

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

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Wellow Village Hall: Monday, 13th January 2014. 7.15pm to 9.45 pm.

Wellow Room

Present: Alan Clark (AC), Dr Peter Chandler (Chair), Tish Cochrane (TC), Mike Derrick (MD), Francis Feeney (FF), Angela Ratcliffe (AR) (Vice-Chair), John Saunders (JS), Phil Stenner (PS).

Attending: Cllr Gordon Bailey, Cllr Roy Perry, PCSO Jo Cole, Lesley Weldon (Clerk) (LW) - Minutes.

Apologies: Julie Jacobs (JJ), Jamie King (JK), Ray Noble (RN).

Cc. (for information only): Cllr Tony Gentle.

ITEM

ACTION

PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs Sally Arnold, Representative for the North East Quadrant of the New Forest National Park, thanked WPC for voting for her and advised that there is an NE Quadrant meeting on 22nd January 2014. Clerk to send WPC meeting calendar for 2014. LW

118 APOLOGIES

As above. TC - Social event - apologies accepted.

JJ - Work commitments - apologies accepted.

JK - Work commitments - apologies accepted.

RN - Unwell - apologies accepted.

119 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

120 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Jo Cole reported that:

- (i) Arrests have been made with connection to the burglary in Canada Road last week. Police need more information on the rest of the group. Police are appealing for any witnesses or information. Please call Romsey police station on 101.
- (ii) There are fewer fuel thefts
- (iii) Equipment thefts were quiet over the Christmas period
- (iv) Police have been busy with the effects of flooding

121 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Perry reported that:

- (i) Finance
HCC remains on target to freeze council tax precept yet again in 2014. This gets tougher year by year as HCC face a further £29m cut in government grant, plus inflationary pressures of approx 2.7% (electricity bill is £15m a year) and the demographic pressures of more children and more and more elderly people. HCC are trying to achieve the economies with few discernible cuts in front line service.
On capital expenditure Cllr Perry has allocated just over £9m to increase the super fast broadband roll out to 95% by 2016. This is not a county council statutory responsibility, any more for instance than getting houses onto mains gas but HCC believe it is a crucial manner in which it can help the economic and social well being of the county, especially in rural areas. The average cost of each additional premise is approx £300 whereas to go over 95% it begins to be over £1500 per premise. Nonetheless HCC are negotiating with BT ways of increasing coverage towards 100%. It will be important to encourage people to sign up for superfast broadband as that will ease the financial burden on the taxpayer.
There will be another scheme opened for residents to engage in bulk

power discounting- see HCC website <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/switch>.
A private care home that used this scheme saved £28,000!

(ii) Adult and Children's services

The decision was taken in December 2013 to extend the move from old style residential homes to new style 'extra-care' provision meeting elderly people's increasing desire to retain as much independence as long as possible. Nightingale Lodge in Romsey will be replaced with a purpose built new Extra-Care facility. At the end of the consultation it was agreed to retain Cranleigh Paddock in Lyndhurst because that home had already been adapted for dementia care. That decision releases places in Forest Court, Calmore for residents from Nightingale Lodge who need places. All current residents will be carefully and considerably re-housed. It is important to note 85% of elderly residential care that is organised and funded by adult services is in privately run care homes. HCC spends £1m a day on adult care. It has made £45m available in the capital budget to part fund the expansion of Extra-Care provision and that £45m will lever in significantly more money from various sources such as Housing Associations.

There is additionally £165m of capital allocated for 9,000 extra school places across the County including at Romsey School. Locally Cllr Perry is arranging an additional capital grant of approx. £100,000 to Halterworth School to allow them to do some small but worthwhile extension works. Nursling school is included in the Capital Programme for 2015/16 for expansion by 105 places- planned to complete for the summer of 2016 at an estimated cost of £1.6m.

