

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

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Wellow Village Hall: Monday, 12th January 2015. 7.15pm to 9.45pm.

Wellow Room

Present: Alan Clark (AC), Mike Derrick (MD), Mike Jones (MJ), Angela Ratcliffe (AR) (Chairman), John Saunders (JS), Phil Stenner (PS).

Attending: Cllr Gordon Bailey, Cllr Roy Perry, Lorraine Wheeler (Clerk) (LEW) & Lesley Weldon (Deputy Clerk) (LW) - Minutes.

Apologies: Tish Cochrane (TC), Francis Feeney (FF), Julie Jacobs (JJ), Ray Noble (RN), Jamie King (JK).

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

<u>ITEM</u>		<u>ACTION</u>
128	APOLOGIES As above	
129	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None	
130	PUBLIC SESSION Mr Anthony & Margot Carter 2 members of the Public attending wished to speak.	
131	POLICE REPORT PCSO Jo Cole reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) There was minimal crime over the Christmas period in the Romsey area. Calls consisted mainly of outbuildings being tampered with. Please check outbuildings and padlocks if they have not been in use over Christmas.(ii) There is a burnt out van in Gurnays Mead following a fire which was not suspicious and caused by electrical fault. This will be removed in due course by TVBC.(iii) Dog fouling - JC requested that the public take photographs and record registration numbers of vehicles and report to her. She is happy to make contact with the owners. The Police also work with the dog warden (TVBC). A member of the Public asked whether driving over verges is reportable to the Police, JC advised that this is not a Police matter and to report to Hampshire Highways.	
132	DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS TVBC Cllr Gordon Bailey reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Very few planning meetings over Christmas period. Nothing to report.(ii) May 7th Elections - TVBC will be sending out letters to all 51,000 residents who are registered at the end of this month. If no letter is received, this means you are not registered. Anyone not registered must contact TVBC. Could WPC advertise this on website. HCC Cllr Roy Perry reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Wished Wellow a Happy New Year.(ii) Thanked WPC for its letter urging HCC to increase the Council Tax, which will of course will be considered. HCC does receive other communications urging HCC to avoid Council tax rises but he noted WPC view. HCC need to look for economies of £100million so the £10million it may get from a tax rise would not avoid the need for difficult cuts. HCC also receive a tax freeze grant from the Government as compensation if it freezes its tax precept.(iii) He has explained that the subsidy to buses serving Wellow and Landford is still of the order of £100,000 p.a. and HCC is having to prioritise support for those communities who without a subsidised service would have no bus	LEW

- service at all.
- (iv) He is hopeful that HCC will continue to support Youth in Romsey with revenue as well as the new building - he has a meeting coming up with the Vicar of Romsey to see if the Churches can offer support and he will continue to ask Romsey Town Council where the bulk of the users come from if they will help. Wellow Parish Council has a good record of providing services to this Community, whereas Romsey Town Council has a far larger budget. He thinks that it is not unreasonable to ask them to help the youth of Romsey as very many parish and town councils do.
- (v) Dogs on Wellow Common - He sees that NFNPA and Forestry Commission have a very small sign asking people to collect dog mess. He asked if WPC might think of a larger sign and even a poop bag dispensing system and said that he could probably organise a grant for that. People are concerned about the number of dogs and especially a number of commercial dog walkers exercising significant numbers of dogs.

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133 RECEIVE AND APPROVE MINUTES

PROPOSED: Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 1st December 2014 were formally received.

RESOLVED: Approved as a true accurate record and signed by the Chairman. All Members present agreed.

