

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2013

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Carrie Young.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr Andrew Baugh declared an interest in Item 7 – Planning Application for Moat Farm.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2013 were read. The acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Councillor Paul Nuthall seconded by Councillor Eddie Meyer and approved by all members.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- The installation of the new bench opposite the Durham Ox is now complete.
- Highways have been to inspect the road surface which is breaking up at the edges of Potter Lane and reported that they do not consider the damage to be severe enough to repair at the current time.
- The transport plan which is a condition of the planning permission for the Durham Ox is still not in place. Cllr Michael agreed to follow this up.
- Cllr Baugh has been unable to get a satisfactory response from The Post Office regarding the mail which has not been delivered and has decided not to pursue the matter any further.

5. PAY DUE ACCOUNTS

Payments to:

Karen Birks	Clerks expenses Apr 13 – Sept 13	£143.00
STS	Tidy and strim Durham Ox path	£40.00
Citizens advice bureau	Donation	£50.00
Eddie Meyer	Materials for installation of bench	£16.31

Cllr. David Lees proposed these payments; this was seconded by Cllr. Paul Nuthall and approved by all members.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- N&SDC have confirmed the adoption of the Newark and Sherwood Allocations and Development Management Development Plan Document (DPD) and a copy will be provided when it is available. This is the final stage in the replacement of the Newark and Sherwood Local Plan and along with the Newark and Sherwood Core Strategy DPD (adopted March 2011) will be the main document used for assessing planning applications.

- The NALC AGM will be held on Wednesday 13th November at Epperstone Village Hall. The clerk will be attending.
- The N&SDC Parish Conference will be held on Monday 7th October at Kelham Hall.
- As part of the winter service Notts County Council have offered five 25kg bags of salt free of charge to each Parish Council and the opportunity to purchase additional bags at a cost of £5 each. It was agreed not to order any salt.
- Potter Lane is to be closed between 16th September and 11th October by Western Power Distribution.
- Notts County Council has confirmed receipt of the Local Improvement Scheme application for three village signs for Wellow. The Parish Council will be contacted again with the outcome of this application in May 2014.
- N&SDC have granted full planning permission for the conservatory at the rear of Cherry Holt on Eakring Road (App. No. 13/00332/FUL).
- Notts County Council are proposing to install a 7.5 tonne environmental weight limit to Southwell and the surrounding villages, the aim of which is to stop overweight vehicles from driving through the area to reach a destination outside the weight limit boundary. In order to compliment this restriction and enforce the rural nature of the route it is also proposed to alter the designation of the A612 (between Lowdham and the A617 near Averham) and the B6386 (between Oxtun and Southwell). The Parish Council are concerned that this will force slow moving agricultural vehicles onto larger faster roads including the A614 which will cause traffic problems. The clerk will respond to request that an exemption is made for agricultural vehicles.
- A letter has been received from Margaret Hopkinson on behalf of the residents of the bottom green raising two concerns with the development of the Durham Ox. Building work has taken place to extend the car park into an area which was not included on the original planning permission. Cllr Michael agreed to raise this with the planning enforcement officer. Secondly the toft holders are concerned that the developers have encroached approximately six meters onto the common land at the bottom of the 'garden' area and are worried that there may be attempts to establish a new access from this direction. The clerk will write to Notts County Council in support of the toft holders efforts to prevent any encroachment onto or access over common land. Cllr Laughton has also raised the issue on behalf of the toft holders with Matt Lamb in planning, who is pursuing the matter with Steven Tipping, the rights of way officer.

7. PLANNING APPLICATION – CONVERSION OF BARN TO SINGLE DWELLING AT MOAT FARM, NEWARK ROAD, WELLOW App. No. 13/01112/FUL

This planning application was discussed and the Parish Council support the application.

8. 2013 ANNUAL PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT

The annual playground inspection report has been received and the overall risk assessment has been categorised as low. A number of actions have been recommended but non are urgent. These fall into three categories:

- securing fixings on some pieces of play equipment,
- lifting and re-laying some areas of matting
- repainting the toddler swings and the slide.

It was agreed that the clerk will obtain quotes for treating and painting the slide and swings. The clerk will also ascertain if Sutcliffe Play would be able to re-lay the matting when they are on site installing the new play equipment in the coming weeks and if so obtain a cost for this work. Cllr Meyer will consider if he is able to carry out any of the work on securing fixings and this will be discussed again at the October meeting.

9. UPDATE ON NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

A site visit took place on August 5th with Sheryl Smith from Sutcliffe Play and it was agreed that the Playzone Spider Climber and a 3m basketball goal could be installed for a total cost of £10,500 (ex vat). This quote was accepted by the Parish Council, an order placed and the equipment is due to be installed at the end of September.

10. INTERACTIVE SPEED SIGNS

Highways have confirmed that the speed sign which was erected on Eakring Road was only temporary and it is not intended that it will be put back again. Only one speed sign is usually put into a village and as there is already one on Newark Road it is unlikely that a second sign would be put on Eakring Road. It was agreed that Newark Road is the best location for the speed sign.

11. ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT OR DISCUSSION

Cllr Laughton reported that the police are withdrawing their help with community events which require road closures and this may affect Maypole Day. They have offered to train local people to manage the road closures.

Concerns have been raised by residents regarding a new building on Park Farm which it appears is being used for wedding receptions and other functions. Planning enforcement are aware of this but Cllr Laughton reported that no action is currently being taken until other issues with Mr Chapelhowe have been resolved. Cllr Laughton will follow this matter up before the November meeting.

Cllrs Andrew Baugh, David Lees, Carrie Young, Paul Nuthall and the clerk attended the Code of Conduct training at Kelham Hall on 9th September.

Cllr Lees noted that there have been parking issues recently whilst work was ongoing in the village in particular with cars that have been parking very close to the Newark Road/Eakring Road junction and concerns were expressed that this may become more regular when the Durham Ox re-opens. These issues should be reported to the police at the time when they occur.

Cllr Nuthall has a small Oak and Acer tree which could be planted in the play area if required.

Cllr Harvey is continuing to pursue Notts County Council to try and get repairs done on the Dark Lane footpath.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8:55pm

Chairman

Date