(iii) Transport and Environment

Christmas period has been dominated by floods and power cuts. HCC Highway teams were very busy over the whole Christmas period helping keep roads open dealing with fallen trees, power lines down and flooding. Those teams deserve our thanks. Cllr Perry reiterated that it is the responsibility of landowners to keep their ditches clear. On flooding Cllr Perry has requested the Director of Environment to implement county powers gained under the Flood and Water Management 2010 to commission an independent inquiry into flooding incidents in and around Romsey. Looking at Abbotswood, Cupernham Lane, Mainstone and Causeway, Winchester Hill and Highwood Lane in particular. This will be an independent inquiry and its findings will be published.

Cllr Perry is also looking at the provision of electricity in residential areas of our villages by overhead cables. He wants the power supply companies to implement a programme of putting supply cables underground so electricity supply is less vulnerable. The flooding in Mainstone was bad enough without the issue of sewage failure at the Romsey Pumping Station caused by the interruption in the power supply.

Please check grit and salt bins as snow is on its way.

Please continue to report pot holes via the HCC website. Do not leave it to others to report them. Cllr Perry requested that he be informed if residents do not get any action.

AC advised that A36 pothole repairs are of a poor standard. Also that Southern Electric did not clear all the debris after power repairs were carried out.

Chair asked why superfast broad band is patchy in the village. Cllr Perry asked for an email to be sent to him outlining the problems.

Chair

Cllr Gordon Bailey reported that:

- (i) TVBC Local Development Plan has been passed for consultation and there will be a lot of people against it. As far as Wellow is concerned, the maps and ID will remain exactly as they are. Maury's Mount is outside the Local Plan area and part of the countryside, so no development is likely without the endorsement of WPC. However, 'infill' development will happen, although no major development is planned for the area.
- (ii) Council Tax Support - special TVBC meeting date - 21st January 2014.
- (iii) Additional car parking in Romsey - TVBC public consultation to last 3 weeks.
- (iv) Council Tax benefits - TVBC to abolish 10% discount on 2nd homes
- (v) Council Tax - TVBC looking to freeze for 2014/2015.

122 MINUTES

RESOLVED: Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2013 to be signed by the Chair as a correct record with the amendment to item 110a to read:

First and second sentences to read: FF requested that the names of the proposer, seconder and voting be recorded for this proposal. This proposal was seconded by AC. Last sentence to read: After discussion, 2 members voted in favour of the proposal - FF and AC. 7 members voted against the proposal - Chair, TC, MD, RN, AR, JS and PS.

123 MATTERS ARISING

Clerk advised that TVBC can do Planning training and she has booked Monday, 3rd March 5.30 pm. Members to advise Clerk what they would like in the training programme.

ALL

Clerk advised that she had sought an alternative quote to Romwy for the ride on mower servicing, but felt Romwy still offers a better service and value for money. This has been endorsed previously by JK. PS agreed. As a result Clerk had arranged for a full service to be done by Romwy at a cost of £350.00, including parts.

124 FINANCE

- a) Income and Expenditure - **RESOLVED:** That the schedule (Appendix 1) was received, agreed and endorsed by Members.
- b) To receive Budget 2014/2015. **RESOLVED:** Budget report (Appendix 2) accepted and Precept for 2014/2015 agreed at £55,000. There remains £5,000 for youth facilities. Skate Park WG to investigate rental costs of equipment.
- c) To consider Section 106 contributions and possible release of monies to projects. Clerk advised there is £2,236 available for Children's Play Space and £4,644 available for Informal Recreation. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to apply for S.106 release of £2,187 for Play Area health and safety work carried out in December 2013 and £2,172 for goals purchased for Wellow Youth Football Club in August 2013.
- d) MD advised that the Public Sector Deposit Fund, CCLA, seems the best option for investment at the moment, offering approx. 0.65%. **RESOLVED:** to invest up to £80,000. Chair, Vice-Chair (AR) and MD to be signatories.

SkPWG

LW

MD, AR,
Chair

125 PLANNING

- a) **RESOLVED:** Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2013 be signed by Chair as a correct record
- b) TVBC Community Infrastructure Levy consultation. **RESOLVED:** Clerk and AR to discuss with neighbouring parish clerks to establish what their parishes are doing and arrange a response.

