

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Wellow Village Hall – 6 March 2006
(7.00 p.m. – 10.09 p.m.)

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

An apology for absence was received from Mrs Simpson

146. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2006 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

147. **MATTERS ARISING**

(a) *Affordable housing scheme, Romsey Road (132(a)/2/06)*: Updates as follows:

- confirmation that TVBC would continue to consult the Parish Council on the 'Wellow connection' aspect for future re-lets in the scheme
- the name of Meadow Close now agreed for the development
- enquiries to be made regarding lighting policy

(b) *Annual Parish Meeting, 26 April 2006 (132(b)/2/06)*: Jeremy Barber (Chairman) and Fiona Gould, Longparish Parish Council, to make a joint presentation on Parish Plans

(c) *Litter and graffiti (142(b)/2.06)*: TVBC had replied to the local resident concerning litter picking arrangements in the Wellow area and on the matter of graffiti in Wellow bus shelters. On the latter, TVBC felt that the only practical solution was to paint over the graffiti and had offered to provide the necessary labour. Members also noted that the Police had made an arrest for criminal damage to the Lower Common Road bus shelter.

148. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Mr Moody declared an interest in agenda item 18 (Project Working Group).

149. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Councillor Gentle reported on the following:

- training on planning matters for the New Forest National Park
- discussion with the National Park Authority about parking infringements on the Common (confirmed that these issues should be dealt with by the Parish Council)
- further modifications to the Test Valley Local Plan (Inspectors' Report, Part 2)

150. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) *Police Community Support Officers*: A letter from Hampshire Constabulary provided information on the role, recruitment and deployment of Police Community Support Officers. Currently, Government funding met most of the costs, albeit there was a shortfall of £3,000 per PCSO per year. Parishes wishing to have the services of a PCSO were invited to contribute to the cost. It was suggested that the Police be asked to host a joint meeting with Wellow and adjoining parishes to discuss the matter further.

- (b) Canada Common track: A letter from the occupier of Pineview, Canada Common requesting an update on the proposed edging of the track had been discussed in the public participation session. The letter also requested a track maintenance programme. It was recalled that the earlier proposal for dragons teeth had been abandoned because of the presence of services. An alternative solution was to improve the bunding, coupled with scraping and levelling of the track to the Parish boundary. It was agreed to obtain costs for the work and to discuss the matter further at the Environment Committee meeting on 19 April.
- (c) Other matters: Members noted the following:
- (i) A letter from TVBC on the Clean Up the Borough Campaign, offering help with local clean-ups (the area near the Post Office on the A36 was suggested)
 - (ii) Notice of a meeting of the New Forest Association of Local Councils on 9 March 2006 (apologies to be sent)
 - (iii) Other correspondence as shown in the list accompanying the agenda.

151. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Members noted the following and agreed action as shown:

A36 – damaged road sign opposite Hatches Garage (refer to InterRoute)

A36 – damaged kerb stones on Canada roundabout (refer to InterRoute)

Junction of Sherfield English Lane/Wellow Wood Road – proposals from Surveyor for replacement direction signs (agreed)

Danes Road/Shootash crossroads – pedestrian safety measures still being considered but low priority

Affordable housing site, Romsey Road – reinstatement of verge and grass triangle (refer to Western Challenge)

152. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) *Planning and General Purposes Committee:* Consideration was given to the minutes of the Committee meetings held on 6 and 20 February 2006, shown as appendices 1 and 2 respectively in the minute book. Arising from the 6 February minutes, Embley Park School had confirmed that they had rights of access over the track through Home Farm onto Embley Lane for the “pursuit of business”.

RESOLVED that the minutes be received and approved.

(b) *Planning application:* RESOLVED that comments be made as shown on the following application:

06/00562/ FULLS	1 Forest Edge Park, Gardeners Lane - erection of amenity block consisting of toilet/bath/shower, utility room and double garage	Objection on grounds of: Site is for mobile homes; opposed to building with permanent foundations
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(c) *Planning decisions etc:* Members received details of recent decisions and applications referred to the Planning Control Committee on 9 March 2006 (Mr Austin attending) (appendix 3 in the minute book).

