

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

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Wellow Village Hall: Monday, 12th May 2014. 7.15pm to 10.30 pm.

Wellow Room

Present: Alan Clark (AC), Tish Cochrane (TC), Mike Derrick (MD), Francis Feeney (FF), Julie Jacobs (JJ), Jamie King (JK), Ray Noble (RN), Angela Ratcliffe (AR) (Vice-Chair), John Saunders (JS), Phil Stenner (PS).

Attending: Cllr Gordon Bailey, Lesley Weldon (Clerk) (LW) - Minutes.

Apologies: Cllr Roy Perry

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

ITEM

ACTION

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr Jeff Ware presented residents' concerns over the communication and public exhibition at the Village Hall on 1st May 2014, concerning the proposed housing development at Maurys Mount, Slab Lane. AR advised that WPC, whilst opposing the proposals, could not make any formal comments until a planning application is made by the developers to TVBC. WPC agreed to contact Mr Ware with any further developments.

Carol Ruddle, Environmental Health Manager, TVBC, gave a presentation on responsible dog ownership and the pilot TVBC wish to run in partnership with parishes to raise awareness of dog issues and provide good information concerning offences, including dog fouling and adverse behaviour. Good information will result in targeting more effectively, which will mean a better use of limited resources. Members to consider if they wish WPC to partake in the pilot and discuss at the next meeting on 2nd June 2014.

Mr Michael Lethbridge, from Bridgehawk Property Design and Project Co-ordination, gave a presentation for consideration of either retaining the important local recreational facility at Lower Common Road recreation ground, or relocating some or all of it to another suitable location (ie: land in Romsey Road), and to make use of the existing recreation ground for other land uses (ie: affordable and private housing, community centre, doctors surgery). Members advised that WPC were not in favour of this proposal.

WPC was asked if they were considering a Neighbourhood Plan and the benefits were discussed. WPC have no plans at present.

001 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: Mrs Angela Ratcliffe be appointed as Chairman

002 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: Mr Jamie King be appointed as Vice-Chairman

003 APOLOGIES

None

004 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

005 POLICE REPORT

No PCSO present

006 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Gordon Bailey reported that:

- (i) Work to resurface the A36 is due to commence on 27th May 2014, for a period of 7 weeks, at night. Thanks to Caroline Nokes and all involved in bringing this work forward.
- (ii) TVBC Local Plan - TVBC has published the comments following the consultation, which can be viewed online:

- www.testvalley.gov.uk/revisedlocalplan
- (iii) New drop in advice sessions for community groups at Romsey Library, 16th May 2014 - 9.30am to 12.30pm. - free surgery for community groups, voluntary and non-profit organisations in Test Valley. For more information contact Paul Woodward, TVBC Community Services - 01794 519998
 - (iv) Neighbourhood Plans - A copy of each designation application and map of the proposed Neighbourhood areas are available on TVBC's website: Andover Town; Ashley; Charlton; Romsey Town and Romsey Extra. TVBC are undertaking a six week consultation commencing 2nd May 2014 to 13th June 2014. For more information, contact David Bibby, Senior Planning Officer - 01264 368105
 - (v) Switch Hampshire - collective energy has saved residents an average of £200 each. Over 3,000 residents signed up between December 2013 and February 2014. TVBC is part of the Switch Hampshire scheme, run in partnership with Hampshire CC and other local authorities in Hampshire

007 MINUTES

RESOLVED: Minutes of the meeting held on 7th April 2014 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

008 MATTERS ARISING

The response by Gazings Management Committee to the WPC letter sent following last month's meeting was discussed. The council did not feel it could fund rat boxes, as there is no legal obligation for the council to treat rats on its land. Therefore it was not considered appropriate to grant funding for Gazings tenants to purchase rat boxes. WPC to arrange to have this ditching cleared twice a year. Where ditching has eroded too much, JK to look at fence posts.

FF was requested, as per the WPC letter written to her following the resolution of members on 7th April 2014, to publicly apologise to AR concerning her comments to AR at the meeting on 3rd March 2014. FF refused to do so as she felt she had already done so in her email dated 1st April 2014, which AR did not accept.

