

Wellow Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Wellow Parish Council Monday 16th January 2023 7.30pm at Maypole Court, Wellow

Present: Cllrs E Meyer, J Ragsdale, G Parkin, D Griffin
Mrs C Wigman Parish Clerk

Declarations of intent to record, film or photograph the meeting by members of the public or the press

There were none

1 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr N Brown due to work accident; District Cllr S Carlton due to illness

2 Declarations of members interest in agenda items

There were none

3 To approve minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st November 2022

Proposed as true record Cllr J Ragsdale, seconded Cllr G Parkin

4 Matters arising

The clerk reported that she had rung Mr Boardman regarding the Notice Board on the Memorial Hall but got no reply so had left a very polite voice mail asking if he had checked the board recently as it had been reported to her that the door was sticking and the varnish not weathering well. No response as yet.

Tree works have been completed.

The clerk had made a duplicate claim for VAT refund of the balance 2021-22, and had been advised by HMRC that it had been issued 11/01/2023(too late to appear on bank statement)

Move final item to Confidential

5 to receive questions and petitions from members of the public – for information only

None received at this point in meeting

6 Reports from the District and County Councillor

None

7 To review Bi monthly parish meetings and decide whether to adopt these going forward

It was agreed that the trial had been successful. Proposed that this be adopted Cllr J Ragsdale, seconded Cllr G Parkin - All in favour. The meeting was paused following a question from a member of the public. The meeting resumed,

8 Finance

- Clerks report –

**Payments made Clerks wages and expenses Dec 22,
NSDC Play Park Inspection £114,**

**NSDC Grounds Maintenance £528,
Maplebeck Tree Care £750,
Donation Christmas Tree Lights event £60,
P Kitson Grass Cutting £270
*Payments made duly noted***

- **Payments due Clerks wages January 23**
Expenses incurred by Cllr Meyer (printer ink, paper)
Meeting paused whilst cheques were signed, meeting resumed

- **Current balances and to note anticipated payments becoming due**
Meeting again paused when member of public asked to see these, clerk was unsure if these could be disclosed at this time, certainly end of year accounts can be inspected. Clerk will get advice from NALC and report back. Meeting resumed.

9 Dyke maintenance works - Consider quotes received for work to maintain Dyke and plan ongoing

Maintenance programme

Only 2 quotes had been received at time of meeting, the quote from Mr Proctor was considered the best Proposed Cllr G Parkin, seconded Cllr D Griffin

10 Consider Budget requirements 2023-24 and setting Precept

After looking at this year's expenditure and ongoing costs for maintenance of Trees, the Dyke and increase in Dog Bin collections, it was agreed that the Parish Council had no option but to increase the Precept to £7200

11 Planning Applications - None received to date

None received

12 Update on Dog Waste Bins – Installation update on progress and costings

The clerk had been advised that Installation of the 2 bins was due end of January beginning of February. Cost £600. Collection is £2 per bin, per collection

13 No through sign on the corner of Maypole Green

The matter had been referred to VIA who reported sign had been there for some time. This was not the case as Cllr Ragsdale had witnessed the installation of the 'used' sign. The Council's view is that it has been erected at the wrong height and at an angle which is unsafe. Clerk to report back to VIA.

14 Update on Bus Shelter Notice Boards

Awaiting response from Notts C.C. regarding repositioning the sign. Clerk to pursue the matter. Meeting was paused following further questions from member of the public. Meeting resumed

15 Tree works

- **Outcome of enquiry on Tree on Glennish Boundary**
This is still to be determined and will be carried forward to next meeting
- **Work completed on Gorge Dyke by NSDC footpaths officer**
Clerk has written to footpaths officer to thank her for her help in bring this matter to a conclusion
- **Work completed on Apple Tree at Play Park**
Noted

16 Report of progress so far on Owner of Land on the north Bank of Gorge Dyke below Wellow House School

Still ongoing

17 Village Signs - update on Loan applications and costings

The current estimates for cost of 2 village entrance signs is £8520 (plus £275 + VAT) for Artwork. Should the village want 3 gateway signs this would be over £12,000 (As a comparison a double-sided centre sign would cost £5724)

LCS funding would give the council 50% of the outlay and District Cllr S Carlton had generously agreed to give the council a further £1000. However, this leaves the council to find the remaining balance a minimum £3500/4000.

The meeting paused as member of the public wanted to ask questions.

On resuming;

- *the Council will have to seek further funding,*
- *contact other local parishes to see what funding they were able to obtain.*
- *Clerk pointed out that the other parishes may have had reserves which they could use, whereas Wellow has to retain theirs for the up keep of the Maypole*
- *Clerk to determine if it has been recorded how much has to be allocated to the Maypole, and whether some of the reserve could be used*

18 Village Plan - Millennium Gardens consider improving area with planting shrubs etc , using remaining grant from ear marked reserves

- *To be carried forward to next meeting because of time restraint*

Communication - current use of Notice Boards, whether a Village Notice Board is required just for the use of residents, leaving Council Board free for Council business only

- *Await outcome of notice board in Bus stop , then review as necessary.*

The members of the public again asked for more questions to be answered, the Chairman declined, and referred to the fact that questions should be dealt with under item 5, rather than during the meeting and he was not prepared to pause the meeting again.

17 Correspondence - to note correspondence with Historic England

The meeting read all correspondence received from Historic England. No official notification has been sent to the Clerk by York Archaeology, as is required; regarding request to work on Gorge Dyke.

Time and date of the next meeting

March 17th 2023, 7.30pm at Maypole Court

Meeting closed at 9.30

Chairmans signature

Date