

# Wellow Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Andrews, Bailey, Betts, Caudle, Clarkson, Doman and Prentice along with four members of the public. Cllr Karthausser arrived at 8.15 having sent apologies beforehand to say that he would be arriving later.

## Agenda:

### 14.047      **To accept apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Wheeler. Dist Cllr Butters indicated that he would be late.

### 14.048      **Declarations of interest in any matters on the agenda or in April 2014** **Minutes**

There were no declarations of interest.

### 14.049      **Public Participation**

No members of the public addressed the meeting.

### 14.050      **To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on April 14<sup>th</sup> 2014.**

The minutes were approved unanimously.

### 14.051      **Planning applications**

#### New applications

Cllr Clarkson said that the Parish Council should support the application to widen the driveway at Windy Ridge, ref: 14/01306/FUL, subject to the use of natural materials for the facings. This was agreed unanimously. Cllr Clarkson will respond accordingly. **DC**

#### Decisions received

The Parish Council noted that the application, ref: 14/00720, for remodeling work at Middle Twinhoe Cottage had been approved.

The Parish Council noted that the application, ref: 14/00535, for external alterations at the rear of 1 to 7 High Street, had been refused.

14.052      **Appointment of Councillor to oversee highway matters**

The Clerk reported that our insurance with Aon was due for renewal and suggested that we renew it with them. The premium was £393.04, an increase of 17p over the previous year.

The Chairman proposed that we do so and was seconded by Cllr Doman. The proposal was approved unanimously. **GW**

14.053      **Finance**

Cllr Betts proposed that the financial report be accepted and this was seconded by Cllr Andrews and approved unanimously.

The following payments were approved:

Clerk's salary	£174.35
Clerk's allowance	£ 5.00
AON insurance	£393.04
Payman	£ 72.00
Stamps	£ 13.80
CPRE subs	£ 36.00*
S Cole	£261.60

\*The money paid to CPRE is seen by them as a donation rather than a subscription. The Parish Council agreed unanimously to increase the payment to £50.

14.054      **Play Area Report**

The Chairman referred to the Play Area Report received from B&NES and suggested that we defer any discussion until the June meeting in the light of Cllr Wheeler's absence. This was agreed unanimously.

In the meantime Cllrs Wheeler and Doman will seek further clarification and will seek quotes if necessary. **PD / TW**

Cllr Karthausser said that a spring-loaded gate should be installed to ensure that it always remained closed.

14.055

**Any other reports**

Cllr Betts asked whether we could obtain a quote from B&NES for strimming the verges along the Village Hall driveway and around the play area. The Clerk will contact Wayne Honey. **GW**

Cllr Betts asked whether the Clerk could circulate a copy of the grounds maintenance contract. The Clerk agreed to do so. **GW**

Cllr Andrews said that the area around the ford which had been cleared was now overgrown with weeds.

She also said that the chicanes were overgrown and that a post still needed replacing. B&NES had offered to tarmac them.

Cllr Clarkson said that the next training session for would-be Neighbourhood Speedwatchers would be on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Letters have been sent out to those caught speeding.

Cllr Karthausser said that the Speedwatch sign on the approach from the north was overgrown. Cllr Clarkson said she'd trim it. **DC**

Cllr Caudle will ask B&NES about the drain and signage on Bull's Hill. **PC**

Cllr Betts will draw up a list of the potholes throughout the village. **SB**

Cllr Andrews suggested that a concert be held in the church as part of the World War 1 centenary events, perhaps a combination of the Last Night of the Proms, Remembrance Day and Community Singing. She will liaise with Alex Martin in order to make arrangements. She expected that the concert would take place in September. **HA**

The Chairman asked whether the Clerk could circulate a copy of Peter Duppa-Miller's Financial Standing Orders to Cllr Karthausser, Richard Holland and himself. **GW**

14.056

**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of Wellow Parish Council was confirmed as Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

**Geoffrey White  
Parish Clerk  
May 19<sup>th</sup> 2014**