

## WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL

### MEETING OF WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016

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

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

#### 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 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were accepted as a true record and signed by Cllr Axworthy.

#### 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The two applications for changes within permitted development at Chapel Farm have been withdrawn. Cllr Tift confirmed that even though these applications have been withdrawn the enforcement officer will continue to regularly monitor the site. The temporary stage which was erected for Wellowfest in July 2016 is still in place and the N&SDC enforcement officer is working to ensure it is removed.

The five free bags of salt from Notts County Council have been delivered to the village and are temporarily being stored at Keystone Cottage next to the village hall. It was agreed that Cllrs Meyer, Williams and Young will distribute the bags of salt to be used on roads in Wellow which are not on the gritting route including Potter Lane, Maypole Road and Bowman Place.

#### 5. PAY DUE ACCOUNTS

A request has been received from the Wellow Celebration Committee for the Parish Council to make a donation towards the Christmas tree for the village. It was agreed that the Parish Council will make a donation of £70.

The following payments were approved by the council:

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| NALC                         | New Councillor Training course | £25.00 |
| Wellow Celebration Committee | Donation to Christmas tree     | £70.00 |

#### 6. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from Dennis Crooks, a resident of Wellow for 70 years, who has completed various projects about farming, the history of Wellow and current issues facing the village. He has a large number of documents, written by himself, together with some old maps and details of old buildings in Wellow which he would like to hand over to an appropriate group in the village for use and safe keeping. It was suggested that, once the renovation is complete, the Old School Room, would be the most suitable location for these documents,

maps and photographs. The clerk will contact Jane and Joanne Crofts to discuss this and also inform Mr Crooks of the decision.

## **7. CLERKS SALARY INCREASE 2017/18**

New salary rates for part time clerks have been agreed by NALC. The clerk is currently paid on Spinal Column Point 20 and it was agreed that the new hourly rate of £10.09 will be paid from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

## **8. FUNDING FOR A DEFIBRILLATOR FOR WELLOW**

To date donations totalling £550 have been received from:

Mr S Carr at Jordan Castle Farm, the Lord of the Manor at Challenge Ltd, Wellow Ladies Circle, the Toftholders committee, J Parker and Sons, a resident who wishes to remain anonymous and money raised through the clothing bank in Wellow. Thank you letters will be sent to all who have donated.

Along with their donation the Toftholders have also raised a number issues including a suggestion that residents should be given an opportunity to receive CPR/first aid training and that if a First Responder volunteer system was not thought to be appropriate for Wellow then the village could be canvassed for trained first aiders who would be willing to have their names listed as volunteers in an emergency?

Mr Chapelhow has confirmed that he would like to purchase a defibrillator himself and donate it to the village rather than have the Parish Council purchase it. The clerk will confirm a suitable make and model with Mr Chapelhow and ask him to let the Parish Council know the timescale when it will be delivered.

British Heart Foundation has announced a new round of funding on 11<sup>th</sup> November which will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Cllr Young has already made an application for this funding and the Parish Council expressed their thanks for her quick response.

Once the total funds available are known the Parish Council will arrange for purchase and installation of one or two defibrillators and training for all those who wish to attend.

## **9. APPEAL HEARING FOR TRAVELLER SITE PLANNING APPLICATION**

The hearing on 9<sup>th</sup> November was attended on behalf of the village by Cllrs Axworthy, Young and Hubbard, District Councillor Linda Tift, Andrew Young and a governor from Wellow House School. It was specifically noted that Cllr Carrie Young, her husband Andrew and Cllr Pam Axworthy were very knowledgeable and defended the case exceptionally well. It could take up to two months for the appeal to be decided.

## **10. CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET FOR 2017/18**

The clerk circulated copies of the preliminary budget for the coming financial year 2017/2018 and following discussion this budget was agreed. It was agreed to set the precept at £5,500 which is the same as last year. This would leave a deficit of £145 in the budget for 2017/18 but this could be met through reserves in the current account carried forward from the previous financial year.

## **11. ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR REPORT OR DISCUSSION**

Concern was raised about the possible growth of Wellowfest in 2017 and increased numbers which could surpass the 5000 specified in the license for this event. This issue has already been raised in a letter sent by the clerk to N&SDC licensing but no response has yet been

received and Cllr Tift agreed to chase this up on behalf of the Parish Council. The event is already being widely advertised and free tickets are being given out. Cllr Tift will ask District Council if these tickets can be numbered to enable a check to be made on how many tickets have been distributed as a means of monitoring the situation.

Residents have reported an increase in people regularly allowing their dogs to foul on the bottom green. It was agreed that if further details including times and car registration numbers of the offenders could be gathered the clerk will then request a visit from the dog warden patrol officer who can issue fines.

The clerk will report the wooden support for the Maypole Road sign which is rotten and requires replacement.

A resident has offered to paint the toll bars around the Wellow Dam area if the Parish Council will provide the paint. This was agreed.

The hedge outside Bluebell Cottage on Eakring Road is encroaching onto the pavement and making access difficult. The clerk will report this to Highways.

Cllr Hubbard and Cllr Young are going to visit Amy Chandler from the Forestry Commission to discuss the problem with motorcycles using the track in Wellow Woods.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8:55pm

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Chairman

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Date