

Wellow Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, November 11th 2013 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

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

Agenda:

13.139 **To accept apologies for absence**

District Cllr Neil Butters sent his apologies.

13.140 **Declarations of interest in any matters on the agenda or in September minutes**

There were no declarations of interest.

13.141 **Public Participation**

Stewart Cole felt that a number of trees in the village were potentially dangerous in strong winds but they were all privately owned and therefore not of direct concern to the Parish Council.

13.142 **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on September 9th 2013.**

The minutes were approved unanimously.

13.143 **Planning applications**

New applications

Application Number: 13/03925/FUL

Site Location: Bath Hill House, Bath Hill, Wellow

Description of Proposal: Creation of vehicular access.

Cllrs Caudle and Clarkson said that there were no reasons to oppose this on planning grounds but that they were concerned about the surfacing of the proposed drive and about the potentially detrimental effect on the approach to the conservation area.

They agreed to forward their comments to the Clerk so that he, in turn,

could advise B&NES.

PC/DC/GW

New applications pertaining to trees

Application Number: 13/04551/TCA

Site Location: Wellow Farm, The Square, Wellow

Description of Proposal: Fell sycamore to ground level,

Application Number: 13/04561/TCA

Site Location: Summerfield, High Street, Wellow

Description of Proposal: Ash – 30% crown thin, Birch – moribund fell, Cedar – remove two lower limbs

Application Number: 13/04552/TCA

Site Location: Manor Stables, Farm Lane, Wellow

Description of Proposal: Ash – prune as described

CLlr White said that the sycamore at Wellow Farm will split and be prone to disease. It shades the adjacent garden and should be removed.

The trees at Summerfield can only be seen by neighbours and no-one has objected to the work. The birch has died.

The ash at Manor Barn is infected with *innotus histidus* and the proposed pollarding might save it.

All three applications were approved unanimously. The Clerk will inform B&NES accordingly.

GW

Decisions received

Councillors noted that the planning applications regarding the Parlour Shop, Church Farm Cottage and Corner House had been approved.

CLlr Clarkson drew attention to the reasons behind the refusal of the planning application at Baggridge Farm. She said that the proposals were seen as unacceptable in the green belt and that they would lead to the loss of high grade agricultural land.

CLlr Caudle reminded councillors that the application regarding Bubblers Dytche was being referred to committee. CLlrs Andrews and Clarkson agreed to attend.

HA/DC

It was agreed that the Parish Council would seek to extend the conservation area. The Clerk said he would put it on the December agenda.

GW

13.144 **Placemaking Plan**

The Parish Council has to survey the village with a view to establishing its character.

The Chairman put forward the following proposal which was seconded by Cllr White.

Proposal: To set up a working group to take the necessary research forward

The proposal was passed unanimously and Cllr Clarkson will take the lead.

13.145 **Parking in the Square**

The Chairman referred to the letter from Anthony Weale.

The Clerk said that he had adjusted the signs in the Square to make the direction to the car park clearer.

The Clerk was asked to contact B&NES with a view to leveling the path leading into the car park from Station Road.

GW

Cllr Clarkson suggested that we have a supply of letters which could be put on the windscreens of cars badly parked.

Cllr White suggested that we ask the landlord of the Fox and Badger whether he would be willing to display a suitable poster. The Clerk will ask him. **GW**

13.146 **Finance**

The financial report was approved unanimously.

The following payments were approved unanimously:

S Cole's wages	£ 281.22
Clerk's salary	£ 217.95
Quality Solicitors (re easement)	£ 908.08
Payman.co.uk (re payroll)	£ 72.00
Crozier (positioning of a bin on Village Hall drive)	£ 72.00

13.147 **Repairs to Play Area**

The following proposal was put forward by Cllr Wheeler and seconded

by Cllr White:

Proposal: Wellow Parish Council to ask NJK Foster to carry out the repairs as per their estimate of £1074.80 + VAT @ 20%

The proposal was passed unanimously. Cllr Wheeler agreed to make the necessary arrangements.

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13.148 **Wellow Brook**

Cllr Andrews reported that Mari Bartholomew had asked whether the Parish Council would agree to fund a green bin by the ford so that green waste could be removed regularly and to fund the pollarding of adjacent willow trees.

She also asked whether the Parish Council would fund the planting of bulbs in the soil which has accumulated along the wall at Church House.

Cllr Andrews said that she would put forward firm proposals at the December meeting.

HA

13.149 **Any other reports**

Cllr Clarkson will be putting forward proposals regarding Wellow Sports at the December meeting.

Cllr Clarkson said that she would be receiving Community Speedwatch materials shortly.

Cllr Andrews is waiting to hear from the Salvation Army about their availability for carol singing in Wellow on December 20th. She also reminded everyone about the Safari Supper on November 23rd.

Cllr Karthauser agreed to organize a village calendar. He also said that he had approached Steve Simmonds at B&NES regarding changing the priority on village roads and will continue to pursue it.

Cllr Caudle said that one of the metal bars on the right hand side of the packhorse bridge was broken. **Cllr Doman** agreed to liaise with B&NES about it and will also look into hedge trimming.

The **Chairman** reported that the lockable bollards are in place on the field and that he would arrange for the Clerk to have the keys.

Cllr Wheeler said that he had cleared the tubes under the ford which had resulted in a drop in the water level. He will ask B&NES whether they can clear the tubes on a regular basis.

Cllr Betts agreed to ask B&NES whether bins for dogs' mess could be installed in suitable locations. She will also investigate the possibility of installing electronic signs.

Cllr Betts asked whether arrangements for parking at the Village Hall could be on the December agenda.

Cllr White said that she had contacted the school regarding speeding and parking and that the issue would be aired again in the next school newsletter.

The Clerk confirmed that he had asked B&NES to re-instate the bollard at the west end and that he would also ask them about the path from Canteen Lane into the car park.

Cllr White formally announced her resignation from the Parish Council citing ever-increasing family commitments in respect of elderly care. Councillors expressed their regret at this news and thanked her for her work over the past three and a half years.

13.150 **Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as December 13th at 8pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Geoffrey White
Parish Clerk
November 18th 2013