

## WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

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Wellow Village Hall: Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013. 7.15pm to 9.45pm

Wellow Room

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

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

Apologies: Francis Feeney (FF), Cllr Gordon Bailey.

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

### ITEM

### ACTION

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

No public comments

#### **107 APOLOGIES**

As above.

#### **108 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **109 POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Jo Cole reported:

- a) Crime has reduced overall in Wellow. There have been no shed break-ins or burglaries.
- b) There have been 2 cases of syphoned diesel tanks in Awbridge.
- c) There has been a case where diesel was syphoned from a lorry where the driver was asleep on A36.
- d) There have been shed break-ins in Awbridge and West Tytherley.

She advised that it is really important to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

- e) Community Speedwatch - the principle was outlined, which is that equipment can be bought and shared between approx. 3 villages to monitor and record speeding. The equipment costs approx. £2,500 to £3,000. The perpetrators will be recorded on a database and Police will send letters out and take action as necessary. There is a meeting for Parish Councils on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013 in the Village Hall where representatives will offer further information.

**CHAIR  
VICE-  
CHAIR**

#### **110 MINUTES**

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

**CHAIR**

#### **111 MATTERS ARISING**

None

#### **112 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Roy Perry reported:

- a) Finance - HCC is aiming for a 4<sup>th</sup> year on year council tax freeze for 2013/14.
- b) Adult Services - nothing to report in Wellow. The Dilnot report proposes that there will be a cap of £35,000 on contributions made by individuals for elderly care.
- c) Children's education services - League tables key stage 2 level 4 - Awbridge achieved 100% pass rate, with Wellow achieving 95%, which is well above the County average.
- d) Applications are now being considered for Awbridge and Wellow. Over 90% of children will get 1<sup>st</sup> choice and over 95% in one of first three. All children will be allocated a place.

- e) Wellow School children have been set a task of finding out all the full names of those remembered on the War Memorial as only initials are read out at the Remembrance service at present.
- f) Transport - work at Shootash has been completed.
- g) Please keep reporting any potholes, as they are generally dealt with quickly once reported.
- h) Funding - Community Speedwatch scheme - Cllr Perry is happy to assist with funding, being dependent upon what the Parishes are prepared to put in.

### 113 ENVIRONMENT

- a) Ms Angela Peters, Community Wildlife Plans Officer, gave a presentation on her project - a 12 month Community Wildlife Plans Project, funded by LEADER (RDPE) and the New Forest National Park Authority to help communities better understand and manage their green spaces for wildlife and people. Angela is working with communities within 6 Parishes and a town in the New Forest area for the next 11 months. Wellow is one of these Parishes and Angela will be working with interested people to work up ideas and put these into action to survey, monitor and conserve wildlife in the area. The project wants to involve as many people as possible in the project, seeking wildlife champions to help carry the project forward beyond the 12 months. Training and some resources can be provided through the project. At the end of the project we hope to have a 'Wildlife Plan' produced for each area that the community can use to see what the wildlife resource is with maps, photos and survey results, and what plans are in place to ensure it is conserved, along with methods for future monitoring. To summarise:
  - i. Non-native invasive species mapping and conservation work, particularly along the river Blackwater
  - ii. Hedgerow and ancient tree mapping (landowner dependent)
  - iii. Village ponds mapping and conservation planning
  - iv. Facilitate and support habitat monitoring for the HLS agreement work on Wellow Common (in conjunction with Natural England)
  - v. Formation of a Wellow Conservation Group/Natural History Group - or something along these lines - and support of Blackwater Conservation group.
  - vi. There is an evening talk on the project at Plaitford Village Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013. Angela is organising wild watches in the New Forest on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2013.
- b) Common Working Group update -
  - i. Management Works - area 7 and part of area 8 has been completed by JDB Contractors & Son Ltd during December 2012. The Management Plan to be amended to include part of area 8 this session.
  - ii. Wellow Common track maintenance is included in Area 15 of the Management Plan. Chair and PS confirmed passing space positioning.
  - iii. Monkey Jump entrance - there is still a flooding problem. Clerk to chase up Highways concerning responsibility

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### 114 SPORTS AND LEISURE

- a) Cricket square and Recreation Ground drainage - **RESOLVED:** Clerk to write to Cricket Club to obtain estimates, with reference to a French drain, for the work. LW
- b) New Pavilion - Chair advised that no response has been received from Cricket Club to the letter WPC sent on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2012. Pavilion Working Group advised that the design has been submitted to TVBC Planning dept.  
**RESOLVED:**

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|            | i.  | To adopt report (Appendix 1) provided by Pavilion Working Group.   | 30    |
|            | ii. | To delegate up to £900 to Pavilion Working Group to obtain detailed quotation  | PAWG  |
| <b>115</b> |     | <b>POLICY</b>  |       |
|            | a)  | Chair advised of the recommendations made by HALC to develop a framework in which the Council can work, made at the training session attended by the majority of Councillors on 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2013. <b>RESOLVED:</b> to form a working group, consisting of TC, JJ, JS and AC, to investigate policies required as a framework.                      | POWG  |
| <b>116</b> |     | <b>FINANCE</b>   |       |
|            | a)  | Income and Expenditure - <b>RESOLVED:</b> That the schedule (Appendix 2) was received, agreed and endorsed by Members.   |       |
|            | b)  | Budget and precept 2013/2014 - Clerk reported that TVBC have advised a provisional tax base of 1.452 for 2013/2014, to be confirmed after their meeting on 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2013. <b>RESOLVED:</b> meeting of Finance Working Group on Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2013. 6.00pm in Parish office to discuss 2013/2014 budget and precept setting. | FWG   |
| <b>117</b> |     | <b>HIGHWAYS</b>  |       |
|            | a)  | Community Speedwatch - meeting on 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2013 (see 109e above)   |       |
| <b>118</b> |     | <b>COMMUNICATION</b>   |       |
|            | a)  | Chair advised that communication needs to be addressed. <b>RESOLVED:</b> Policy Working Group to investigate and advise.   | POWG  |
|            | b)  | Newsletter - <b>RESOLVED:</b> January 2013 newsletter printing of 100 copies to be arranged by TC  | TC    |
|            | c)  | Annual Parish Meeting 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2013 - Discussions took place concerning making this event more interesting and entertaining for parishioners. <b>RESOLVED:</b>   |       |
|            | i.  | FF to approach Wellow School about the possibility of the children participating.  | FF    |
|            | ii. | Further details concerning Councillors' presentations and meeting content to be discussed at next meeting on 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2013.  | ALL   |
| <b>119</b> |     | <b>PLANNING</b>  |       |
|            |     | <b>RESOLVED:</b> Minutes of the meetings 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2012 and 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2012 be signed by Chair as a correct record.  | CHAIR |
| <b>120</b> |     | <b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>  |       |
|            |     | <b>RESOLVED:</b> List of correspondence/consultations received & noted by members - items of interest available to members as required.  | ALL   |
| <b>121</b> |     | <b>DELEGATES REPORTS</b>   |       |
|            |     | None   |       |
|            |     | <b>OFFICE AND STAFF MANAGEMENT</b>   |       |
| <b>122</b> | a)  | Office security Camera - <b>RESOLVED:</b> JJ to obtain quotations  | JJ    |
|            | b)  | HR/Staff Committee - <b>RESOLVED:</b> Policy Working Group to investigate and advise   | POWG  |
| <b>123</b> |     | <b>FUTURE MEETING DATES</b>  |       |
|            | a)  | Planning and Full Parish Meeting - 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2013   |       |
|            | b)  | Annual Parish Meeting 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2013  |       |

