

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

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Wellow Village Hall: Monday, 3rd December 2012. 7.30pm to 9.20pm

Wellow Room

Present: Dr Peter Chandler (Chair), Alan Clark (AC), Tish Cochrane (TC), Mike Derrick (MD), Julie Jacobs (JJ), Ray Noble (RN) (Vice-Chair), Angela Ratcliffe (AR), Phil Stenner (PS).

Attending: Cllr Roy Perry, Cllr Gordon Bailey, Carol McFarland (Locum Clerk) (CM) - Minutes.

Apologies: Francis Feeney (FF), Jamie King (JK) & John Saunders (JS). Cllr Tony Gentle.

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

ITEM

ACTION

PUBLIC SESSION

No public comments

091 APOLOGIES

As above.

092 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

093 POLICE REPORT

Not present.

094 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Gordon Bailey report (Appendix 1) to be circulated to members. He also reported:

- a) Speed Camera - Awbridge PC are keen to share with neighbouring parishes, cost approx £3000 plus maintenance. See also Matters Arising.
- b) Duttons Road Council Offices would be closing in February 2013.
- c) New digital CCTV was now installed in Romsey.
- d) Following on from the Hants Flood Risk Consultation Cllr Bailey suggested that the Parish Council give thought to having their own Flood Risk Strategy.

Cllr Roy Perry reported:

- a) Environment and Highways - All pot holes to be reported Highways and copy to Cllr Perry.
- b) Broadband - Cllr Perry reported that the County Council are to increase their contribution to the project. 90% of the Wellow area should achieve 14mb. Chair urged everyone to sign up the Website for faster broadband.

ALL

095 MINUTES

RESOLVED: Minutes of 7th November 2012 and the extraordinary meeting on 21st November 2012 to be signed by the Chair as a correct record. MD noted that item 77c had not been included on the current agenda, it was agreed to take it under Matters Arising.

Chair

096 MATTERS ARISING

- a) 077c -Parliamentary Constituency boundaries. **RESOLVED:** that the Parish Council supports the current proposals. Chair to register the Parish Council's support on-line.
- b) Speed Camera - **RESOLVED:** MD and JJ investigate this further with PCSO Cole. Also, decision to be made at next meeting.

Chair

**MD/JJ
AGENDA**

097 SPORTS AND LEISURE

- a) Chair's report following the meeting with and letter to the Chairman of the Cricket Club - Chair reported that there had been no response to his letter of 23 November to Mr Overton-Hore. Chair to contact Mr Overton-Hore in the New Year. MD reported that he had not yet spoken to the Licensing Officer at TVBC.

Chair

- b) Non-payment of an invoice submitted to the Cricket Club by the Council in September 2012 - **RESOLVED:** to write to the Cricket Club giving them 14 days from the date of the letter to pay the outstanding amount. Advise them if payment is not received the electricity supply will be disconnected and that reconnection will be at their expense. LW
- c) Cricket square and Recreation Ground drainage - **RESOLVED:** to defer until next meeting. AGENDA
- d) New Pavilion Working Group update and review of current actions - AR reported that there is a meeting on 12 December at 7pm with the Unsted Design to finalise the plans. **RESOLVED:** to delegate to the Pavilion Working Group permission to approve the plans for submission to TVBC for planning approval.

098 ENVIRONMENT

- a) Common Working Group update:
- i) Management works programme - PS reported that it was part complete. Works had been carried out at Monkey Jump - the cattle grid had been cleared out, the post had been replaced and the pedestrian entrance tidied up. The main part of the works is scheduled to start in spring 2013.
- ii) Common Maintenance programme - Chair reported that it had been agreed with Natural England to remove some intrusive Silver Birches (excluding a clump) and long straggling gorse to return it to open heath. Other gorse cutting commenced on 3 December for 2 weeks. Areas 7 and 8b on the plan need amending as it is impossible to see on the ground what they refer to. The track will be restored to 3 meters. Item 15 of the plan the form and approval of the ditches and dragon's teeth will go ahead subject to Natural England approving the plan.
- b) Other - TC reported that it appeared that a resident was placing soil outside of their boundary - TC to check what is happening with the owner. MD and PS had investigated the licensed site outside 1 The Hollies, the hedge is to be maintained to height of no more than 6 foot. PS to write to the occupants explaining this with a copy of the license from HCC. TC
- PS

099 POLICY AND FINANCE

- a) Income and Expenditure - **RESOLVED:** That the schedule (Appendix 2) was received, agreed and endorsed by Members.
- b) Wellow School Donation - **RESOLVED:** to donate £600 to Wellow School for the purchase of reading books. It was agreed that a policy be produced for future grant requests. LW
- c) Other- MD reported that the Finance meeting due on 10 December will be postponed until mid January pending information on the Council Tax Base from TVBC. **RESOLVED:** that MD instruct Queensbury Shelter Ltd to replace two broken panes of glass at the Whinwhistle bus shelter at a cost of £235.84. MD

100 COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Web site update- Chair reported that the website was now up and running and was beginning to be populated with more information.
- b) Communications Strategy and Responsibility - The Chair again suggested that a Communications Working Group be set up. **RESOLVED:** to defer until next meeting. AGENDA

101 PLANNING

- RESOLVED:** Minutes of the meetings 7th November 2012 be signed by Chair as a correct record. Chair

102 CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED: List of correspondence/consultations received & noted by members - items of interest available to members as required.

103 DELEGATES REPORTS

- a) RN had nothing to report.

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.

104 STAFF MANAGEMENT

- a) The Chair's appraisal report on the Clerk's appraisal - was received and discussed and accepted. **RESOLVED:** that this Council considers in March a one increment increase to the Clerk's salary with effect from 1 April 2013. **March AGENDA**
- b) Staff Christmas bonuses - **RESOLVED:** to give £25 to both Jean Kenny and Jeff Benham. **LW**
- c) Setting up an HR/Staff committee. **RESOLVED:** to defer until next meeting. **AGENDA**

105 FUTURE MEETING DATES

- a) Date of next meeting - Monday, 14th January 2013, 7.15pm in the Village Hall.
- b) Councillor Training - Tuesday, 8th January 2013, 7.00pm in the Village Hall.
PC, AC, TC, JJ, RN, AR, PS to attend.

106 OTHER BUSINESS

- a) **RESOLVED:** that a light be placed outside the Parish Office for security and safety reasons. **PS**
- b) MD requested that consideration be given to placing a security camera outside the Parish Office, it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting. **AGENDA**