

# Wellow Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

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

## Agenda:

14.013      **To accept apologies for absence**

There were no apologies

14.014      **Declarations of interest in any matters on the agenda or in January 2014 Minutes**

There were no declarations of interest.

14.015      **Public Participation**

Stewart Cole referred to the amount of dogs' mess around the village. The Parish Council agreed to put a suitable notice in the parish news.

He also mentioned the need for repairs to road surfaces and will liaise with the Clerk about them. **GW**

14.016      **To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on December 9<sup>th</sup> 2013.**

The Chairman went through the set of minutes which he and Cllr Caudle had revised. It was not possible to approve these Minutes as they stood. The Clerk will circulate a fresh version and their approval will be an agenda item in March. **GW**

14.017      **Planning applications**

There were no new planning applications and no decisions to receive.

14.018      **Midsomer Norton Dial-a-Ride**

Cllr Caudle proposed the following:

***Proposal: Wellow Parish Council agree to pay a grant of £20 to MSN Dial-a-Ride to help with running costs***

The proposal was seconded by the Chairman and passed unanimously. Cllr Caudle said that this service should be more widely publicized.

14.019 **Wellow Ford**

The Chairman proposed the following:

***Proposal: Wellow Parish Council reimburse Mari Bartholomew the sum of £198 in respect of works carried out at Wellow Ford.***

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Bailey and passed unanimously. Wellow and District Horticultural Society are funding the coppicing of adjacent trees.

14.020 **Finance**

The financial report to February 5<sup>th</sup> 2014 was received and approved unanimously.

The following payments were approved unanimously. (See also agenda item 14.019):

<i>Clerk's salary</i>	<b>£217.95</b>
<i>Clerk's allowance</i>	<b>£ 5.00</b>
<i>Bolt for noticeboard (Reimbursement of Clerk)</i>	<b>£ 3.45</b>
<i>Street cleaner's wages</i>	<b>£228.90</b>
<i>Christmas tree lights (Reimbursement to Cllr Wheeler)</i>	<b>£ 23.63</b>
<i>B&amp;NES (Playing field maintenance 2013)</i>	<b>£582.60</b>
<i>MSN Dial-a-Ride grant</i>	<b>£ 20.00</b>
<i>Work at Wellow Ford (Reimbursement to Mari Bartholomew)</i>	<b>£198.00</b>

14.021 **Wellow Ford – safety aspects**

Cllr Karthausser proposed the following:

***Proposal: Wellow Parish Council to ask B&NES to carry out repairs to the packhorse bridge .... to which was added .....and to make sure that it is fit for purpose.***

The proposal was seconded by the Chairman and passed unanimously. It was noted that eight families would be cut off from Wellow were the bridge to be closed and the ford impassable.

Cllr Karthausser proposed the following:

***Proposal: Wellow Parish Council to ask B&NES to consider erecting signs directing people to the bridge in the event of deep water over the ford***

At the suggestion of the Clerk the proposal was amended to asking B&NES to display a weight limit on the bridge.

This was seconded by Cllr Caudle and approved unanimously. The Clerk will make the necessary representations. **GW**

Cllr Doman agreed to investigate how the ford could be improved and will report back at the Parish Council meeting in March. **PD**

14.022 **Change of meeting day**

The following was proposed by the Chairman:

**Proposal: To change the day on which the Parish Council meets in the light of District Cllr Neil Butter's comments at the January meeting (See January Minutes)**

The first Monday in the month might clash with bank holidays. Cllr Betts said that the first Tuesday of the month was the best option in terms of village hall availability.

Cllr Betts seconded the original proposal which was passed unanimously. It was also agreed to change the day to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday which was passed by 8 votes to 1 against.

The new arrangement will start with the April meeting – the hall is already booked for the first Tuesday in March.

14.023 **Any other reports**

Cllr Andrews was concerned about a land slip on the road to Combe Hay. The Clerk will report it to Peter Duppa-Miller. **GW**

Cllr Caudle and the Chairman asked about the location of the 2003 lease relating to the Village Hall. They have copies but would like the original. Cllrs Andrews and Betts will look through their papers. **HA/SB**

Cllr Karthausser said that Newton St Loe post office has a broadband connection via Wansdyke Telecoms. He agreed to give the Chairman the relevant contacts. **JK**

Cllr Doman said that he expected that Nigel would be working on the play area on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

14.024      **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of Wellow Parish Council was confirmed as Monday March 10<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm

**Geoffrey White**  
**Parish Clerk**  
**February 16<sup>th</sup> 2014**