

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL MONDAY 14th DECEMBER 2015

PRESENT: Councillors Andrew Baugh (Chairman), Pam Axworthy, Alison Bevan, Janet Cook, Aubrey Williams and Carrie Young. Cllr Bruce Laughton attended for part of the meeting. Karen Birks (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Linda Tift.

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 16th November 2015 were accepted as a true record and signed by Cllr Baugh.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

No response has been received from Wellow House School on the expected duration of the building works and this has been chased up by the clerk.

Cllr Young is currently arranging a petition in support of a mini roundabout at Rufford Lane/A616 junction and this will be completed in the new year. Cllr Axworthy has contacted the police regarding the number of accidents near this junction and is waiting a reply.

5. PROPOSED TRAVELLER SITE IN WELLOW PARISH

The application for a traveller site was discussed at the N&SDC Planning Committee meeting on 9th December and a decision was deferred until the next meeting on 5th January as it was realised that the District Council might be setting a precedent by approving a traveller site in a conservation area. It has since been confirmed that there are no other traveller sites in conservation areas throughout the country. Cllr Baugh spoke at the December meeting to put forward the Parish Councils objections and may speak again if required at the January meeting.

Cllr Laughton suggested the planning application should be called in given the precedent in planning policy it represents and Robert Jenrick, MP has confirmed that he will consider asking the Secretary of State to do this. Cllr Young agreed to contact Robert Jenrick to ensure the application is called in.

Cllr Young proposed that the Parish Council apply to Historic England to give Wellow Dam listed status. The Dam is an ancient agricultural feature and as such its importance should be recognised and may influence the decision for planning applications on land close by. Cllr Baugh has contacted the chair of the Toftholders and they have no objection to the Parish Council applying for listed status. This proposal was accepted. Further information and assistance can be obtained from Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) and it was agreed that, if it is not possible to use the Toftholders membership of this organisation, the Parish Council will join and pay the annual membership fee.

The head of planning at N&SDC, Matt Lamb, stated at the Planning Committee meeting on 9th December that he has a confirmed picture of demand for traveller pitches from his regular quarterly surveys of these sites. This is information which the Parish Council and District Councillor have requested on a number of occasions but has failed to be produced by the planners. Cllr Young proposed that the Parish Council make a Freedom of Information request for a full copy of the detailed results of these surveys by quarter for the previous two and a half years. This proposal was accepted.

6. PAY DUE ACCOUNTS

Payments to:

N&SDC	Election recharge costs	£70.72
Paul Kitson	Mowing Millennium Garden	£75.00
Carrie Young	Printing expenses for campaign against planning application	£25.00

Cllr. Pam Axworthy proposed this payment; this was seconded by Cllr Alison Bevan and approved by all members.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

The Stone Slabs at the end of Maypole Green have been replaced by Notts County Council. Kate Jackson, the resident who originally raised the matter, has contacted the Parish Council to pass on her thanks for assisting to get this sorted.

The Local Government Boundary Commission has completed its review of Nottinghamshire and Wellow has been placed in the Sherwood Forest Division with Edwinstowe, Rufford, Clipstone and Eakring. This division will be represented by one County Councillor and the new arrangements will come into force at the May 2017 elections.

Notts County Council has launched a public consultation (open until February 5th) on future spending proposals for 2016/17 to 2018/19. Income has fallen whilst demand for services has increased and the County Council face a significant financial challenge. The clerk will send out a link to the details and any comments will be fed back at the January meeting.

Councillors Axworthy, Bevan, Cook and Williams have now been added as signatories on the bank account.

A letter has been received from N&SDC requesting details of public open spaces in the Parish. Maps have been provided by the District Council but these appear to be incorrect and Cllr Baugh agreed to annotate and mark the correct areas on the maps.

8. LITTER BINS FOR PLAYING FIELD AREA AND POTTER LANE

The clerk provided details of a wood effect litter bin costing £159 (inc vat) and following discussion it was agreed that this bin is suitable. The bin can be fixed onto a concrete base if required.

Cllr Axworthy reported that a number of residents have complained about the litter bin on Potter Lane near the Millennium Garden which is often overflowing with bags of dog faeces.

The bin does not appear to be emptied regularly enough and possibly not as frequently as the other bins in the village. The clerk will ascertain from District Council how frequently the bin is emptied and confirm that it is included on the route for regular emptying. A decision on where to site new litter bins will be deferred to a future meeting when this additional information is available.

9. ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT OR DISCUSSION

There were no other matters for report.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8:45pm

Chairman

Date