

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL MONDAY 13th JANUARY 2014

PRESENT: Councillors Andrew Baugh, Ann Hatcher, David Lees, Eddie Meyer, Paul Nuthall and Carrie Young. District councillor Sylvia Michael and County Councillor Bruce Laughton. Karen Birks (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr John Harvey.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr Andrew Baugh declared an interest in items 8, 9 and 10 the planning applications at Wellow House school and Chapel Farm.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2013 were read. The acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Councillor Eddie Meyer, seconded by Councillor Carrie Young and approved by all members.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Cllr Laughton presented further information regarding the application for a gasification facility on the former site of Bilsthorpe Colliery. This is not an incinerator but a new type of development which handles waste which has been specially prepared. This waste will be transported to the site over large distances. It is expected to generate approximately 150 lorry movements a week and have two chimneys the same height as the wind turbines. It was noted that if the proposed Environmental Weight limit is put in place around Eakring the lorries will not be able to travel through Wellow. Wellow Parish Council were not informed of this application and it was agreed to raise a complaint about this and to support the other local Parish Councils in their objections to the application.
- STS who had agreed to clear out the dyke have now pulled out of the horticultural and landscaping business completely so are no longer able to carry out this work. John Corrigan will be asked to provide a quote for the work.

5. PAY DUE ACCOUNTS

Payments to:

N&SDC	Mowing of play area	£499.20
Memorial Hall	Hire of hall for meetings	£165.00

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

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- A Payment of £360.00 has been received from N&SDC for the rent for the Parish field.
- N&SDC are due to begin consultation on a Draft Wind Energy Supplementary Planning Document which will set out how the District Council will consider applications for

wind turbines. A Landscape Capacity Study which identifies the varying levels of sensitivity of landscape areas within the District to accommodate such development has been commissioned and a copy of the document has been sent to the Parish Council on DVD. A briefing session is to be held on 28th January and will be attended by Cllrs David Lees and Paul Nuthall.

- Planning notice of decision – permission has been granted for Gable End Signs to be erected at ‘The Maypole at Wellow’ (App no. 13/01457/ADV)
- Representatives from the University of Exeter are undertaking a series of field surveys in late February/early March of sites believed to date to the mid twelfth century and one of these sites is Wellow. The survey techniques to be used are un-intrusive and any areas surveyed would be left in the same condition as they were found. The university are happy to answer any questions from local residents and would be willing to present their results once the survey is complete. The Parish Council have no objection to this survey being carried out in and around the village.
- Notts County Council are proposing an environmental weight limit around Eakring. This would extend north to the A616, south to the A617 and West to the A614. The Parish Council will request an exemption for agricultural vehicles to prevent forcing these slow moving vehicles onto the main A roads.
- Jane Crofts has raised the issue of making the Parish Council meeting minutes available for all residents to read and would like the Parish Council to consider this. This matter will be placed on the agenda for the February meeting.

7. CASHFLOW MONITOR – 3RD QUARTER 2013/14

The clerk circulated copies of the cashflow monitor for quarter ending 31st December 2013 showing expenditure to date. This shows a current account balance of £5,256.87 and a reserve account balance of £3,326.94. The closing balance corresponded with the latest statements from the bank (balance of current account at bank £5,306.87 due to outstanding cheque for £50.00).

Cllr Baugh left the meeting at this point as he had declared an interest in the next three items. In the absence of the chairman and vice chairman it was proposed that Cllr David Lees chair the remainder of the meeting.

8. PLANNING APPLICATION – Four new houses in grounds of Wellow House School App.no. 13/01711/FUL

The meeting was closed to allow members of the public to speak and following the reconvening of the meeting the Parish Council voted to object to this planning application (4 votes to object and one abstention).

The application appears to be almost the same development as that discussed in July 2012 but with four houses rather than five and the grounds for objection have not changed.

-Unsafe access onto Eakring road at a point where the road narrows and there is limited visibility. This would create a dangerous point of exit.

- The access will be a clear encroachment over toft holders land and will provide a permanent surface over what is now an informal track.

- Issues with the location of the footpath

- Inappropriate development in a conservation area

- N&SDC planning policy focuses on development in certain villages and Wellow has not been identified for development. The planning policy does not therefore support this application. Wellow has no requirement for additional executive houses.

9. PLANNING APPLICATION – New and Improved sports facilities and classrooms at Wellow House School App.no. 13/01749/FUL

The meeting was closed to allow members of the public to speak and following the reconvening of the meeting the Parish Council voted unanimously to object to this planning application.

The Parish Council object to this application on the following grounds:

- Over intensification of the site. It is considered that the area is being overdeveloped in a manner which is inappropriate to a conservation area.
- There is uncertainty about where the access to the new playing field will be as there is no clarity on the plans. There is likely to be an increase in vehicles using the site for matches etc. and if these exit via Eakring Road this is a very dangerous location due to narrowing of the road and poor visibility and if they use the front entrance of the school it will increase traffic into the school via the A616. It is also unclear how the field will be accessed for maintenance.
- It is development onto agricultural land and there is no justification for encroachment into the countryside.
- The development will bring the noise and activity of the school closer to residential areas and the two storey building will directly overlook some properties, taking away privacy.

10. PLANNING APPLICATION – Side extension at Chapel Farm (previously Park Farm), Newark Road, Wellow. App.no. 13/01683/FUL

The plans which have been submitted for this application are inaccurate and incomprehensible and therefore it was not possible to discuss them. The clerk will object to the application on these grounds.

11. ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT OR DISCUSSION

- Light no. 8 on the footpath between Eakring Road and Maypole Court has an intermittent fault. This will be reported to Notts County Council.
- The grid over the culvert in the Millennium Garden has been moved leaving a gap which could be hazardous. Cllr Baugh agreed to investigate this further.
- It was suggested that a separate planning meeting be held when complex planning applications require attention, to give sufficient time to review all the plans thoroughly.
- Cllr Laughton reported that the District Council were lobbying central government to give PCSOs stopping powers to issue tickets to motorists speeding or using mobile phones. Also it was reported that the traffic enforcement cameras are to be digitalised which means tickets will be automatically issued from Loughborough. This should increase the likelihood of getting traffic speeding and enforcement activity into villages.
- Cllr Laughton reported that the County Council are making huge cuts to budgets and the most likely of these to be felt in villages will be the reduction in the transport and highways budget. Areas of highest deprivation will be the focus for any funding which is available in the future.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9:15pm

Chairman

Date