

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Wellow Village Hall – 20 March 2006
(7.52 p.m. – 9.06 p.m.)

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

163. **HEATHLANDS, CANADA COMMON**

Further to minute 158/3/06, members considered a letter from Mapledean Developments Ltd concerning extension of the passing bay opposite these premises. The installation of hoggin and removal of the dragons teeth had been carried out to provide reasonable site access, particularly in view of a protected oak tree at the site entrance. Surfacing of the bay would also avoid further damage to the surface of the Common and help avoid obstruction of the highway during deliveries. The intention was to reinstate the bay at the end of the building contract.

These details had been discussed at a site meeting on 10 March attended by Mrs Perry, Mr Browning and the Clerk. At the meeting, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had provisionally agreed a permission specific to Mapledean to allow retention of the extended and reinforced bay during the project term.

Reference was also made to the damage to the edge of the Common apparently caused by delivery vehicles visiting Heathlands. It was suggested that the developer be asked to contribute to restoration works.

Members also discussed the general problem of erosion to edges of the Common caused by vehicle parking. Various solutions were proposed, including an extended car park opposite Plantation Road and additional parking areas elsewhere on the frontage. In this context the Clerk was asked to clarify the boundaries of the SSSI and to confirm the statutory rules regarding vehicular access.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the action of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman in agreeing a site-specific permission to Mapledean for the Heathlands passing bay be endorsed.
- (2) That a letter be sent to residents of Canada Common informing them of these special arrangements and asking them to inform the Council of any inappropriate parking on the Common generally;
- (3) That the Environment Committee be asked to consider the need for additional parking facilities on the Common; and
- (4) That Mapledean be invited to contribute to the cost of repairing damaged edges of the Common.

164. **PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES**

(a) *Income:* Members noted income received since the last meeting, as shown in appendix 1 in the minute book.

(b) *Expenditure:* RESOLVED that authority be given for the new payments listed in appendix 1 (cheques 2249 to 2253).

165. PARISH WEB SITE

Mr Gibson presented details of the Parish web site which would be operational from 1 April 2006. The site would be developed progressively, with additional features and information being added in subsequent phases. It was agreed that details of the Council's tennis courts should be added to the first phase while local education details could be included in phase 2. Work could also be undertaken on search engines to give the Council site more dominance.

RESOLVED that authority be given for the web site to proceed.