

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL MONDAY 20th JUNE 2016

PRESENT: Councillors Pam Axworthy (Chair), Andrew Baugh, Janet Cook, Eddie Meyer, Aubrey Williams and Carrie Young. Karen Birks (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Alison Bevan, Linda Tift and Mark Buttery.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr Baugh declared an interest in Item 10 – Update on Wellowfest.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2016 were accepted as a true record and signed by Cllr Axworthy.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no matters arising which are not on the agenda for this meeting.

5. NEWARK COMMUNITY FIRST AID – INFORMATION ON DEFIBRILLATORS AND CONSIDERATION OF A DEFIBRILLATOR FOR WELLOW

Philip Jessop, a training manager at Newark Community First Aid gave a very informative talk on the use and benefits of defibrillators in village locations. He emphasised the importance of carrying out CPR on a person who has suffered a heart attack before a defibrillator is used as it is vital to keep the blood and oxygen flowing around the body for the minutes before the defibrillator is available. The time taken for the ambulance to reach a casualty is often too long in rural areas which means that the ambulance crew cannot successfully shock a heart back into normal rhythm but local people can use the defibrillator to do this before an ambulance arrives.

The defibrillator must be stored in a cabinet which requires electricity to power a heating element to keep the equipment frost free. The latest guidelines are that the cabinets should not be locked to enable the defibrillator to be accessed quickly. Defibrillators cost between £600 and £2000 and it possible to purchase reconditioned machines at a cheaper price. Money can be raised through either local fundraising, sponsorship or via organisations such as British Heart Foundation.

It is important that the local community get involved if a defibrillator is installed in a village and everyone must know where the machine(s) are located. Newark Community First Aid will provide free training on use of a defibrillator, CPR and general first aid.

6. PAY DUE ACCOUNTS

Payments to:

Lisa Adams	Internal Audit	£60.00
NALC	Chairmanship Training Course	£25.00

Cllr. Andrew Baugh proposed these payments; this was seconded by Cllr Carrie Young and approved by all members.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

The Annual Report and newsletter have been received from CPRE and will be circulated to councillors.

An appeal has been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate against refusal of planning permission for a Traveller Site in Wellow. The Parish Council has not yet received official notification of this appeal and timescales for the appeal process are not yet available. Appeals can be dealt with by one of three processes – Written representations, Hearing or Inquiry. The appellant has requested a Hearing but confirmation is awaited from the Inspectorate that they consider this to be the appropriate appeal process in this instance.

Mr Chapelhowe, a Wellow resident, has made a request for information from the Parish Council which the Clerk will respond to.

8. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL RETURN FOR 2015/16

The clerk reported that the accounts had been checked by the internal auditor and were found to be all in order and the auditor had no comments to make other than that the accounts were well kept, clear and concise. The internal auditor has signed the relevant sections of the annual return.

The council approved the accounting statement and the annual governance statement on the annual return. The clerk will now submit this to Grant Thornton, the external auditors.

9. CROWN LIFTING OF TREES IN PLAY AREA

N&SDC has quoted £95 to remove the lower branches from two Oak trees and one Ash tree in the play area. A quote reported at the last meeting for this work was for £195.

It was agreed to request that N&SDC carry out his work.

Permission has been granted to carry out this work on the trees in the conservation area.

10. UPDATE OF WELLOW FEST

In response to representations made by the Parish Council and one member of the public a hearing was convened on 15th June to decide the application for a Premises Licence for Wellowfest. This was attended by Cllrs Axworthy and Young on behalf of the Parish Council. After consideration of the submissions and evidence the licensing panel decided to grant the licence in its entirety.

11. PLANNING APPLICATION 16/00609/FUL – EXTENSION AT HOLLY HOUSE, EAKRING ROAD, WELLOW

The Parish Council support this planning application and have no comments to make.

12. ATTENDANCE OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Cllr Young raised the issue of none attendance at Parish Council meetings of District Councillor Mark Buttery and proposed that a letter of complaint be sent to the District Council and the Labour Party. After discussion, although it was agreed that his lack of attendance is regrettable it was decided not to send an official compliant letter.

13. ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT OR DISCUSSION

Potholes require repair on Potter Lane, Newark Road and Maypole Road and the drains are blocked on Eakring Road opposite Cuckstool House. The clerk will report these issues to Highways at Notts County Council.

A tree on North Dark Lane footpath is growing horizontally across the path at a low height which is a hazard for pedestrians. The clerk will report this to the Countryside Access Team at Notts County Council.

A Wellow resident, Mr Chapelhowe, offered to provide funding for a defibrillator for the village.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8:35pm

Chairman

Date