

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

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Wellow Village Hall: Monday, 3rd September 2012. 7.30pm to 10.00pm

Wellow Room

Present: Dr Peter Chandler (Chair), Tish Cochrane (TC), Mike Derrick (MD), Francis Feeney (FF), Julie Jacobs (JJ), Jamie King (JK), Ray Noble (RN) (Vice-Chair), Angela Ratcliffe (AR).

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

Apologies: John Saunders (JS), Phil Stenner (PS)

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

ITEM

ACTION

PUBLIC SESSION

The current position of the 'old' play area, which is unsightly, was enquired about and JK advised that it would be landscaped in the next few weeks and the dog bin relocated more appropriately (item 051b).

There was some discussion about an incident whereby the new play area was accessed without permission of the Council, before the opening was official. Chair advised that any complaints must be received in writing to the Council.

There seems to be a problem with the 12 to 15 year old age group at the play area, which will be monitored.

The problem with drainage of the outfield was mentioned. LW referred to the previous WPC meeting on 2nd July 2012 (item 036b), at which the Council agreed to look into it.

The Council was updated on the performance of the Wellow Youth Football Club, which has now increased to 6 teams and going well. 5 to 10 yr olds are training and there are also 3 teams in the older age group. JK thanked Tim Cater for the outstanding contribution WYFC has made in terms of membership which has gone from 0 to 75 in 3 years. JK was thanked for his efforts in getting the pitch ready for playing, at short notice.

POLICE REPORT

PC Jo Cole reported that:

- a) there were very few burglaries to report overall
- b) there have been some 'opportunist' burglaries:
 - i. Embley Green Park - ipad stolen
 - ii. Canada Road - wallet and purse stolen
 - iii. Cross Oaks Farm - petty theft from outbuildings
- c) there was an oil theft from Whinwhistle Road
- d) currently, Police do not know who the troublemakers are in the Blackhill Road area

045 APOLOGIES

As above.

046 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

047 MINUTES

- a) **RESOLVED:** Minutes of 2nd July 2012 to be signed by the Chair as a correct record.
- b) **RESOLVED:** Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 23rd July 2012 to be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

048 MATTERS ARISING

- a) **RESOLVED:** that dispensation clause be included in Standing Orders

LW

049 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Perry reported that:

- a) Wellow School has received a Good OFSTED report which moves it up and out of the 'satisfactory' category.
- b) He was concerned that over 30 caravans had belatedly been discovered at the Fruit Farm off Scallows Lane and that the Planning Enforcement had not been all that it might have been to allow this number to be in situ.
- c) He has reported to the Highways Agency the problems at the bridge by Hatches Garage. They say they have effected temporary repairs and will undertake a permanent repair in the near future.
- d) Timsbury Bridge will be closed for a period of 12 weeks.
- e) His gratitude to Cllr Bailey and other local residents who joined in a litter pick along A36 and Tutts Lane. It was noticed that a lot of litter has been thrown in Tutts Lane which could be related to number of temporary workers using that route.
- f) All County Councillors have a fund for environmental work of £10,000.00. He invited Wellow to apply for projects such as Wellow Parish Hall car park markings and ditch clearance.

Cllr Gordon Bailey reiterated Cllr Perry's concerns over litter. He also offered to take the planning application 12/01749/FULLS - Alders Farm to Committee. Councillors expressed their concern about application decisions by TVBC and NFNPA that did not appear to take into account the recommendations of the Parish Council Planning Committee (eg: Cambria and Blackhill Cottage).

050 FORMAL THANKS AND CASUAL VACANCY

- a) Chair expressed formal thanks to Cllr Guy Gibson for his contribution and commitment to the Parish.
- b) LW confirmed that the TVBC returning officer has been notified of the casual vacancy created by Cllr Gibson's resignation and notices have been placed on the noticeboards and on the website. The end date for applications by parishioners to the TVBC returning officer for an election is 18th September 2012.

