

Wellow Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, April 14th 2014 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Andrews, Bailey, Betts, Clarkson, and Prentice along with five members of the public.

Agenda:

14.037 **To accept apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Caudle, Doman, Karthausser and Wheeler

14.038 **Declarations of interest in any matters on the agenda or in March 2014 Minutes**

There were no declarations of interest.

14.039 **Public Participation**

Stewart Cole said that B&NES had marked out several potholes prior to repair.

He then said that he would like to spray weed killer along the raised pavement, once known as Ebenezer Terrace, opposite the school. The Clerk said that the residents would not be in favour of that and asked him not to do it.

He also mentioned the need for repairs to the wall opposite the church but agreed to speak with the owner when he next saw her. He referred to the tree which B&NES have said they will replace but Cllr Bailey said that the existing tree appeared to have recovered. The Clerk will contact Council Connect about it.

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14.040 **To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on March 10th 2014.**

The minutes were approved unanimously.

The Clerk asked that the reference to his “resignation” be changed to “retirement” and this was agreed. The Chairman made the necessary

alteration.

14.0141 **Planning applications**

New applications

Cllr Clarkson said that the application, ref: 14/00535/LBA, had already been discussed and approved at the previous meeting.

Cllr Clarkson referred to the various applications in respect of the Maltings on Mill Hill, refs: 14/00890/FUL, 14/00964/LBA and 14/00891/LBA.

She said that the proposals were fully in keeping with the existing building and that the Parish Council should support the applications. The Chairman seconded her proposal and it was passed unanimously.

Cllr Clarkson agreed to compile a report which would be sent to B&NES by the Clerk. **DC/GW**

Cllr Clarkson referred to the retrospective applications at Keepers Cottage. This application was not on the agenda and the Chairman ruled that this meant that no decision could be made. However, since this was a CLEU - Certificate of Lawfulness for an Existing Use - application any decisions should be for B&NES alone.

Cllr Andrews referred to the application to crown reduce by six feet a yew tree at the Old Rectory, Bull's Hill, ref: 14/01571/TCA. She proposed that the Council support the application and this was seconded by the Chairman and passed unanimously. Cllr Andrews will submit a report to B&NES via the Clerk. **HA**

Decisions received

The approval to fell an apple tree and a maple tree at The Steam Mill was duly noted.

The approval for the erection of a stable block at Upper Twinhoe Farm was duly noted.

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

The following was put to the Council:

Proposal: In the light of Dist Cllr Butters' suggestion Wellow Parish Council agree to appoint a councillor who will liaise with Nick Sperring over any highway matters.

After some discussion it was agreed that this was unnecessary and a relevant councillor would contact Nick Sperring as required. Thus the proposal was unanimously defeated.

14.043 **Finance**

The finance report was accepted.

The following payments were approved:

Clerk's salary	£174.55*
Clerk's allowance	£ 5.00
Key rings	£ 1.60
Stewart Cole's wages	£209.28
Stewart Cole – additional hour	£ 6.54*
ALCA subscription	£ 90.66
NALC – “Local Councils Explained”	£ 54.99
Parlour Shop grant	£450.00
Village Hall grant	£850.00
Wellow Community Bus Group grant	£250.00
Burial Board grant	£525.00

*The Clerk's salary was different from that on the agenda as HMRC notified Payman that they should deduct tax at source rather than via the Clerk's pension as had previously been the case. The council also noted the extra hour due to Stewart Cole.

14.044 **World War 1 Centenary**

The Chairman proposed that a working group be set up to devise a suitable programme of events in Wellow. This was seconded by Cllr Andrews and passed unanimously.

It was agreed that the working party would include Cllrs Andrews and Bailey and ex-Chairman Alex Martin in the first instance.

14.045 **Any other reports**

Cllr Clarkson announced the award of a grant of £50,000 from Sport England to Wellow Sports. She expressed her thanks to those who had compiled the

application and said that Mike Clarkson was in the throes of opening a bank account.

The Chairman gave an update on the meeting with Jonathan Wylde and said that he would advertise a second public meeting, provisionally set for May 13th. **HP**

Cllr Andrews will temporarily plant two trees intended for the play area in her own garden until such time that they can be put in the play area itself. **HA**

Cllr Clarkson reported on the latest Speedwatch exercise. The Chairman suggested that more people should be recruited. Cllr Clarkson will send a message out via Parish Post. **DC**
Cllr Wheeler asked whether we should erect signs adjacent to the Village Hall banning dogs from the play area. We also need a new sign to show the reserved parking space for the minibus.

The Clerk agreed to contact Council Connect to ask them to remove the "SLOW" signs which were erected during roadworks but which are now no longer needed. **GW**

14.024 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of Wellow Parish Council was confirmed as Tuesday May 6th 2014 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting will be preceded by the AGM and Parish Meeting at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Geoffrey White
Parish Clerk
April 24th 2014