

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Wellow Village Hall: 18 July 2011 6.45 pm – 10.04 pm

Wellow Room

Present: Ashley Browning (AB) (Chair), Mrs Cochrane (TC), Mr Derrick (MD), Mrs Feeney (FF),
Mr King (JK), Mr Noble (RN), Mrs Ratcliffe (AR) and Mr Stenner (PS)

Attending : Clerk (MH), County Councillor Mr R Perry & Borough Councillor Mr G Bailey
Mr Gibson, Mr Harris and Mrs Perry

Apologies: Borough Councillor Mr A Gentle

ACTION

37 **APOLOGIES** as above

38 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were made.

39 **CO-OPTION OF UP TO 3 PARISH COUNCILLORS**

RESOLVED: That Dr Peter Chandler and Guy Gibson be co-opted onto the Parish Council.
John Harris was not co-opted.

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40 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: Minutes of 20th June 2011 to be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

41 **MATTERS ARISING**

No matters were raised.

42 **DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Roy Perry stated his intention to attend meetings on a quarterly basis and for specific items. He reported that additional chevron parking was proposed outside Bridge Cottages, work likely to start in August. He confirmed that funding was available for pothole repairs and asked to be copied into any e-mails on the subject. He also referred to the additional grass-cutting arranged by HCC for the A36 roundabout to supplement the Highway Agency's two cuts a year.

Councillor Perry also referred to a request from Awbridge PC for an additional speed limit reminder sign. He was able to fund part of the cost (£2000) but Awbridge would need to fund the balance (£1000). Wellow PC could consider sharing the sign, subject to a financial contribution.

Travellers had arrived in Foxes Lane and Councillor Perry had started the process for their removal.

Consultation on the Minerals Plan was now closed. Squabb Wood was the only site in the parish proposed for land-raising which he hoped Wellow had opposed.

Wellow School had a governor vacancy and someone with financial experience would be particularly welcome.

St Margarets Church now had a new car park. The project had cost £20,000, with 90% being funded by Viridor. The Church hoped to incorporate a Diamond Jubilee celebration in next year's summer fete and might ask for permission to hold the event at Hatches Farm.

Gordon Bailey reported on travellers at Lockerley Green and at Luzborough. He hoped for Government action to adopt Irish law which made it an offence to occupy land without the owner's consent.

In respect of the planning appeal regarding caravans in Wellow Wood Road, the Inspector had dismissed the appeal for one plot but allowed a second plot for a 3-year term.

Councillor Bailey proposed to attend Wellow meetings on a monthly basis.

43 APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES 2011/12

RESOLVED: That further appointments be made as follows:

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Wellow School	F Feeney
Village Hall	P Stenner
Fire Safety – Hatches Farm and Lower Common Road pavilions	Clerk
Play area safety	J King
Burial Ground	A Browning
Tennis Club Liaison	J King
Football Club Liaison	J King
Footpaths and Licensed Sites	P Stenner

44 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Members discussed the need or otherwise for Committees for particular functions and considered the advantages and disadvantages.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Council retain a Planning and General Purposes Committee, with delegated powers to deal with planning matters on the Council's behalf, and with the following membership:
A Browning, T Cochrane, M Derrick, R Noble and A Ratcliffe.
Reserves F Feeney and J King
(Committee to meet at 6.45 pm prior to main Council meetings)
- (2) That no further Committees be appointed at this time but the principle of working groups for specific projects be agreed;
- (3) That, in the context of the above, a review of Standing Orders be undertaken at the next meeting.

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45 PLANNING

(a) New applications: **RESOLVED:** That comments be made on applications as indicated below:

11/01358/FULLS	Woodlands, Salisbury Road, Shootash: Proposed annexe for elderly relative with replacement garage. Demolition of existing double garage/outbuilding	Support
11/01371/FULLS	Moonrakers, Embley Lane, East Wellow Certificate of Lawful Proposed Development for single storey extensions to provide additional living and bedroom accommodation	No comment

11/01425/FULLS	Home Farm, Embley Lane, East Wellow Demolition of redundant buildings and redevelopment of the site to provide eight live/work dwellings (4 x 2-bed and 4 x 3-bed) each with dedicated work premises, upgrading of site access road, provision of sewage treatment plant, and associated landscaping to form a new woodland recycled and care is taken over public safety in relation to the access.	No objection, provided that the design and materials are in keeping with the listed building, existing bricks are
11/01445/FULLS	Sun Cottage, Buttons Lane, West Wellow Retrospective application for construction of wooden gazebo at front and rear of building, and wooden lychgate at entrance to property	No objection
11/01476/FULLS	Shorts Farm, Scallows Lane, West Wellow Change of use of garage/store to overnight tourist accommodation	No objection
11/01478/FULLS	Woodington Farm House, Woodington Road, East Wellow Remove existing house and outbuildings and replace with new dwelling, garage outbuilding and pond	Support
11/01483/FULLS	Pilgrims Farm, Wellow Wood Road, West Wellow Erection of detached dwelling with double garage to replace mobile home – revised scheme to planning permission 09/00604/FULLS plus full landscaping proposals	No comment (insufficient information)

(b) Tree Applications: The following applications had been dealt with by the Chairman as the Tree Warden. **RESOLVED** that the comments submitted be endorsed:

11/01428/TPOS	Bush House, Romsey Road, East Wellow Fell one Birch, four Pine and ten Oak; also reduce canopy of two Oak by 80%	Objection
11/01438/TPOS	21 Lodge Vale, East Wellow Remove three branches from Turkey Oak, crown lift two further Turkey Oaks to clear 'The Drive	Support

(c) Appointment of Planning Representatives: **RESOLVED** that representatives be appointed to Planning Areas as follows:

North West	T Cochrane
North East	A Ratcliffe
South West	M Derrick
South Central	A Browning
South East	R Noble
Reserves	F Feeney and J King

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(d) New TPO: Members noted a new TPO, TVBC1042 (Land adjoining The Rose Garden, Gazing Lane)

(e) NFNP Consultation – Draft Guidelines for Horse-Related Development
This consultation document had a response deadline of 10 August.