051 WORKING GROUPS STATUS AND UPDATE

- a) Pavilion Working Group (PWG)
FF has asked the builders, Hunt Building, for advice concerning the restructure of the Pavilion. This builder is currently in discussion with TVBC Planning dept and building inspectors and will report to FF, adding to the knowledge already gained.
RESOLVED: PWG to provide a report to the next WPC meeting of proposals. JK to join PWG following the resignation of Cllr Gibson. Date of next meeting of PWG 11th September 2012. 7.00pm. **PWG**
- b) Play Area Working Group (PAWG)
JK reported positive reports and that the play area is a success. Formal thanks to Phil Stenner for his contribution in preparing the play area for opening. One injury of a child breaking his arm, but understood this to be due to the child jumping off the 'round basket', which was not recommended. Emergency tree works and attention to electricity wires were required on Sunday, 2nd September. JK wished to express formal thanks to the SEB.
RESOLVED:
 - i) Clerk to send letter of thanks to SEB. **LW**
 - ii) Tree surgeon to complete SEB work and take off the tree limb overhanging the play area **JK**
 - iii) Clerk to send request to Upright Fencing to repair 2nd kissing gate **LW**

- iv) JK to reposition dog bin as appropriate JK
- c) Wellow Common Working Group (WCWG)
Chair gave a presentation based upon his report concerning maintenance work required on Wellow Common.
RESOLVED: RN to approach Mr Frank Moody concerning ditch clearance on his land. RN
- d) Pavilion Working Group (PWG)
RESOLVED: PWG to provide written report of action for the next Full Council meeting on 1st October 2012. PWG meeting agreed for Tuesday, 11th September, 7.00pm to discuss. PWG
- e) Finance Working Group (FWG)
RESOLVED: John Saunders be appointed to FWG. Preliminary meeting for 2013/2014 budget be held 26th September 2012. 7.00pm. (see item 052b below)
- f) Communications (CWG)
RESOLVED: each councillor to provide one item for the newsletter for the next meeting on 1st October 2012. Clerk to collate. ALL/LW
- g) Skate Park Feasibility Working Group (SPFWG)
RESOLVED: to adopt the same membership as for play area - MD;JK;TC;RN;AR. Members' investigation to include: cost, noise, frequency DVA results, siting, acoustics and planning.

052 POLICY & FINANCE

- a) Income and Expenditure - **RESOLVED:** That the schedule (Appendix 1) was received, agreed and endorsed by Members. **RESOLVED:** to reinvest £60,000 at next issue with Nat West at 1.5%.
- b) Budget preparation 2013/2014 - **RESOLVED:** preliminary meeting agreed Wednesday, 26th September 2012. 7.00pm. FWG
- c) NALC revised Finance regulations - **RESOLVED:** that members provide comments to the Clerk by 24th September 2012.
- d) Meeting dates 2013 (Appendix 2) - **RESOLVED:** to accept. Clerk to circulate and inform Wellow Village Hall. LW

053 PLANNING

RESOLVED:

- a) Minutes of the meetings 2nd July 2012 and 6th August to be signed by Chair as a correct record.
- b) Ray Noble be appointed as planning representative for South East area.

054 ENVIRONMENT

- a) Burial Ground maintenance - **RESOLVED:** to investigate a new contractor as the Burial Ground is not being maintained to an acceptable standard. PS/LW
- b) Burial Ground positioning of memorial bench for the late Dr Harman, erection of which was agreed at the Full Parish Council meeting held on 6th February 2012. **RESOLVED:** that permission be granted for this bench to be situated either under the oak tree to the left of the Garden of Remembrance or against the Church Wall approximately central to the Western Section. PS

055 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **RESOLVED:** List of correspondence/consultations received & noted by members - items of interest available to members as required.
- b) **RESOLVED:** LW to write to Highways in response to letter received concerning parking bays outside Bridge Cottages, Romsey Road. LW
- c) **RESOLVED:** that the sponsored walk to raise awareness of the safety of dog

walking in the poor light conditions and to raise money for search and rescue dogs charities be allowed, subject to Common bylaws. Clerk to write to the organiser, Sarah Matthews to confirm.

LW

056 DELEGATES REPORTS

- a) AR advised that she has received several complaints concerning noise at the recreation ground in Lower Common Road. **RESOLVED:** Any future complaints of this nature received will be referred to the Police by ringing 101.
- b) MD reported on Government changes to housing benefit schemes. As drafted, these would affect council tax bases which in turn would impact adversely on parish council precepts. However, the Government was currently reviewing the financial arrangements in view of significant opposition.

AR

057 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Full Council Meeting - Monday, 1st October 2012. 7.15 pm

Public participation at this meeting: Mr Darren Geary, Mr Richard Light, Mrs Pidgley, Mr Tim Cater, PCO Jo Cole. Approx. 5 members of the Public attended.
