Wield Parish Council

Meeting – Wednesday 7 September 2016
8.15pm in the Village Hall

Those present: Alwin Hutchinson (Chair), Kate Gibbons, Robert Grande, Rob Cooper, Bob George, Catherine Simons and Jean Frost (Clerk)
Plus 1 member of the public

1. **Minutes of last meeting**

Were signed as a true and accurate record

2. **Matters arising**

i – the glass in the red 'phone box in Lower Wield has now been replaced.

3. **Financial report**

Finances are sound; the external audit has been carried out, with thanks to Cllr Grande.

Action point Clerk to action grants as follows:

- Donation for up keep of St James' Churchyard, Wield £200
- Donation to CAB, Alton £ 75
- Donation to Victim Support £ 75

4. **Footpaths**

HCC report that BOATS are now open and public comment is invited with effect from October
Cllr Grande has walked most footpaths; the blocked footpath from Wield to Medstead will be cleared ASAP.
Cllr Hutchinson had met with HCC who promised assistance in clearing high priority footpaths; Cllr Grande confirmed that HCC were very helpful.

5. **Roads**

- Condition of roads around the village has improved, but work is still needed outside Park House and the road edges between Barton Farm and Battle corner. Cllr Cooper will speak to HCC.
- Lengthsman – Cllr Hutchinson will continue to look into the possibility of a grant.

6. **Any other business**

a) Devolution – Cllr Hutchinson gave a short update on progress towards devolution in Hampshire; he noted that not surprisingly, HCC and EHDC have very different visions. Consultation and consideration continues, with HCC committed to reflecting PC and Town Council views when selecting their preferred option.

Date of the next meeting is Tuesday 6 December. 8.15pm at Wield Village hall