

## WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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Wellow Village Hall: Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012. 7.30pm to 10.15pm

Wellow Room

Present: Dr Peter Chandler (Chair), Tish Cochrane (TC), Francis Feeney (FF), Julie Jacobs (JJ), Jamie King (JK), Ray Noble (RN) (Vice-Chair), Angela Ratcliffe (AR) John Saunders (JS), Phil Stenner (PS).

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

Apologies: Mike Derrick (MD).

Cc. (for information only): Cllr Tony Gentle, Cllr Roy Perry.

### ITEM

### ACTION

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

No public comments

#### **058 APOLOGIES**

As above.

#### **059 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **060 POLICE REPORT**

PC Jo Cole introduced TVBC Neighbourhood Warden, Mr Doug O'Connell, who reported that Neighbourhood Wardens are catching up on issues in Wellow and surrounding areas. Neighbourhood Wardens are hoping to acquire an office in Romsey now that Duttons Road is closing. PC Cole reported:

- a) There had been problems at Half Moon common.
- b) Problems should be reported by dialling 101. Neighbourhood Wardens can attend.
- c) Whinwhistle Road - jewellery and money burglary. Lines of enquiry being followed.
- d) Canada Road - shed break ins.
- e) Community Watch Scheme - cost £3,000 and suggested parishes get together to share the costs. Clerk to approach neighbouring parishes to establish any interest.
- f) Local Action Group (LAG) get together to discuss issues. Lockerley, Sherfield English, Plaitford, Shootash and Wellow are currently represented.
- g) Quad bikes nuisance - spoken to perpetrator's parents
- h) Motor bikes had been reported on the Common.
- i) Hallowe'en - Anyone aware of any incidents or the vulnerable, please let the Police know.

LW

#### **061 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** Minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2012 to be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

#### **062 MATTERS ARISING**

- a) 50 - Casual Vacancy - Clerk updated members and advised that, as there had been no request for an election received by the TVBC Returning Officer, the co-option vacancy has been advertised on the WPC website and noticeboards. Closing date for applications is 22nd October 2012. Applicants will be considered at the next Full Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012 (see item 071 below).
- b) 51b - Clerk advised that no response had been received from the contractor concerning the request for work (see previous minutes' items nos. 034b and 051b) in connection with the kissing gates at the recreation ground, Lower Common Road. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to contact again and if there is a problem with the completion of work, an alternative contractor will be sought.

- c) 51c - RN reported that he had been unable to contact Mr Moody concerning the Common. RN
- d) 51f - Contributions were lacking for the newsletter, highlighting the need for a councillor to be nominated to specifically look after communication projects such as the newsletter and website. To be discussed at the next meeting.
- e) 55b - parking outside Bridge Cottages - Clerk to chase for Highways response. LW

### 063 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Gordon Bailey thanked the Police for their quick response to a reported break in at his home whilst on holiday. On Council matters, he reported:

- a) TVBC purchase of former Magistrates' Court, Romsey was completed on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012. The relocation of TVBC Customer Services facilities to this site is planned for February 2013.
- b) Electric blanket testing - TVBC has teamed up with HCC and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service to hold two free testing sessions:
  - i. Andover Fire Station - Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2012
  - ii. Romsey Fire Station - Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012

Blankets must be booked in for testing in advance by calling HCC Trading Standards office on 01962 833358.

Any blanket failing the test will be destroyed and the owners given a voucher towards a replacement. This forms part of TVBC's commitment to safeguard older people's health and wellbeing and prevent fuel poverty. In 2011, of the 116 blankets tested, over half were taken out of use.

- c) Planning application - Tesco, Romsey - TVBC have received Tesco's planning application on Broadlands Estate. The application can be viewed on TVBC's website, using the following link: [www.testvalley.gov.uk/tesco](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/tesco) . People wishing to comment should use this method as it cuts down administrative costs and ensures comments can be lodged and taken into account more quickly. People have until 12<sup>th</sup> October 2012 to register their views. The application will go before the Southern Area Planning Committee for consideration at a date to be determined.
- d) Changes to TVBC public notice advertising - TVBC currently publishes public notices in the Andover and Romsey Advertisers. In future, these notices will be published in the Hampshire Independent, which is a free newspaper circulated throughout Hampshire. This change will save TVBC £20,000 per year and the public will not need to buy a newspaper to read the notices. Notices will also be published on a Public Notice Portal on the HCC website.
- e) Publication of revised proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries - The Boundary Commission of England (BCE) will be publishing revised proposals on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012. The BCE will be consulting on the proposals until Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012. The proposals, including a map of the proposed constituencies across our region as well as maps of the individual constituencies, will be available for inspection at TVBC Beech Hurst and Duttons Road offices from 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012. They can also be viewed on BCE's website: [www.independent.gov.uk/boundarycommissionforengland](http://www.independent.gov.uk/boundarycommissionforengland)
- f) Ward based budget - A meeting of TVBC Full Council on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 agreed to ward based budgets being introduced from this month. The budgets will be introduced on a pilot basis for one year with aim of encouraging community led initiatives and enhancing the role of Borough Councillors as community leaders. Funding for the ward budgets of over £70,000 will be found from the New Homes Bonus reserve. This fund is created by the Government matching the council tax income for six years from new homes created in the borough. This money is then available for TVBC to help meet the needs of their growing communities. The introduction

