

Wellow Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held 3rd October 2011 at 7 pm

Present: Messrs. A Browning (Chairman), P Chandler, M Derrick, R Noble, P Stenner, Mesdames T Cochrane, F Feeney, G Gibson, J Jacobs, A Ratcliffe

Apologies: J King

C Cllr. R Perry, PCSO Jo Cole, Julie Stubbs (), Mr Geary & 3 members of the public

- 78 The Chairman introduced Mrs Julie Jacobs, the newly co-opted member and Mrs Lesley Weldon the newly appointed Clerk. Mr Derrick stated that the office opening hours should be discussed by the Council, it was agreed that this would be deferred to the date of the Clerk's 6 month review. The Chairman announced that he had sought clarification of the position of Mr King vis-à-vis Wellow & Plaitford Cricket Club with which Mr King disagrees. Copies of that ruling to be sent to all members.
- 79 There were no declarations of interest on this agenda. Proposed that conditions of Declaration of Interests be circulated to all members.
- 80 The minutes were agreed; a letter must be sent to Mrs Pidgley.
- 81 The Chairman has measured the glass for the bus shelters. Passing point or parking on Canada Common?
- 82 At this point PCSO Jo Cole was invited to speak. She informed members that there had been a break-in to a shed and machinery had been stolen, oil was being removed from storage tanks – all were asked to keep a look out and let the Police know of any unusual activity etc. There had been tipping in Hackleys Lane – inform Police and TVBC as material with addresses is useful for taking prosecution. There had been incidents of smoking on the Primary School field and land, and also in Nightingale Close it was reported. C Cllr. Roy Perry also spoke at this point. He referred to the roundabout which had not been cut for some time and which would be done that week, he has reported the bad pot-hole in Gardeners Lane, reminded the PC that it is its responsibility to notify HCC when they are in need of refilling and to keep the salt stirred to maintain viability. Another bin is needed at the Canada Road/Plantation Road bend. Awbridge PC is seeking a neighbouring parish to share an SLR with it. Romsey Library is to close all day on Wednesdays, but open earlier on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Minerals Plan is out for consultation, it is proposed that Squabb Wood should have a lateral extension, the PC should write to HCC with its comments especially if it supports the overall plan. The National Planning Policy Framework shows very little change for Wellow. The Boundary Commission proposals are out for consultation until December 5th and show great change for Wellow and surrounding parishes.. It is hoped that there will be an announcement soon on a new Vicar for the parish.
- 83 Planning: **11/01898/FULLS** 7 Recreation Cottages no objection subject to not exceeding 50% regulation
- 11/01927/CLPSO** Oak Cottage Slab Lane no comment
 - 11/02001/FULLS** Dingley Dell Wellow Wood Rd support
 - 11/02042/FULLS** Pilgrims Farm, Wellow Wood Rd support
 - 11/02044/FULLS** Cooper's Clump, Shelley Lane object to creation of a separate dwelling
 - Frenches Farm object to fence as over height and not in accord with rural surroundings
 - 11/02007/TPOS** Yosemite School Rd
 - 11/02027/TPOS** Beech Wood Embley Lane to report the Chairman's decision to support both
- 84 No reports from District Councillors.
- 85 **Sport & Leisure:** a letter had been received that day from Wellow & Plaitford Cricket Club requesting confirmation of permission for resiting of the bar and asking if the repair to the roof should be carried out at the same time. PC will authorise the repair, bar movement permission to be checked and to be dependent on signing the lease, the solicitors to be asked to speed up this process. Chairman confirmed that planning advice is being sought to establish

parameters for the pavilion refurbishment or replacement. It was agreed that AR would supply the name of a qualified person to check the building and report on possibilities. On the play area JK to be asked to approach Lappsett again. Skateboard facility possibility to be considered.

- 86 **Environment** : Julie Stubbs of New Forest Land Advice Service informed members of the work of the service in providing independent land-management advice in particular with reference to the proposals concerning the R Blackwater. These will be considered and the PC will respond to the Service. The Chairman advised that Sainsbury's builders will undertake to carry out minor repairs for the Council. It was agreed that quotes be sought for the most urgent repairs – list to be drawn up. So far only one quote for work on the Common had been supplied, the second quote is still awaited. It was agreed that the Council will ask TVBC to authorise a road closure for Remembrance Day parade, at the request of RBL.
- 87 **Highways**: the hedge along Buttons Lane needs to be cut. HCC Highways to be approached to persuade the landowner to do this.
- 88 **Delegates reports**: Mr Gibson had been to a seminar on NFNP planning at which it was stated that Parish Councillors would have as long as needed to make a presentation at the Planning Committee, there is a PDF which gives the guidelines for planning policies in the Forest and enforcement actions will be carried out on a negotiation basis. NFDC and NFNP will share accommodation at Lyndhurst.
- 89 **High Speed Broadband**; HCC has £8 million available to upgrade Broadband provision. The Council agreed to register interest in this and to ask that people support by going on line to register. Agreed to progress the arrangements for the Council's website.
- 90 **Finance**: Quarterly summary to be sent to members with the next Agenda. Cricket Club to be asked to pay the money owing for hire of Hatches Farm for Colts Cricket, the refund of Business Rate and the Electricity bill just received and paid by the Council. The Council has received a request from the Valuation Office for details of the Parish office for Tax purposes. Summary of Payments and Receipts is attached. The 2010 Audit has been completed.
- 91 **Consideration to be given to means of better communication with parishioners**. Full list of members contact details to be published.

The meeting closed at 9:40 pm

Raised in public session: 1) Mr Geary talked about possibilities of providing a skate park, a new play area and replacement of the pavilion at the Rec. 2) Mr Harris made a request for another set of mobile goals for Hatches Farm and said that there are now 100 youth players and their teams are doing well.