

**WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Wellow Village Hall – 7 November 2005**  
**(7.37 p.m. – 10.32 p.m.)**

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

**80. MR GORDON BAILEY**

The Council congratulated Gordon Bailey on his election to Test Valley Borough Council.

**81. MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2005 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**82. MATTERS ARISING**

- (a) *War Memorial (67(c)/10/05)*: Grant aid was available under the Hampshire Villages Initiative for improvements to the memorial. However, this would only meet part of the cost and other grant sources would therefore be explored.
- (b) *Concessionary travel (70(b)/10/05)*: TVBC had supplied details of the amendments to the concessionary travel scheme, as reported to the Planning & General Purposes Committee on 24 October 2005 (minute 3). The Committee had agreed to pursue further changes to achieve more flexibility.
- (c) *Canada roundabout, A36 (71(a)/10/05)*: A letter from the Highways Agency advised that no improved standard could be offered for maintenance of the roundabout. Works orders had been issued for re-seeding of the roundabout and alterations to the footpaths (the latter had now commenced).

**83. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No interests were declared for this meeting.

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

Councillor Gentle reported on the following matters:

- a meeting of the Hampshire/New Forest/Test Valley Transport Strategy group
- a proposed weight limit for heavy vehicles in part of the New Forest
- further discussion on a possible mini-roundabout at the Buttons Lane/Romsey Road junction
- a response from the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust on issues relating to the Blackwater valley (see Environment Committee minutes of 19 October 2005 (minute 13).  
 Agreed, copy of letter to be sent to Mr Carter of Kings Farm.

**85. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY (69/10/05)**

Members considered applications from the following five local residents for appointment as a co-opted member:

Debra Butler, Henry Ede, Guy Gibson, Jamie King and Adam Overton-Hore

RESOLVED that Guy Gibson be appointed as a co-opted member to serve until the next ordinary election of Parish Councillors in May 2007.

## 86. COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES ETC

Members reviewed the membership of Committees etc following election of the new co-opted member. In addition, it was noted that Mr Bailey could no longer act as a planning representative or serve on the Planning & General Purposes Committee because of a conflict of interest.

RESOLVED that the following appointments be made:

	<u>New member</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
Area 5 (South East) planning area:	Mr Windell	Mr Bailey
Planning & General Purposes Committee:	Mr Windell	Mr Bailey
Committee deputy:	Mr Gibson	Mr Windell
Environment Committee:	Mr Gibson	Mrs Eddlestone
Co-opted member:	Mr Harris	Mr Gibson
(Additional vacant position for co-opted member to be removed)		
Web Site Working Group:	Mr Gibson	Mrs Eddlestone
Wellow Primary School 'sponsor' governor:	Mr Bailey	Mrs Eddlestone

## 87. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) *Weight limit, New Forest:* A joint letter from Wiltshire and Hampshire County Councils referred to a possible 7.5 tonne "except for access" weight restriction in the Downton/Redlynch area and a section of the New Forest. The proposal arose from concerns about the impact of HGVs on settlements located along the B3078, B3079 and B3080 and on the New Forest National Park. Issues included the narrowness and alignment of certain roads, noise and pollution. Members supported the proposal but agreed to seek an extension of the weight restriction to the area between the A36 and A27.

(b) *Southern Test Valley Voluntary Transport Scheme (Romsey Dial-a-Ride):* The Council had been invited to attend the STTV AGM on 14 December 2005 (Mr Bailey to attend). In addition, grant aid was being sought, in particular for replacement of a Dial-a-Ride vehicle.

RESOLVED that a grant of £300 be made to STTV.

(c) *Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group – application for grant:* RESOLVED that a grant of £50 be made to this body.

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

- (i) a letter from TVBC concerning the new system of alternate bin collections to be introduced in 2006 (members suggested a viewing of one of the pilot projects, e.g. Nursling & Rownhams);
- (ii) a proposal of Nursling & Rownhams Parish Council to hold a joint meeting concerning gypsies and travellers
- (iii) notice of the annual meeting of Parish Transport representatives on 19 November 2005 at Winchester (Mr Bailey to attend)
- (iv) other correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda.

## 88. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) *Horse gate, Canada Common:* The Surveyor felt this gate was not in urgent need of repair. However, in view of a recent incident he had been asked to review the priority;

(b) *Other matters:* Members identified the following highway problems and referred them to the Surveyor for attention:

- Romsey Road (erosion of road edge/drain near Whitegates) (previously notified)
- Buttons Lane (damage to footway between Goddard Close and Oaklands)
- Gurnays Mead (damage to footway and highway near junction with Slab Lane)
- Slab Lane/Gazing Lane (surface water flowing across road from track opposite – suggest kerbing of grass verge)
- site of former Two Ways, Lower Common Road (complaint from residents regarding drainage problems – attention to ditches required)

## 89. PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Committee meetings held on 3 and 24 October 2005, shown as appendices 1 and 2 respectively in the minute book, be received and approved.

## 90. DELEGATES' REPORTS

Members received a report on the TVAPC meeting held at Kings Somborne on 3 November 2005, attended by Mr Noble and the Clerk. Topics included the Licensing Act 2003, new alternate bin collections (ABC) and planning permission for fences adjacent to highways.

