute book. The date of the next meeting would be set once the information on current standards for changing rooms, toilets and showers etc was available.

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

77. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

No monthly report was available in the absence of the Chairman. However, the following items were noted:

- postponement of the Buxton land working party session
- problem of horse droppings on footways and highways

78. **PARISH COUNCIL PUBLICITY**

The following items were identified for inclusion in the next Parish Newsletter: condolences to the family of Councillor John Lewis; standard of hedge and verge cutting (including an appeal to residents to maintain hedges adjoining footways); update on the new pavilion project; West Wellow Common (details of Council ownership and designations).

79. **PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES**

(a) *2004/05 audit:* The Clerk reported satisfactory completion of the 2004/05 audit by the Audit Commission.

(b) *Income:* Members noted income received since the last meeting, as shown in appendix 4 in the minute book.

(c) *Expenditure:* RESOLVED –

- (i) that cheques 2168 to 2176, as shown in appendix 4, be endorsed;
- (ii) that authority be given for the new payments listed in appendix 4 (cheques 2177 to 2184).