AR, LW

126 POLICY

- a) To consider a response to letters printed in the Romsey Advertiser on 27th December 2013 and 10th January 2014. Clerk had prepared a draft response outlining the legislation followed by WPC and the inaccuracies stated in both letters. HALC has advised caution on entering into a dispute via the press and that it may be better to ignore the letters in the press and place an article based on the draft in the next Parish newsletter. **RESOLVED:** To ignore the letters in the press and place an article based on the Clerk's draft in the next Parish newsletter and to proactively encourage support for 2015 elections, explaining the role of councillors.

All, LW

127 HIGHWAYS

- a) To reconsider kerbing of Slab Lane and Maurys Lane junction. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to request TVBC to investigate the claims received by WPC concerning the erosion of the grass verges and planning permission granted in 2007. Reference 07/00117/FULLS.

LW

128 SPORTS AND LEISURE

- a) New Community Pavilion Working Group update:
Clerk provided the report (Appendix 3). **RESOLVED:**
- (i) Viridor Credits application for £70,000 to be submitted based on an estimate of £130,000 (excluding furniture). A grant for furniture can be applied for at a later date.
- (ii) Clerk to provide requirements for a new lease to Wilsons and Hedleys Solicitors for estimates of costs to draw up a new lease between WPC and Cricket Club.
- (iii) Hatches Sports Field - AR reported that she visited the pavilion last week and the cleanliness of the pavilion was greatly improved. She felt that it would be advantageous for a steam cleaner to be used on the floors as dirt gets 'ground in'. **RESOLVED:** AR to discuss with Tim Cater the necessity/provision of a steam cleaner. Clerk to write a further letter to Mr Harris concerning the reinstatement of the fence.

LW

AR

LW

129 COMMUNICATION

- a) Future website arrangements. Mr Ian Dickerson is moving from Wellow and will not be able to continue maintaining the WPC website. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to approach TLC with regard to a maintenance contract, estimated at £350 to £400 per year.
- b) March 2014 newsletter: **RESOLVED:** PS to be responsible for this issue.
- c) Annual Parish Meeting: **RESOLVED:** to change the agreed date from Wednesday, 23rd April to Wednesday, 30th April 2014. Suggestions for inclusion to be given to the Clerk for the next meeting on 3rd February 2014.

LW

PS

ALL

130 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED:

- a) List of correspondence/consultations received & noted by members - items of interest available to members as required.
- b) Letters received concerning flooding in Gazing Lane - Clerk to acknowledge letters and AR and PS to investigate.
- c) Action with Communities - review of existing VAT legislation on public bodies and tax exemption in the public interest - WPC response to advise that, in the event of parish councils not being able to claim back VAT, the shortfall will have to be passed on to parishioners via the Precept.

LW

AR, PS

131 DELEGATES REPORTS

On behalf of TC, Clerk advised that there are various activities planned by St Margaret's Church in 2015 to celebrate its 800 year anniversary. St Margaret's have asked for involvement of the Parish Council and sponsorship of £500 to £1,000, as this will be a village celebration.

132 Confidential business - **RESOLVED:** to exclude the press and public 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. No members of the press or public were present.
Staff Management. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to continue to monitor performance of Grounds Maintenance Operator.

LW

133 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- a) Planning and Full Council Meeting - Monday, 3rd February 2014
- b) HALC training - Wednesday, 26th February 2014 (*date amended subsequent to these minutes on 21.01.2014*)
- c) Finance WG Grant applications - date TBA
- d) TVBC Planning Training - 5.30 pm. Planning and Full Council Meeting - Monday, 3rd March 2014

Public participation at this meeting: approximately 5 members of the Public attended.

Minutes of the above meeting signed by the Chair as a correct record:

Signed:..... Date:.....

