

Wellow Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday, October 7th 2014 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Andrews, Bailey, Betts, Doman, Karthaus, Prentice and Wheeler along with four members of the public.

Agenda:

14.092 To accept apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Caudle and Clarkson

14.093 Declarations of interest in any matters on the agenda or in June 2014 Minutes

None

14.094 Public Participation

Stewart Cole said that there was a need to clear weeds from the northern end of Canteen Lane. The Parish Council agreed that he should undertake this work.

Cllr Wheeler confirmed that the drains near the school were ineffective but it was decided to keep a “watching brief” for the time being.

Richard Holland asked that we contact Council Connect with a view to reinstating the posts on the chicanes at the west end. **GW**

14.095 To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on September 2nd 2014.

The Chairman wanted the reference to “seeking advice” under Agenda Item 14.086 changed to “seeking legal advice”. The minutes were amended accordingly and approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman

14.096 Wellow Sports

The Chairman referred to the letter received from Charles Everitt at Crisp Cowley which promised a donation to Wellow Sports to be spent, preferably, on the cricket pitch.

The Chairman proposed that we note the contents of the letter and express the Parish Council's thanks. This was seconded by Cllr Bayley and passed by 5 votes to nil with two abstentions. **GW**

The Parish Council will have to decide which bank account these funds are paid into.

14.097 **Management of the whole playing field**

The Chairman explained that the Parish Council has to set up a new CIO to oversee playing field management – the PC cannot just modify the existing arrangements. The new CIO will be an umbrella organization.

Cllr Karthaus explained the ramifications in some detail and stressed that the management of the Village Hall would not be affected unless the present committee wanted to relinquish control.

The Chairman proposed that the new CIO be set up and this was seconded by Cllr Andrews. The proposal was passed by 5 votes to 1 with 1 abstention.

The second proposal was that the CIO would be called Wellow Sports and Recreation but the Chairman stressed that he wanted the Parish Council to choose a name which everyone found acceptable. After some discussion it was proposed that the new CIO be called "Wellow Recreation". This was seconded by Cllr Andrews and passed by 5 votes to 2.

14.098 **Finance Report**

The financial report was accepted unanimously and the payments listed on the agenda agreed to. The cheques were duly signed by Cllrs Andrews, Betts and Doman.

14.099 **Planning**

Application Number: 14/03944/TCA

Site Location: 2 The Batch

Description of Proposal: Pollard one Norway maple and four ash trees

Cllr Andrews said that the landowner would not allow her to see the trees prior to any decision. However, she still seconded the proposal to support the application which was made by the Chairman and passed unanimously.

Cllr Andrews will respond to B&NES accordingly. **HA**

Application Number: 14/04233/TPO

Site Location: Wellow Brook, Ford Farm

Description of Proposal: Continuation of coppicing of hazel and thorn trees

Cllr Doman pointed out that the reference to Ford Farm was, in fact, incorrect and that the work proposed related to various parts of Wellow Brook, not Ford Farm.

Cllr Bayley had looked at the proposals in some detail. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council support the application and this was

seconded by Cllr Karthausser and passed unanimously. Cllr Bayley will respond to B&NES.

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The decisions received, as listed on the agenda, were noted.

14.100 **Appointment of Clerk**

The Parish Council noted that the current Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer would retire on December 31st.

The Chairman proposed that Nicola Duke, whom six councillors had interviewed, be appointed as Clerk and RFO. This was seconded by Cllr Karthausser and passed unanimously.

The Clerk will write to her accordingly.

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14.101 **Any other reports**

Cllr Wheeler said that repairs were needed to the Play Area, namely to the gate and part of the fencing where a new stake is required. Cllr Doman agreed to undertake the work.

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Cllr Wheeler said that dams, constructed by children, in Wellow Brook were impeding the flow of water, resulting in blockages in the pipes under the ford. It was agreed to leave them in place for the time being.

Cllr Wheeler expressed concern about the amount of dogs' mess left lying around in plastic bags. The Chairman suggested that this be an agenda item in November.

14.102 **Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as November 4th at 8pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Geoffrey White
Parish Clerk
October 8th 2014