

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL MONDAY 23rd JANUARY 2017

PRESENT: Councillors Pam Axworthy (Chair), Andrew Baugh, Janet Cook, Paul Hubbard, Eddie Meyer and Carrie Young. Cllr Linda Tift attended for part of the meeting. Karen Birks (Clerk).

Cllr Aubrey Williams attended the meeting to formally hand in his resignation from the Parish Council. Cllr Axworthy thanked him, on behalf of the rest of the councillors, for his contributions to the work of the council over his time as a member.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS

There were no declarations of interest on matters on the agenda.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2016 were accepted as a true record and signed by Cllr Axworthy.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Andy Statham has confirmed that it is not usual to have a follow up SAG meeting after an event has taken place and that the meeting held after Wellfest 2016 was at the request of the event organisers with the specific purpose of reviewing a de-brief document created by them. As the document belongs to the event owners and the meeting was not open to the public, N&SDC are not able to release the minutes of this meeting.

The minutes of future SAG meeting prior to Wellfest 2017 will be shared with the Parish Council.

The District Council has provided numbers of attendees at Wellfest 2016 which have been verified by a Police Licensing Officer – Friday evening 750; Saturday evening 2420 and Sunday evening 821.

There were still concerns regarding the fact that tickets have not been numbered for Wellfest 2017 which makes it more difficult to monitor numbers attending the event. It was felt by some councillors that it may not be possible to monitor an event like Wellfest in this way but Cllr Tift agreed to follow it up with the District Council.

- The clerk confirmed that it will be acceptable for the credit balance of the Maypole Committees bank account to be transferred to the Parish Council for the purpose of future maintenance/replacement of the maypole in the event of the winding up of the Maypole Committee. This matter will be discussed again at the February meeting.
Cllr Tift suggested that the Maypole Committee look to other outside charitable groups and also N&SDC for help with organisation and stewarding of Maypole Day. This information will be passed onto Laura Cove, a representative of the Maypole Committee, when she attends the February Parish Council meeting.

5. PAY DUE ACCOUNTS

The following payments were approved by the council:

NALC	Annual Subscription	£104.90
Melba Swintex	Base for litter bin	£61.90

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Notice of decision – N&SDC has granted full planning permission for the extension and changes to Wellow Equestrian at Scotts Farm, Rufford Lane, Wellow (16/00676/FUL)

Copies of an updated bus timetable have been received from Notts County Council. These will be placed around the village where they can be picked up by residents.

Dennis Crooks has contacted the Parish Council to explain that he does not agree that the documentation he has produced should be stored in the Old School Room. In his opinion the main purpose of the documents is to assist Councillors in their work at the current time and not to be stored as historical documents. He is particularly interested in how the Parish Council will store and use the Chairman's file which he has supplied. It was agreed that Cllr Axworthy will evaluate the information and in future the file will be kept by the current Chairman and referred to by the Parish Council when the information is appropriate to a current matter.

7. CASHFLOW MONITOR – 3rd QUARTER 2016/17

The clerk circulated copies of the cashflow monitor for quarter ending 31st December 2016 showing expenditure to date. This shows a current account balance of £5329.05 and a reserve account balance of £6,936.12. The closing balance corresponded with the latest statements from the bank.

It was agreed to transfer £500 from the current account to the reserve account.

8. UPDATE ON DEFIBRILLATORS FOR WELLOW

Dave Williams, an electrician qualified to work on public buildings has agreed to install the defibrillators for a cost of approximately £85 each.

Newark and Sherwood Homes have confirmed permission to install one of the defibrillators on the Maypole Court Centre building on the front external wall. Permission has been requested from the Wellow Memorial Hall Committee to install the second defibrillator on the front of the Memorial Hall but no decision has yet been received.

Newark Community First Aid has offered to carry out training free of charge and it was agreed to request that they run training sessions on Saturday 1st April 9:30am to 12:00pm and Wednesday 5th April 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Each session can accommodate 20 people. Cllr Young agreed to agree a third date for training in April with the Rotary Club. Once all dates are confirmed the training will be advertised in the Wellow News and by posters put up around the village and sent to local village groups.

Local businesses and residents who have sent donations to the Parish Council towards defibrillators did so on the understanding that they were contributing towards the purchase of these machines. As the two defibrillators have now been provided free of charge by British Heart foundation it was agreed to write to all those who have contributed to confirm if it is acceptable to use their donation towards installation and future maintenance of the defibrillators rather than initial purchase of equipment. If anyone is not in agreement their donation will be returned.

9. SPEEDWATCH

Speed Watch is due to restart in the Spring but there are concerns that it has not been very successful. Due to restrictions on where and when the volunteers can set up the equipment it is felt that the correct places are not being targeted at the best times. There have also been some issues with the equipment not working correctly. More volunteers are needed to run speed watch and further discussion with the police is required to try and agree more suitable locations. It was also suggested that village signs advertising that Wellow is a speed watch village would be effective.

The police rarely visit Wellow with speed cameras and an increase in frequency is needed.

10. SAFETY GROUP MEETING FEEDBACK

Cllr Axworthy attended the January meeting. There has been a relatively low level of crime including burglaries and the main issue for all villages is speeding traffic. Those present at the meeting expressed concern about the proposed 50mph speed limit on the A616 and commented that it is unlikely to be monitored and therefore there is little point in implementing it.

It was reported that the lead has been stolen from the church roof in Egmanton.

11. ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT OR DISCUSSION

Cllr Axworthy reminded all councillors that they must make it clear if they raise matters with outside agencies that any views expressed or actions taken are their own personal views and not those of the Parish Council, unless the matter has been agreed by a full meeting of the Parish Council.

Cllr Young suggested that information boards be installed in Wellow depicting the history and other local information about the village. This will be added to the February meeting agenda.

Cllr Meyer raised the issue of potholes on Eakring Road and Potter Lane. The clerk will report these to Highways for repair.

Cllr Hubbard asked the clerk to find out if it was possible for District Council to supply litter picking equipment as he is willing to collect litter in the village if he has the correct equipment.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8:55pm

Chairman

Date