## 91. POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 17 October 2005, shown as appendix 3 in the minute book, be received and the recommendations therein contained be adopted.

(Note: The recommendations arising from item 3 (Equipment – Ride-On-Mower) were discussed in confidential session at the end of the meeting. The press and public were excluded for this item).

## 92. PARISH PLAN WORKING GROUP

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Working Group meeting held on 18 October 2005, shown as appendix 4 in the minute book, be received and the recommendations therein contained be adopted.

## 93. PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE

Members gave further consideration to the provision of a Council web site. Preliminary work had already been undertaken with one prospective provider; in addition, Guy Gibson had also offered to set up and manage a site. It was agreed to obtain detailed proposals from the providers for further consideration.

## 94. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

(a) *Environment Committee:* Consideration was given to the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 19 October 2005, shown as appendix 5 in the minute book.

An update was provided as follows:

Item 2(b) (Bus shelter graffiti): Mrs Simpson offered the use of a spray machine for removing graffiti

Item 2(d) (Canada Common seat): Mr Gentle was arranging payment from the sponsor

Item 7 (Notice boards): It was agreed to revise the specification for new boards to 4' (width) x 3' (depth). In addition, the board for the Post Office would require an opening front cover

Item 8 (Burial ground paths): Clive Francis had supplied a separate quotation for works to the main path. Agreed, obtain two further quotations (from Ian Thorpe and David Locke) for the entire contract

Letter also received from Lockerley Stone seeking permission for larger cremation stones. Agreed, refer to Environment Committee with authority for Committee to make decision.

Item 8 (New Projects, 2006/07): Mr Stuckey had offered to provide daffodils for the proposed new planters

Item 11 (Canada Common track): Mr Gentle had made contact with the National Park Authority regarding repairs to the 'drift hole'.

A new wheeled bin had now been provided at Monkey Jump

RESOLVED that, subject to the amendments detailed above, the minutes be received and the recommendations therein contained be adopted.

(b) *Other matters:* Members discussed the following additional items and agreed action as indicated:

(i) Monkey Jump cattle grid: Arrange for K S Parsons to clean out grid

(ii) Monkey Jump hedge: Arrange for Clive Jones to cut hedge (Jean Kenny to mark trees in advance)

(iii) Bus shelters: A resident had requested provision of a new bus shelter at Canada roundabout, near Hatches Garage. Agreed, refer to Environment Committee.

## 95. **SPORT AND LEISURE**

(a) *Lower Common Road Recreation Ground:*

(i) Summer fete: A request had been received from the Wellow & District Royal British Legion for use of the recreation ground on Saturday 15 July 2006 for the Summer Fete. RESOLVED that permission be granted and the Cricket Club be informed accordingly.

(ii) Recreation ground facilities: Mr Austin referred to a proposal to re-design the layout of the recreation ground to accommodate additional sports. The proposal arose in the context of the new pavilion project and the need to maximise the sports use to improve grant prospects. It was noted that there was unlikely to be demand for new netball facilities as there appeared to be adequate provision elsewhere.

RESOLVED that the principle of re-designing the recreation ground layout be approved.

(b) *Hatches Farm Sports Field:* Members received reports on the following:

(i) A meeting with the Football Club on 12 October 2005 to discuss Club proposals for improvements to the ground and pavilion. Further work was required to refine the proposals and a further meeting would be sought in due course.

(ii) A meeting with the Tennis Club on 24 October 2005 to discuss proposals for floodlighting on the Club courts (report tabled at the meeting). The Club would be contacting local residents and were arranging a consultation session on 12 November. This would be followed by a formal planning application later in the month.

(c) *Monthly report:* Members discussed the following items and agreed action as shown:

*Hatches Farm:*

Pavilion showers require new power pump. Agreed, Clerk to obtain quotation, with Mr Austin and Mr Bailey authorised to accept

Possible roof leak above Club room in pavilion. Agreed, request Stuart Cloudsdale to inspect and repair

Tennis courts: Waste bin to be acquired for courts

Car park: Scalpings required to repair surface near Council tennis courts. Agreed, Clerk to request quotation from Richard Long

*Lower Common Road:*

Repair to ball valve in pavilion water tank – in hand (Reg Cloudsdale)

Tree branches growing through safety fence – Mr Austin to arrange to be cut

Graffiti in youth shelter – to be treated as soon as possible.

96. **PARISH COUNCIL PUBLICITY**

The following items would be included in the next Parish Newsletter: Bus shelter graffiti; work at Buxton land; appeal to residents to maintain ditches and hedges; ownership of Common (Mr Browning to prepare note); footpaths map project; retention of bus service X71; provision of new notice boards; fouling of footways by horses; Canada horse gate; changes to English Nature; correction statement on RBL's position regarding new Lower Common Road pavilion; proposal to introduce additional sports facilities at Lower Common Road (residents to be invited to submit expressions of interest).

97. **PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES**

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

(b) *Expenditure:* RESOLVED that authority be given for the new payments listed in appendix 6 (cheques 2190 to 2195) and for the following additional payment:

*Cheque no*

2196 Jean Kenny (Highway sites maintenance, Sept & October) £89.69