Chair

134 COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT

- a) Kate Walker, Project Manager for the Spectrum Housing Group, approached Members about the need for affordable housing in Wellow, with particular regard to the land adjacent to Meadow Close in Romsey Road. She advised that there are currently 33 households registered with TVBC in connection to for affordable housing in Wellow. Members advised that they were far from endorsing the principle of affordable housing in the Village and required further information. Concerns were also raised about the detrimental effect on residents in the area and highways implications. **RESOLVED:** Ms Walker to provide more facts, including clarification of the 33 registered households with TVBC and the local (Wellow) connection factor. Once received, Members would consider again.
- b) HCC Rights of Way vegetation priority list - PS advised that HCC required details of those paths WPC considered most important for maintenance by HCC. There is still no guarantee HCC will be able to do so. PS advised the following paths be submitted: 22 - Foxes Lane to Scallows Lane - (two cuts per year); 13 - from 14 to Ryedown Lane; 14 - Whinwhistle Road to Shelley Lane; 25 - Spouts Lane to Flowers Lane; 5 - Frenches Lane to Woodington Road. **RESOLVED:** PS recommendations accepted by all members present and Clerk to advise HCC.
- c) Buxton Field Working Party. PS advised posters are up on boards around the Village and in the newsletter although the date has been changed from 17th to 24th January. PS arranged for the Village Hall toilets to be used. Cllrs Clark and Cochraine have offered to help. Angela Peters (NFNPA) is providing tools and a risk assessment (WPC to do RA if not forthcoming).
- d) To consider payment request from JDB Contractors. No further correspondence has been received by the Clerk however PS advised that he had received a phone call from JDB before Christmas offering for payment to be deferred to next financial year. PS & AR measured the site with a wheel and agree that it is almost double the 8ha JDB quoted for. Members agreed that to the extent that the Council may have been partly responsible for the misunderstanding of the area of work carried out by JDB as PS inadvertently asked for a larger area to be cut (there are no significant land marks in the

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middle of the common and he may have walked a larger area with Bill, than the area walked with Paul at the time of quotation) the Council is prepared to offer 50% (£4651.20 inc. VAT) of the remaining balance. **PROPOSED:** to offer 50% of the remaining balance and send a letter to that effect. **RESOLVED:** All Members present agreed.

135 FINANCE

- a) Income and Expenditure report December 2014 - **PROPOSED:** That the schedule (Appendix 1) was received, agreed and endorsed by all Members present. **RESOLVED:** To accept report at Appendix 1.
- b) Consider photocopier rental agreement - **RESOLVED:** To accept increased monthly costs to £20.00 per month/ £60.00/quarter Jan - Mar 2015. Followed by new colour copier approved under 2015/16 budget (c) below at a cost of £87.50 per quarter from April 2015. All Members present agreed. LEW/LW
- c) Budget 2015/16 recommendations from the Finance Working Group and set Precept for 2015/16 (Appendix 2). With inflation this equates to 6p per week increase per band D household. **RESOLVED:** To accept the budget for 2015/16 and increase the precept for 2015/16 to £60,000.00. LEW

136 PLANNING

- a) **PROPOSED:** Minutes of the meetings held on 1st and 15th December 2014 be signed by Chair as a true and accurate record. **RESOLVED:** Agreed by all Members of the Planning and General Purposes Committee and accepted by all Members present.
- b) Oak Tree Farm, Foxes Lane. Complaints have been received concerning the level of light and light pollution emanating from the equestrian ménage & barn contrary to the planning permission given under ref: 14/00466/FULLS. Members of the public voiced their concerns and were advised that the TVBC Enforcement Officer is to visit the site and we await his report.
- c) Members of the public also voiced their concerns regarding the level of unauthorised development, subsequently given retrospective permission, which often appears contrary to Policy. Concerns were raised that development has changed the area of the Village and residents will not get the Village they want. Mr Anthony Carter recognised that the Parish Council has limited powers and understands the resulting frustration, but asked how we can deal with the situation. After some discussion it was agreed by all Members present that Mr Carter will present an item to the Annual Parish Meeting on 22nd April 2015 on the subject, to garner public feeling and possible support for some form of action. MD suggested also getting NALC and HALC to support changes to planning legislation.

137 COMMUNICATION

- a) **To consider suggestions for representation at the Annual Parish Meeting**
 - (i) To include advertising the May 2015 Parish Elections
 - (ii) Mr Anthony Carter re unauthorised development
 - (iii) Displays by various local organisations, including Scouts, Guides, Natural England LEW/LEW

138 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) List of correspondence/consultations for December 2014 received & noted by members - items of interest available to members as required.
 - (i) Cllr Derrick requested paper copies of Cllr Perry's letter in reply re bus service cuts be sent to all Members. LEW
 - (ii) Street Trading Licence Application - Liguoni's Pizza. A response is LEW

required within 21 days of the application being received, therefore it was discussed and agreed to support the application as there is very little in the way of takeaway food service in the Parish. The majority of Members present were in support of the application. To be ratified in the 2nd February Agenda.

139 DELEGATES REPORTS

- a) None

Confidential business - **RESOLVED**: to exclude the press and public for item 140 below, on the grounds that, by reason of the confidential nature of the business, publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

140 TO RECEIVE THE REPORT FROM THE GRIEVANCE PANEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S GRIEVANCE POLICY

- a) Cllr Ratcliffe outlined the grievance received and advised that the conclusion of the Grievance Panel was that there is no grievance to uphold.

