

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL MONDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2013

PRESENT: Councillors Andrew Baugh (Chairman), Ann Hatcher, John Harvey, Eddie Meyer and Paul Nuthall. Cllr Bruce Laughton attended for part of the meeting. Karen Birks (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Carrie Young, Cllr David Lees and Cllr Sylvia Michael.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2012 were read. The acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Councillor Paul Nuthall seconded by Councillor Ann Hatcher and approved by all members.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- An application was made on 12th December for a modification order to the Nottinghamshire Definitive Map to add North and South Dark Lanes as restricted byways. This was made on the advice of Angus Trundle, the Notts County Council rights of way officer and is the first step towards giving the lanes footpath status.
- Notts County Council have confirmed that an additional lighting column will be erected on the Potter Lane/Eakring Road junction because they accept that the new lights have less spread than the old lighting and therefore the lighting for the junction is insufficient.
- Notts County Council have confirmed that Eakring Road has been gritted on each occasion that other nearby roads on the gritting route have been treated. The gritting lorries have computers on board to ensure the correct route is taken and no roads are missed.
- The new bench has been ordered but not yet delivered.

5. PAY DUE ACCOUNTS

Payments to:

Branson Leisure	Bench	£656.40
NALC	Annual subscription	£97.16

Councillor Paul Nuthall proposed these payments; this was seconded by Cllr. Eddie Meyer and approved by all members.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 A thank you letter has been received from the Wellow Celebration Committee for the Parish Council's donation towards the Christmas tree.
- 6.2 N&SDC have requested that details of the precept set by the Parish Council be sent to them by 4th February. Some major changes have been introduced this year by the Local Government Finance Act 2012 that will impact on the calculation of the tax base and in order to protect the Parish Council from the net effect of adverse statutory changes in the Council Tax Base an extra payment of £290 will be made along with the precept. It is not possible at this stage for the District Council to guarantee this funding for future years.
- 6.3 Notts County Council made the Modification Order to add a footpath between Newark Road and Wellow Green. This was open for objections or representations until 24th January 2013 and if there were no objections it would come into effect after this date. However one objection was received from the new owner of the Durham Ox pub who wants to divert the path along the edge of the car park. There now needs to be a consultation on the diversion proposal.
- 6.4 Details have been received of a planning application for the erection of a wind turbine at Lockwell Hill Farm, Kirklington Road, Farnsfield. It was agreed that as this turbine is some considerable distance from Wellow the Parish Council do not want to make any comments on the application.

7. CASHFLOW MONITOR – 3RD QUARTER 2012/13

The clerk circulated copies of the cashflow monitor for quarter ending 31st December 2012 showing expenditure to date. This shows a current account balance of £5575.68 and a reserve account balance of £4425.12. The closing balance corresponded with the latest statements from the bank (balance of current account at bank £5,591.63 due to outstanding cheque for £15.95).

It was agreed to transfer £500 from the current account to the reserve account.

8. ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT OR DISCUSSION

A complaint by a member of the public was submitted to N&SDC alleging that Cllr Baugh failed to comply with the Code of Conduct by not withdrawing from participating in respect of a matter in which he had a Disclosable Interest at the Parish Council meeting on 16th July 2012. An investigation has been undertaken and the next stage in the process is for a Hearing to take place on 27th February. Wellow Parish Council are entitled to send a representative to this hearing.

A new additional PCSO, Keith Crowhurst, will be based at Southwell Police Station officially taking over from Richard Dunn on the 11th February. His designated area will include Wellow.

A pothole requires repair on Newark Road at the end of Potter Lane.

Cllr Harvey reported that a number of residents had raised the issue of the poor state of the North Dark Lane path which has become slippery and dangerous particularly in wet conditions. Notts County Council has accepted responsibility for this path and it was agreed that the clerk will contact them to request that they carry out maintenance work.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8:25pm

Chairman

Date