

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Wellow Village Hall – 6 June 2005
(7.47p.m. – 9.48p.m.)

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Gentle and Mr Pointer

18. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2005 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

19. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Canada Common track (13(c)/5/05): The Forestry Commission was able to supply logs for use alongside the track as discussed (Larch was the preferred choice of wood). The cost for 200 metres was likely to be £300, including delivery. Members felt that placement of the logs could be undertaken by the Council.

The purchase of logs was agreed in principle, subject to consultation with local residents. The Chairman and Mr Browning were authorised to approve the final details.

(b) Play area vandalism (14(c)/5/05): In view of the repetitive nature of the damage to the roundabout, the Police had been asked to investigate. A formal response from the Police was awaited but the vandalism had presently ceased.

20. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared for this meeting.

21. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) West Wellow Common: Survey of Nightjars for English Nature: A letter from Just Ecology Environmental Consultancy Limited gave details of a proposed survey of Nightjars for English Nature in the summer. The information was required to assess the condition of Special Protection Areas and SSSIs designated for this bird. It was agreed to request a copy of the study report.

(b) Other correspondence: Members noted receipt of the following:

- (i) Notice of an application to transfer the licence for Blue Hayes Restaurant to Michael and Janet Driscoll;
- (ii) A letter of thanks from the Parochial Church Council for the Council's grant towards the Florence Nightingale project;
- (iii) Other correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda.

22. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) A36: A letter from W S Atkins advised that, while Canada roundabout would be seeded, no planting would be undertaken in the interests of road safety. Works to the footways would take place shortly.

Following discussion with the Chairman, the Clerk had asked Atkins to reconsider the position concerning planting. In addition, it was agreed to request confirmation of the

seeding arrangements and proposals for grass cutting frequency.

The Clerk also reported a letter from HCC confirming that the Council's enquiry regarding an additional safety camera at Plaitford had been referred to the Safety Camera Partnership.

(b) *Other matters:* It was agreed to refer to the following matters to the Surveyor:

- relocation of the Wellow Golf Club tourist sign from the Ryedown triangle to the northern verge
- replacement of the damaged road nameplates at Ryedown triangle
- replacement of the damaged cast direction sign at Barnes corner
- pothole in Buttons Lane near the Romsey Road junction

23. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) *Planning and General Purposes Committee:* Members received the minutes of the meetings held on 9 and 23 May 2005, shown as appendices 1 and 2 respectively in the minute book. On item 4 of the 23 May minutes (Statement of Community Involvement), it was noted that Test Valley had agreed to add TVAPC to the list of consultees for the preparation of Local Development documents.

RESOLVED that the minutes be approved.

(b) *Test Valley Borough Local Plan Review – Inspector's report:* A letter from TVBC confirmed that, following the recent Public Local Inquiry, Part 1 of the Inspector's report (housing issues) would be submitted to the Council in September 2005. Part 2 (remainder of the Plan) should be with the Council by the end of January 2006. In the meantime, work had begun on the new Local Development Framework.

24. DELEGATES' REPORTS

Ashley Browning reported on a recent meeting of the New Forest Consultative Panel which had covered the following topics:

- a new permanent and flexible management plan for Crown management to replace the existing seven plans and obviating the need for 5-year reviews
- management of the planning function in the New Forest (Note: the intention was to continue to consult Parish Councils on planning applications, albeit there was no legal obligation)
- a presentation by the New Forest Equestrian Association
- removal of litter bins from car parks and other locations in the New Forest
- a presentation by Ian Nelson on proposals for an Eden-type project in Marchwood

25. HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

(a) *New Director:* The Clerk reported the appointment of Mr Steven Lugg as Director of HAPTC from 1 July 2005 to succeed Mrs Suzanne Hudson

(b) *Resolutions:* Parishes had been invited to submit resolutions to the HAPTC AGM on Saturday 8 October 2005. It was agreed not to submit a resolution on this occasion.

26. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

(a) *Monthly report:* Ashley Browning presented a report on current environmental matters.

Action was agreed as indicated:

- felling of a dead Scots pine in Canada Road
- planting of a replacement Wellingtonia at the burial ground
- vehicle damage to edge of Barnes corner licensed site (Jeff Benham to repair)
- Wellow Ways, Sunday 19 June (all Parish Councillors encouraged to attend)

- submission of an application to the Rural Payments Agency for grant-aid under the Single Payment Scheme for maintenance of the Common (result awaited)
 - Wellow Common – damage by cattle to fencing on A36 frontage (any necessary remedial action to be carried out)
 - Ryedown triangle – consideration to be given to levelling the site to allow Jeff Benham to undertake future grass cutting
 - Carlos site – request highway authority to supply topsoil in the autumn for re-seeding of the bare edges at the northern end of the site
- (b) *Wheeled bins*: TVBC had confirmed installation of a new stanchion at Monkeys Jump, the wheeled bin to be attached shortly. The bin at Canada Common had been relocated because of alleged damage by animals. Members felt this unlikely and agreed to make a further request for reinstatement next to the dog bin.
- (c) *Ragwort*: Reference was made to the presence of ragwort on the former Wellow Vineyard site. It was agreed to request the landowner to clear the ragwort within seven days and to ask for written confirmation. (Defra could be asked to intervene if the landowner failed to respond)
- (d) *Canada Common*: Members noted correspondence between English Nature and Guy Gibson on conservation matters relating to Canada Common

27. SPORT AND LEISURE

Maurice Austin presented a report on current sport and leisure matters as follows:

- (a) *Hatches Farm pavilion – changing rooms*: The Football Club had not complied with the terms of the three-year agreement to keep the changing rooms and showers in a clean and tidy condition. RESOLVED that the Club be asked to carry out cleaning within the next 14 days after which the Council will review the position.
- (b) *Hatches Farm pavilion – refurbishment*: A specification had now been prepared for repair and redecoration, as discussed at the last meeting. It was agreed to invite a quotation from Stuart Cloudsdale for this work.
- (c) *Lower Common Road pavilion – refurbishment*: An invoice had now been presented for phase 2 of the recent refurbishment works. Additional costs had been incurred for extra work identified during the contract. It was agreed that Mr Austin would discuss one or two points of detail with the contractor to determine the final cost. RESOLVED that authority be given for expenditure of up to £3425 for the entire contract and that the Chairman be authorised to agree the settlement figure for phase 2.
- (d) *Play area*: Andrew Austin had now strengthened the boards on the roundabout to deter further vandalism. The provision of a replacement climbing board for the multi-play unit was still outstanding.
- (e) *Slab Lane entrance*: An inspection of the metal gate at the Slab Lane entrance showed that the gate and both supporting posts required renewal. It was agreed to ask Andrew Austin for a quotation.

28. NEW PAVILION WORKING GROUP

It was agreed to hold a further meeting of this Working Group on Thursday 30 June 2005 at 7.00 p.m.

29. PARISH COUNCIL PUBLICITY

It was agreed to include the following items in the next edition of the Parish Newsletter: dog walking pamphlets; ragwort; Lower Common Road pavilion refurbishment; problems of graffiti and vandalism; availability of Parish sports facilities.

30. PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES

(a) *Income*: Members noted income received since the last meeting, as shown in appendix 3 in the minute book.

(b) *Expenditure*: RESOLVED that authority be given for the new payments listed in appendix 3 cheques (2107 to 2115).

31. STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT

Gordon Bailey referred to the possible purchase of a redundant garage from Mr M Austin for the storage of Council equipment. Certain adaptations would be required and a suitable site found for the building. Mr Bailey was asked to present a detailed report, including estimated costs, to the Council meeting on 4 July 2005.