

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

Wellow Village Hall: Monday, 4th March 2013. 7.30pm to 10.15pm

Wellow Room

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

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

Apologies: Julie Jacobs (JJ).

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

ITEM**ACTION****PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr Harris attended and spoke about his reasons for terminating the lease at Hatches Farm Sports Field between Wellow Soccer Academy and the Council, which was primarily concerned with the delay in the implementation of agreed maintenance work. Whilst the Council accept some responsibility for this delay, progress was being made and the work is now complete.

137 APOLOGIES

As above.

138 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**139 POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Jo Cole reported:

- a) Oil thefts have been reported. It appears that the perpetrators can strike soon after oil deliveries have been made. Residents to be on their guard and report any suspicious behaviour.
- b) Canada Common - dogs are being released from a vehicle and are being allowed to foul the Common. A registration number was provided for PCSO to follow up.
- c) Community Speedwatch scheme - PCSO provided a photograph of the device for members.

140 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Roy Perry reported:

a) Finance

The County Budget was presented to full Council on 21st February 2013 . Despite another significant reduction in Government grant, the County Council will freeze its precept- this is for the third year in a row, so 4 years with no increase. It is not easy to reconcile loss of grant, taking into account inflationary pressures and increased demographic pressures, but thanks to the specific Government grant which helps freeze Council Tax, HCC will freeze the County precept. As HCC takes over 80% of the council tax this is the major part and crucial element to freeze. The Police precept will probably go up and TVBC but because of the County freeze the change in amount paid will be modest. 10p per week (Band D)

b) Children's Services

Cllr Perry has previously reported the successful SATS results again above national average. Awbridge on line for a Good Ofsted like Wellow. It is acknowledged that the role of Head at Halterworth has contributed greatly in achieving these 2 Good Ofsted findings for our local schools. The federation and collaboration are working. Allocation of places - all applicants get a place - Secondary and Primary.

HCC will be offering 1000 apprenticeships over 4 years to help with youth unemployment but in this ward overall unemployment 10.6%% and TVBC is 1.7%. Youth unemployment (16-24) in this ward is 5 persons or 1.7%

c) Adult Services

HCC Adult Services will be submitting a proposal that the TVBC Duttons Road site be used as an Extra-Care facility. This is something Cllr Perry suggested when it was known TVBC were vacating the site. Adult Services remain in the formal Magistrates Court in Romsey now a shared office between TVBC and HCC. The public will detect little difference in service but a good deal of public money is saved.

d) Environment and Highways

Grit Bins were put to good use during the recent snow and frost and also the clearing of the priority routes by HCC and help from over 100 farmers in the county supplied with ploughs and salt by HCC. Cllr Perry has asked HCC to replenish salt bins.

It was disappointing that quite so many schools closed because of snow.

Cllr Perry will be putting pressure on Highways Agency re the condition and hazards of the A36.

Please continue to report any pot holes problems on the county roads

There will be a re opening of the public hearing on the Waste and Minerals plan. The County remain determined no extension at Shootash.

Government announced yesterday the SE Plan is to be abolished.

HCC has adopted a policy of refusing wind farms on county owned land- as these are mostly beauty spots such as Butser Hill and Danebury Hill. We will consider individual wind turbines on HCC buildings such as schools- but not wind farms. It is worth remembering that 10% of domestic electricity used in the county comes from the waste incinerators such as that at Marchwood so we have many initiatives to reduce carbon footprint- not least the insulation of OAPs' homes for free. There is also now a scheme being worked up for bulk energy purchase that could be worth up to £500 per household

Negotiations are continuing with BT for enhanced super fast broadband across the county including in the Romsey Extra division. This will get a multi-million£ investment from HCC and negotiations are at a delicate state. I am very conscious that parts of the Ward do not get good high speed and am keen those parts gain HCC support.

Cllr Perry has donated £1200 to Romsey Extra in relation to the Community Speedwatch Project.

Cllr Gordon Bailey reported:

- a) TVBC Council Tax increase per is £5.00 per year (Band D).
- b) TVBC Council Tax grant provision has been made. The Chair advised that Wellow PC will be using this grant to offset election costs.
- c) TVBC revised Local Plan - consultation will be from 8th March to the end of April 2013. Comments need to be resubmitted.
- d) Community Speedwatch - Cllr Bailey is prepared to donate £500.00 to this project. Awbridge PC may be interested.
- e) Arrangements can be made for hard copy planning applications to be viewed at the TVBC offices in Romsey, with 24 hours' notice.