RESOLVED that the document be circulated to all members. Any comments to be submitted to the Clerk, and the Chairman authorised to respond on the Council's behalf.

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46 POLICY & FINANCE

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the bank reconciliation to 30 June be noted;
- (2) That newly co-opted members be added to the Bank Mandate for cheque signatures;
- (3) That the finance/payment schedule be received and the following payments be authorised:

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Chq No	Details	Net	VAT	Total
003366	J Kenny Apr & May inc Exps (retrospective)	119.50	0.00	119.50
003367	J Benham – Salary June -1 + expenses (retrospective)	69.02	0.00	69.02
003368	HMRC Qtly return Apr – June (retrospective)	1194.70	0.00	1194.70
003369	Victim Support (donation)	100.00	0.00	100.00
003370	K Steer – Cleaning of office June	25.00	0.00	25.00
003371	Laura Davies – July salary	82.01	0.00	82.01
003372	Carol McFarland – Final salary & expenses	520.10	0.00	520.10
003373	Ashley Browning – reimburse petrol for Jeff	28.35	5.67	34.02
003374	Margaret Hitch – salary & expenses, 4 - 18 July	419.64	0.00	419.64
Receipts				
500039	Mrs D E Rees – Memorial William E Wood E95	110.00	0.00	110.00
500040	Cheater – Interment of Ashes C Sweetman GofR 92	275.00	0.00	275.00

47 ENVIRONMENT

The Chairman referred to the Council's obligation to maintain the Common to an agreed standard in the context of the Management Agreement and funding from Natural England. This included gorse cutting, bracken spraying and birch scrub. He proposed that a quotation be obtained from Heathland Management Services of Yateley.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Chairman and T Cochrane meet with Heathland Management Services to discuss a quotation for an initial one-year contract
- (2) That at least one further quotation be sought to meet the requirements of Standing Orders.

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48 SPORT & LEISURE**(a) Management of Hatches Farm: RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the agreement with Wellow Youth Club, as previously agreed, be endorsed; **VP**
- (2) That the agreement with Wellow Soccer Academy (tabled) be agreed, as amended at the meeting, the agreement to preclude any extraneous activity not related to football and to include provision for public access to the facilities at all times. **VP**

(b) Play Area Recreation Ground, Lower Common Road: The Chairman reported on quotations received for new play equipment.**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That a Working Group be established for this project, comprising Mrs Cochrane, Mr Derrick, Mr King, Mr Noble and Mrs Ratcliffe **VP**
- (2) That the Working Group meet at the Recreation Ground on Wednesday 27 July 2011 at 6.30 pm. **MD**

(c) Report from Sport Representatives: JK reported that the Under 15's cricket team had won their league.**(d) Renewal of Cricket Club Lease: Members noted that the lease had still not been signed. The Cricket Club had so far paid £750 of the proposed rental of £1000 for 2011/12.****RESOLVED:**

- (1) That £750 be accepted in full and final payment of the rental fee for 2011/12 but that the rent be increased to £1000 for 2012/13; **VP**
- (2) That a deadline of 1 September 2011 be set for signing of the lease.
- (Mr King declared an interest in this item, took no part in the discussion and did not vote thereon)

49 CORRESPONDENCE

List of correspondence/consultations was received and noted by members.

50 HIGHWAY MATTERS

PS referred to the poor condition of Foxes Lane in the winter and suggested a possible winter closure. Noted that this had been proposed previously and rejected and would be particularly opposed by local residents.

51 DELEGATES'S REPORTS

RN had attended a recent meeting of the New Forest Consultative Panel. Chairman to attend the North East Quadrant meeting on 21 July 2011.

52 WELLOW VILLAGE HALL

(a) Open Day: Members noted the Village Hall Open Day, to be held on 17 September, 12noon until 6pm. Members to let the Chairman have any ideas for a PC table/display. Chairman and PS to attend. **ALL**

(b) Fire Escape: The Hall Trustees had asked the Parish Council to consider paying for a new hard surfaced fire escape on the west and south of the hall to the car park (estimate £1000). The original path had been covered by the new Parish Office.

RESOLVED that the Trustees be asked for further information on fire safety regulations and whether the path can be constructed more cheaply. **VP**

53 NEXT MEETING DATE

Planning meeting to be held if necessary on 15 August 2011.

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54 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

55 STAFFING ISSUES

The current Locum Clerk (MH) reported that, regrettably, she felt unable to continue in her present role. The Chairman and MD presented possible alternative arrangements for temporary Clerking.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That Mrs Veronica Perry be engaged as Locum Clerk on a voluntary and unpaid basis;
- (2) That the Clerk's post be advertised as soon as possible, advertisements to be placed on the HALC website and in the Romsey Advertiser.

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Public participation at this meeting:

Mr Harris presented a further application for co-option to the Council.

Mr Rymer spoke in support of the planning application for Woodlands, Salisbury Road, Shootash

Mrs Perry spoke in support of the planning applications for Home Farm, Embley Lane and Woodington Farm House, Woodington Road.