(d) *Appeal:* The following appeal was to be decided on the basis of written statements: Pine View, Canada Common – change of use of garage/store annexe to one self catering holiday unit. Agreed, Council’s previous objection to be restated.

153. **DELEGATES' REPORTS**

There were no reports for this meeting.

154. **PARISH WEB SITE**

Members received an update from the Web Site Working Group on progress with the new site. The web pages were complete except for photographs which would be taken shortly. It was agreed to hold a special Council meeting on Monday 20 March 2006 at 7.30 p.m. to receive a web site presentation.

155. **POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, 10 APRIL 2006**

Members agreed an amended date of Thursday 20 April 2006 for this meeting to facilitate a speaker on Quality Parishes.

156. **TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS, 2006/07**

Consideration was given to a draft timetable of Council and Committee meetings for the year 2006/07. Provisional approval was given, subject to final consideration at the 3 April Council meeting.

157. **SPORT AND LEISURE**

(a) *Play area safety inspection, 2006:* The Clerk submitted details of safety inspection charges for Rospa and N Adams, an independent engineer. It was agreed to seek a quotation for combined inspections of the play area and sports area at Lower Common Road.

(b) *Hatches Farm – use by Wellow School:* The Clerk reported that Wellow Primary School had requested use of a football pitch at Hatches Farm until Easter 2006 while work to their own playing field was undertaken. Wellow Football Club had agreed to use of the training pitch adjacent to Foxes Lane. The School would pay a nominal fee for the use.

(c) *Monthly report:* Mr Austin provided an update as follows:

Lower Common Road pavilion – roof leak over store to be repaired with replacement sheeting (Stuart Cloudsdale); leak above kitchen still being investigated.

Hatches Farm pavilion – leak in asbestos roof tiles to be repaired with sealant (Stuart Cloudsdale). Agreed, asbestos risk assessment to be carried out.

158. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Members considered the following matters and agreed action as shown:

Roadside area near Post Office: TVBC to be asked to clear litter followed by Working Party to trim and tidy.

Nightingale Close: Damaged fence at rear of The Red Rover, allowing pedestrian access across highway verge. The publican had been asked to repair.

Heathlands, Canada Common: The developer constructing a new house at this property had installed hoggin in the passing bay opposite the entrance and removed the dragons teeth. It was agreed to request the developer to reinstate the land within 48 hours and to ask for written confirmation of the proposed action.

Animal feeding at Canada Common: A non-resident was known to feed animals on the common on a regular basis. It was agreed to the request the person to desist in the interests of animal safety and the welfare of the Common generally.

Area adjacent to Holly Acres, Canada Common: Tree felling/logging was being undertaken on this site, accompanied by construction of a new fence and pedestrian gate with access onto the Common. Mr Browning would view the site and the Clerk would establish the position concerning Commoners' rights.

Tree house, Canada Road: A tree house at a property in Canada Road appeared to be in poor condition. Agreed, owner to be asked to attend.

Other matters: Members noted the following:

- new strimmer now delivered
- works to burial ground paths to be started shortly
- holly hedge at Holly Acres, Canada Common still overhanging highway. Pursue with Area Surveyor.

159. **PARISH COUNCIL PUBLICITY**

The following items would be included in the next Parish Newsletter: Parish web site; parking on the Common; feeding of ponies on the Common; new planning arrangements for the National Park from 1 April 2006; bus shelter graffiti and programme of re-painting.

160. **PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES**

(a) *HAPTC annual subscription:* RESOLVED that the annual subscription be renewed for 2006/07 in the sum of £429.

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

(c) *Expenditure:* RESOLVED that authority be given for the new payments listed in appendix 4 (cheques 2244 to 2248).

161. **CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that, by reason of the confidential nature of the business, publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

162. **PROJECT WORKING GROUP**

Members received the minutes of a meeting of the Project Working Group held on 21 February 2006 (appendix 5 in the minute book). In relation to a particular action taken by the Group, there was comment that all actions should be referred for discussion by Council in the first instance.

(Mr Moody declared an interest in this item and left the room for the debate)

The following matters were discussed in the public participation session:

Canada Common track (remedial works referred to Environment Committee for discussion)

Parish Council tennis courts (proposal for winter season ticket referred to Sport and Leisure Committee for consideration)