- 141 **MINUTES**
RESOLVED: Minutes of 4th February 2013 to be signed by the Chair as a correct record.
- 142 **MATTERS ARISING**
None
- 143 **SPORTS AND LEISURE**
- a) Lower Common Road Recreation Ground **RESOLVED:**
 - i. Grasscutting - to accept TVBC quotation of £876.64
 - ii. Roundabout - Clerk to seek further quotations. **LW**
 - iii. Ditching - Clerk to contact E Hatch to request clearing of East and West ditches. **LW**
 - iv. Drainage - Delegate Recreation WG and Clerk to arrange spiking to assist drainage. **LW/ RECWG**
 - b) New Pavilion:
 - i. Pavilion Working Group presented a report (appendix 1) concerning a revised lease. **RESOLVED:** to accept recommendations concerning the revised specification. To review the new lease recommendations in light of issues presented that have not been previously considered. Once agreed by council, to present the agreed lease to a solicitor. Clerk to contact Unsted Design concerning planning application fees and approach TVBC concerning the tender process. **PAVWG**
 - ii. AR to provide quotation for the removal of the old pavilion. **LW**
 - iii. Chair advised that he has not received accounts from Wellow & Plaitford Cricket Club, as agreed. **AR**
 - c) Hatches Farm Football pavilion **RESOLVED:**
 - i. To take no further action on WSA lease fees 2012/2013. Clerk to write to WYFC outlining responsibilities and pitch hire charges. **LW**
 - ii. Clerk to investigate costs in relation to radiators (oil filled and ultra red) **LW**
 - iii. Clerk to speak to TVBC re maintenance of pitches and surrounding areas. **LW**
- 144 **POLICY**
- a) Policy WG presented report (appendix 2). Members to comment to Clerk for the next meeting on 8th April 2013. **ALL**
- 145 **FINANCE**
- a) Income and Expenditure - **RESOLVED:** That the schedule (appendix 3) was received, agreed and endorsed by Members.
- 146 **PLANNING**
- a) **RESOLVED:** Minutes of the meeting 4th February 2013 be signed by Chair as a correct record.
- 147 **HIGHWAYS**
- a) **A36 - RESOLVED:** to take an active interest in ongoing action.
 - b) Community Speedwatch Scheme - **RESOLVED:** to raise at the Annual Parish meeting to gauge interest.
- 148 **COMMUNICATION**
- a) Annual Parish Meeting - Clerk distributed initial project plan to members for action. **RESOLVED:** Display actions to be confirmed to Clerk asap. Reports **ALL**

outlined for Chair report for next meeting, 8th April 2013. Planning report not needed.

- b) April Newsletter - **RESOLVED:** Chair to initiate

CHAIR

149 ENVIRONMENT

- a) New dog bin - **RESOLVED:** to site new bin on the junction of Buttons Lane and Romsey Road. To purchase one new dog bin from TVBC at an approximate cost of £200.00 and add to existing TVBC contract for emptying. Clerk to notify TVBC.
- b) Buxton Land - **RESOLVED:** to raise at the Annual Parish meeting to gauge community feeling.
- c) Shed at Burial Ground - **RESOLVED:** to repair.

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150 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **RESOLVED:** List of correspondence/consultations received & noted by members - items of interest available to members as required.
- b) **RESOLVED:** Not to renew Zurich LCAS Membership. Clerk to notify.

LW

151 DELEGATES REPORTS

- a) PS attended the Squabb Wood liaison meeting on 28th February 2013. He reported that the Waste and Minerals Licence extension was ongoing. As regards the layby, there are no plans to close it down.
- b) PS updated members about the drainage at Monkey Jump cattle grid. He confirmed that the pathway from the grid to A36 is not Highways Agency's responsibility. Therefore, he is arranging for Farwells to look at unblocking drainage and maintenance.

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.

152 ENVIRONMENT

- a) Allocation of burial plot - **RESOLVED:** Clerk to arrange meeting with A H Cheater.
- b) Memorial stone - **RESOLVED:** Application for memorial stone outside the scope of the Parish regulations to be refused. Size to be restricted to 18''x15''. Clerk to notify applicant.

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153 STAFF

- a) Grounds Maintenance - **RESOLVED:** Health and Safety assessment to be done
- b) Clerk Salary - **RESOLVED:** To agree one increment increase from SCP26 to SCP27 with effect from 1st April 2013.

LW/PS/
CHAIR

154 FUTURE MEETING DATES

- a) Planning and Full Parish Meeting - 8th April 2013
- b) Annual Parish Meeting - 24th April 2013

Public participation at this meeting: PCSO Jo Cole. 1 member of the Public attended.