of ward based budgets is an outcome of TVBC being selected as one of only fifteen councils by the Local Government Association (LGA) to join a prestigious national 'Keeping it Real' programme. The programme seeks to help councils develop ways in which Councillors can better help local people identify and prioritise the needs of their community and empower them to achieve their ambitions as part of the localism agenda. Details of how voluntary or not for profit organisations can apply for support will shortly be available in TVBC's website. Funding will only be extended to 50 per cent of the cost of the activity or project with groups expected to find matched funding for the remainder. There will be a maximum allocation of £500 per project. Groups with ideas should first engage with their ward councillor to explain their proposal and see what help might be available.

- g) Upcoming planning applications at SAPC meeting 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012:
- i. 12/01183/VARS - Jays Orchard, Wellow Wood Road, Wellow
  - ii. 12/01299/FULLS - Cambria, Crawley Hill, Wellow
- TC agreed to attend this meeting.

TC

## 064 ENVIRONMENT

The Clerk introduce Mr Lee Hulin, Outdoors Ranger, New Forest Northern commons form the National Trust. He advised the Council on their current restructure and engagement with communities. He presented Councillors with their Winter works document, which outlined the schedule of works for the forthcoming season. (see item 067 below). Lee is happy to assist WPC in the evaluation of the Wellow Common Management Plan.

- a) Wellow Common Management Plan Area 7 winter works - 2 quotations have been received. JK advised members to approach a third contractor, Gorsebusters, for a quotation. **RESOLVED:** PS to investigate. On receipt of this quotation, CWG to decide on which quotation to accept. CWG  
Area 4 - CWG to investigate rolling vs spraying of bracken and costs. CWG  
JK offered to clarify any information concerning machinery.
- b) Programme for Wellow Common maintenance - Contractors 'A', 'B' and 'C' have submitted quotations. **RESOLVED:** To reject most expensive quotation. Clerk to advise contractor 'C'. To request further details on quotation submitted by contractor 'A', as insufficient detail to determine overall cost. If the final quotation is less than contractor 'B', CWG to decide and instruct contractor. If final quotation higher than contractor 'B', the decision must be referred back to Full Council. CWG

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## 065 SPORTS AND LEISURE

- a) Pavilion Working Group update - PWG presented a report of discussions and recommendations. (Appendix 1) **RESOLVED:**
- i. Clerk to investigate VAT LW
  - ii. PWG to investigate modular build and what is available for a cost of £65,000 PWG
  - iii. Pre-planning response required from TVBC
  - iv. Clerk to write to Cricket Club concerning reports of a party on the premises on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2012. LW
- b) Drainage on recreation ground and cricket square - **RESOLVED:** to defer until next meeting.
- c) Rats have been reported again in the recreation ground. **RESOLVED:** Clerk to approach Jack Parsons to clear vegetation and debris along the borders of the recreation ground. Costs not exceeding £400.00 can be approved by the Clerk. LW
- d) WYFC grass cutting of pitch - **RESOLVED:** TVBC to continue for the time being. Tim Cater, WYFC manager, to be responsible for the schedule. T Cater

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PWG

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LW

T Cater

**066 POLICY AND FINANCE**

- a) Income and Expenditure - **RESOLVED:** That the schedule (Appendix 2) was received, agreed and endorsed by Members.
- b) Budget 2013/2014 - JS presented figures (Appendix 3). **RESOLVED:** members to submit any proposals for expenditure to be considered for the next meeting. **ALL**
- c) Chair presented a request from the Village Hall requesting financial assistance towards and estimated cost of £10,000 for urgent repairs, namely: flat roof, lighting, boiler and flooring. **RESOLVED:** Village Hall to make a proposal to WPC concerning urgent works that need doing. **PS**

**067 PLANNING**

**RESOLVED:** Minutes of the meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012 be signed by Chair as a correct record.

**068 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**069 DELEGATES REPORTS**

JJ advised that she attended the Romsey Forum 19<sup>th</sup> September concerning the Tesco's planning application. There is concern about the congestion this application will bring to the by pass. She advised that people need to write in or email with their concerns. Sainsbury's are also looking at a location near Romsey. See TVBC online. (see item 063c above).

**Agreed Confidential business (070 and 071)****070 BURIAL GROUND**

Reserved plot allocation - **RESOLVED:** to renumber plots 13,14,15,16 to 15,16,17,18 respectively and offer compensation of £240.00 for allocation error and problems caused. **LW**

**071 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

**RESOLVED:** Chair, PS and Clerk to review and report at the next meeting **Chair, PS, LW**

**072 FUTURE MEETING DATES**

**RESOLVED:** to amend the next Full Parish Council Meeting date from Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012 to Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012.  
Squabb Wood Liason Panel meeting - 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

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*Public participation at this meeting: PCO Jo Cole. Approx. 2 members of the Public attended.*

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