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009 POLICY

- a) Councillor responsibilities - members to study the listing provided by the Clerk and report back at the next meeting
- b) Planning Committee terms of reference **RESOLVED:**
 - i) to amend the title of Planning Committee to Planning and General Purposes Committee
 - ii) Terms of reference/delegated powers (c) to read: Approval of Council expenditure where such expenditure is within agreed budgets and project limits
- c) Staffing Committee terms of reference **RESOLVED:**
 - i) Terms of reference/delegated powers (4) to read: To undertake any other tasks requiring in-depth investigation, negotiation or comment which are referred to it by the Council. Add (5) Appointment of staff
- d) Casual Vacancy - Clerk advised that, further to the vacancy notice posted on 15 April 2014, TVBC has received sufficient requests to hold a by-election for Wellow Parish Council. Election to be held on 10th July 2014.

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010 FINANCE

- a) Income and Expenditure report 2013/2014 - **RESOLVED:** That the schedule was received, agreed and endorsed by Members.
- b) Income and Expenditure report April 2014 - **RESOLVED:** That the schedule

(Appendix 1) was received, agreed and endorsed by Members.

- c) Parish Office/Wellow Village Hall lease agreement - **RESOLVED:**
- i) a figure of £50.00 per annum be the ground rent
 - ii) that WPC contribute to building insurance/services, estimated between £200 to £300 per annum.
 - iii) that WPC agree to a 3 month trial on the Village Hall use of WPC WiFi facility to monitor usage. This is due to the current WPC/BT contract, which has limited Broadband use. LW
- d) Burial Ground fees 2014/2015 - **RESOLVED:** to increase fees by approximately 4% with effect from 1st August 2014 (Appendix 2).
- 011 SPORTS AND LEISURE**
- a) Update on New Pavilion - A report dated 7th May 2014 (Appendix 3) was presented to members. **RESOLVED:**
 - i) to accept the recommendations made in the report.
 - ii) to withdraw WPC grant application to Viridor Credits - Clerk to write (note: as a consequence, the donation of £7,000, made by Mr Frank Moody, will be returned to him). LW
 - iii) Pavilion Working Group to arrange a meeting to revisit the whole project PAVWG
 - b) Cricket Club lease agreement 2014/2015 - **RESOLVED:** to issue the lease agreement with the proviso that the sale of alcohol be restricted to adult training session and adult match days only. LW
- 012 PLANNING**
- a) **RESOLVED:** Minutes of the meeting held on 7th April 2014 and the Extraordinary meeting held on 14th April 2014 be signed by Chair as a correct record.
- 013 HIGHWAYS**
- a) Kerbing of Slab Lane/Maurys Lane junction - Alternatives to this kerbing and the issues surrounding the erosion of these corners were discussed. **RESOLVED:**
 - i) that HCC put the road back to its original curvature, as per the planning approval (ref: 07/00117/FULLS, paras 4 and 5)
 - ii) that low level countryside kerbing be installed LW
 - b) Wellow Van Sales' deliveries on A36 and employees parking in Brookfields and Plaitford VH - the issues surrounding parking and hazards to pedestrians on A36 and Brookfields residents were discussed. **RESOLVED:** AC to liaise with Melchet Park and Plaitford Parish Clerk. WPC to write to Wellow Van Sales with concerns. LW/AC
- 014 ENVIRONMENT**
- a) Report from HCC re flooding in Wellow and ditch maintenance - PS advised there are ongoing issues and that HCC will keep WPC informed of developments
- 015 COMMUNICATION**
- Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on 30th April were discussed. Members agreed that the evening had been successful.
- 016 CORRESPONDENCE**
- List of correspondence/consultations received and noted by members - items of interest available to members as required. LW

017 DELEGATES REPORTS

AR attended the Florence Nightingale Service and lunch, organised by St Margarets Church, on 11th May 2014.

Confidential business - RESOLVED: to exclude the press and public for item 018 below, on the grounds that, by reason of the confidential nature of the business, publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

018

a) Staff Management. **RESOLVED:**

Clerk to continue to monitor performance of Grounds Maintenance Operator.

LW**019 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

a) Planning and Full Council meeting - Monday, 2nd June 2014

b) Policy Working Group meeting - Monday, 9th June 2014

Public participation at this meeting: approximately 15 members of the Public attended.