141 STAFF MANAGEMENT

- a) To consider the NALC 2015/16 National Salary Awards concerning Clerk Pay Scales. **RESOLVED**: To award the Clerk's pay increase as recommended by NALC. **LW/LEW**
- b) Members formally welcomed the appointment of the new Clerk, Mrs Lorraine Wheeler, with effect from 5th January 2015.

142 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- a) Planning & General Purposes Committee meeting - Monday, 2nd February 2015.
- b) Full Council meeting - Monday, 2nd February 2015.

Public participation at this meeting: Six members of the Public attended.

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Receipts received between 02/12/2014 and 12/01/2015

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 : 13/12/2014	230.00						
500205	Mr G H Wride	115.00			1800	801	115.00	Memorial N.22 G M Wride
500205	Mrs M Coombes	115.00			1800	801	115.00	Memorial N.24 JF Coombes
Total Receipts :		230.00	0.00	0.00			230.00	

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Payments made between 02/12/2014 and 12/01/2015

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Date	Payee Name	Cheque	£ Total Amnt	£ Creditors	£ VAT	A/c	Centre	£ Amount	Transaction Details
13/12/2014	Semcorp Bournemouth Water	3966	246.24			4563	502	207.27	Water 19.05.- 27.11.2014
						4512	501	38.97	Water 19.05.- 27.11.2014
13/12/2014	Clive Jones	3967	894.00		149.00	4651	602	350.00	Annual Hedge Cutting
						4555	502	195.00	Annual Hedge Cutting
						4800	801	100.00	Annual Hedge Cutting
						4500	501	100.00	Annual Hedge Cutting
13/12/2014	Hampshire County Council	3968	21.85		3.64	4134	101	12.49	Copier Paper
						4135	101	5.72	Stationery
13/12/2014	Nightingale Groundcare Ltd	3969	116.11		19.35	4803	801	96.76	Burial Grnd Mtce 24.11.2014
13/12/2014	Wellow Village Hall	3970	17.00			4136	101	17.00	Room hire 13.11.2014
15/12/2014	CPRE	3965	36.00			4148	101	36.00	Subscription 2015
15/12/2014	Lesley Weldon	3971	1,172.61		4.32	4210	201	21.62	Clerk Exp Tools Dec2014
						4102	102	12.35	Clerk Travel Dec2014
						4100	102	1,134.32	Clerk Salary Dec2014
15/12/2014	Jeffrey Benham	3972	69.70			4108	102	9.10	G'Man Travel to 15.12.2014
						4106	102	60.60	G'Man Salary to 15.12.2014
15/12/2014	New Forest HLS Scheme	3973	2,493.12			4760	702	2,493.12	2014 Annual Verderers payment
18/12/2014	Crusader Carpets Ltd	3974	744.00		124.00	4561	502	620.00	Recarpet Hatches Pavilion
22/12/2014	SSE	3975	142.16		6.76	4562	502	44.11	Elec Aug to Nov 2014
						4510	501	91.29	Elec Aug to Nov 2014
22/12/2014	R.C.Biddlecombe	3976	20.00			4615	601	20.00	Removal & Disp PO Noticeboard
03/01/2015	Jeffrey Benham	3977	57.50			4106	102	3.90	Travel 20.12.2014
						4106	102	53.60	Salary 20.12.2014
03/01/2015	Direct tec UK Ltd	3978	33.71		5.62	4134	101	28.09	Photocopier rental 09-12 2014
03/01/2015	Dr C Newman Forest Gate Surg	3979	25.00			4147	101	25.00	Fees Employee Medical Report
03/01/2015	H M Revenue and Customs	3980	897.57			4101	102	266.04	Q3 Tax & NI
						4100	102	513.93	Q3 Tax & NI
						4106	102	117.60	Q3 Tax & NI
09/01/2015	Soc of Local Council Clerks	3981	179.00			4148	101	179.00	2015 Subscription
09/01/2015	Southern Water	3982	77.27			4512	501	77.27	Pav Water 20.05- 27.11.2014
Sub Total Carried Forward			7,242.84	0.00	312.69			6,930.15	

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09/01/2015	Wellow Village Hall	3983	61.79			4121	101	61.79	Office Electricity Dec 2014
09/01/2015	K. D. Steer	3984	22.00			4122	101	22.00	Parish Clg Dec 2014
Total Payments :			7,326.63	0.00	312.69			7,013.94	