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Current Bank A/c

Receipts received between 03/12/2013 and 13/01/2014

Nominal Ledger Analysis

<u>Receipt Ref</u>	<u>Name of Payer</u>	<u>£ Amnt Received</u>	<u>£ Debtors</u>	<u>£ VAT</u>	<u>A/c</u>	<u>Centre</u>	<u>£ Amount</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
	Banked on : 11/12/2013	8,904.00						
Bank St 59	Rural Payments Agency	8,904.00			1700	702	8,904.00	2013/2014 1st Instalment
	Banked on : 20/12/2013	65.00						
500081	Minster Stone Memorials Ltd	65.00			1800	801	65.00	Add inscription Plot E.57
	Total Receipts :	8,969.00	0.00	0.00			8,969.00	

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Current Bank A/c

Payments made between 03/12/2013 and 13/01/2014

Nominal Ledger Analysis

Date	Payee Name	Cheque	£ Total Amnt	£ Creditors	£ VAT	A/c	Centre	£ Amount	Transaction Details
03/12/2013	Dr Peter Chandler	3765	185.00			4137	101	185.00	Chair Allowance 2013/2014
11/12/2013	Sembcorp Bournemouth Water	3766	562.43			4512	501	562.43	Metered water 13 May - 12 Nov
11/12/2013	E.A.Hatch Pottery Farm	3767	650.00			4565	502	650.00	Drainage work, Hatches Farm
11/12/2013	Hampshire County Council	3768	31.39		5.23	4135	101	13.67	Stationery
11/12/2013	Nightingale Groundcare Ltd	3769	232.22		38.70	4134	101	12.49	Photocopy paper
11/12/2013	Phil Stenner	3770	59.95		9.99	4803	801	193.52	Maintenance Nov/Dec 2013
11/12/2013	Jean Kenny	3771	30.00			4530	501	49.96	Padlock for LWC Rec Grnd
12/12/2013	Lesley Weldon	3772	1,144.98			4110	102	30.00	Christmas Bonus
12/12/2013	Lesley Weldon	3772A	18.08		2.96	4102	102	22.10	Travel Dec 2013
						4100	102	1,122.88	Salary Dec 2013
12/12/2013	Romwy Power Gdn Machinery	3773	25.20		4.20	4134	101	14.82	Clerk Exp - Magenta Cartridge
						4125	101	0.30	Clerk Expenses Dec 2013
20/12/2013	Jeffrey Benham	3774	106.90			4200	201	21.00	Repairs to Chainsaw
20/12/2013	Vita Play Ltd	3775	2,625.00		437.50	4108	102	19.50	Travel Dec 2013
						4106	102	87.40	Salary Dec 2013
08/01/2014	H M Revenue and Customs	3776	908.21			4520	501	2,187.50	H&S Maintenance Play area
08/01/2014	Karen Steer	3777	22.00			4107	102	84.80	PAYE and NI Q3 Oct - Dec 2013
						4101	102	823.41	PAYE and NI Q3 Oct - Dec 2013
08/01/2014	Wellow Village Hall	3778	95.56			4122	101	22.00	Office Cleaning Dec 2013
08/01/2014	Coretek Ltd	3779	17.99		3.00	4121	101	95.56	Office Elec Nov/Dec 2013
08/01/2014	Direct tec UK Ltd	3780	26.74		4.46	4305	301	14.99	Domain renewal 2014
08/01/2014	Nightingale Groundcare Ltd	3781	116.11		19.35	4134	101	22.28	Photocopy rent Sep - Dec 2013
08/01/2014	CPRE	3782	29.00			4803	801	96.76	Burial Ground Mtce Nov 2013
08/01/2014	Southern Water	3783	956.63			4148	101	29.00	CPRE Subscription 2014
10/01/2014	LexisNexis	3784	65.45			4512	501	956.63	Pav Meter Water May - Nov 2013
						4150	101	65.45	Arnold Baker LCA 9th Ed
Total Payments :			7,908.84	0.00	525.39			7,383.45	