

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL MONDAY 10th MARCH 2014

PRESENT: Councillors Andrew Baugh, John Harvey, Ann Hatcher, David Lees, 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 Cllrs Carrie Young and 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 February 2014 were read. The acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Councillor David Lees, seconded by Councillor Paul Nuthall and approved by all members.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- John Corrigan and his team have made an excellent job of clearing out the dyke and it is now running freely. The issue of fly tipping was raised by John as it is an issue along certain sections of the dyke. John suggested the possibility of a bi-monthly maintenance check and an annual clean up in March and it was agreed to request a quote for an annual clean up.
- Martin Russell, the planning officer with responsibility for the application at The Maypole at Wellow, has sent a written update regarding the application. The planner had previously explained that the re-grading and hard surfacing of land to the north of the car park require additional planning permission and the owner stated that these areas would be restored to their former state following completion of the extension. This has still not happened and if written confirmation of an appropriate timescale is not received, the District Council will consider pursuing enforcement action. Also the tarmaced extension to the car park was shown on the original plans as an area of hardstanding for sheds and these have now been located there. The planner has explained to the owner that this is acceptable but the area must not be used as a car park in the future without additional planning permission and the owner has been requested to confirm in writing that he understands this advice. With regards to condition 3 of the planning application that a Travel Plan must be submitted and approved before the public house is brought into use, the owner is in breach of the planning consent. Martin Russell is currently in discussion with the Highway Authority to establish the information that would be sufficient to meet the requirements of this condition and consider how continued compliance with a Travel Plan could be monitored in the long term before deciding whether it would be expedient to serve a breach of condition notice. The clerk will obtain a further update before the April meeting.

5. PAY DUE ACCOUNTS

Payments to:

Karen Birks	Clerks expenses Oct 13 – March 14	£128.10
Corgill Construction	Clearing out the dyke	£850.00

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

£2100 had been temporarily transferred from the reserve account to the current account in October 2013 to cover the vat paid on the new playground equipment. It was agreed to move this amount back into the reserve account as there is sufficient money in the current account at the end of the financial year.

It was agreed to send a letter to the bank to confirm the clerk's new salary of £193.60 to commence on 28th April 2014 as previously agreed in October 2013.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- A planning application has been received for an 86m high wind turbine on land to the south west of Moorhouse. The Parish Council agreed not to comment on this application because it is quite some distance from Wellow.
- Jane Crofts has informed the Parish Council that she requested Notts County Council to visit Wellow to examine the condition of the dyke in order to pursue their advice for maintenance and possible provision of funding towards maintenance. Mr Smith, the Notts County Council drainage officer, has made a visit to the village following her request but as Wellow does not have a problem with flooding and he felt the dyke was in generally good order he was unlikely to offer any further assistance. The dyke has recently been cleared by John Corrigan and the Parish Council does not feel that any further input is required from County Council. The clerk will explain the situation to Mr. Smith with regard to the money from the rental for the Parish field being used by the Parish Council on a regular basis to keep the dyke in good order and that the Parish Council always has, and will continue to, take on the responsibility for this maintenance work.

It was noted that one section of the dyke which is silted up and it doesn't flow well is where it crosses the main road near the pinfold. This is a designated ancient monument and English Heritage would need to be involved in any work undertaken on this stretch of the dyke. It is not felt to be a flooding issue at the current time so no further action will be taken.

A tree has fallen across the dyke and the footpath since the recent clearing work was undertaken and Cllr Baugh agreed to look at the situation.

7. CONDITION OF BRIDGE INTO PLAYGROUND

There are some very large timbers in this bridge many of which are showing signs of rotting. Replacement of these timbers is not required imminently but work will have to be undertaken in the next year or two and could be very expensive. It was agreed to keep a watching brief on the bridge and to arrange a site meeting at a later date for all the councillors to assess the situation. This would provide an opportunity to look at possible options for either replacing the bridge or relocating the entrance to the play area.

8. ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT OR DISCUSSION

Cllr Laughton confirmed that the large camera located on a street lamp near the dam is a car number plate recognition camera owned by the police.

Cllr Nuthall reported that there has been an increase in break-ins and thefts particularly in the Southwell and Caunton areas many of which have been the theft of car keys from homes in order to steal vehicles.

There are a number of potholes on Potter Lane and Eakring Road. Then clerk will report these to highways.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8:50pm

Chairman

Date