

Wield Annual Parish Meeting
Tuesday 23 May 2017
8.25pm in the Village Hall

Those present: Alwin Hutchinson (Chair), Jean Frost (Clerk),
22 members of the public were also present

Apologies – None

The councillors joined the body of the meeting.

1. **Report by Cllr Hutchinson, WPC** (see attached)
2. **Report by County Councillor Mark Kemp Gee** (See attached).
3. **Report by District Cllr Toney Costigan – EHDC** (See attached).
4. **Report from Mr Brian Collins, Churchwarden for St James' Church** (See attached).
5. **Report from Mr Ben Robinson, Wield Cricket Club** (see attached)
6. **Report by Phil Pullinger, Village Hall Committee** (see attached)
7. **Report from Barbara Wells, Wield Education Trust** (see attached)
8. **Report from Catherine Simons Wield WI** (see attached)
9. **Comments from Wield Residents**

The thrust of comments related to the Parish Council's recent response to EHDC regarding Hattingley Valley Winery's revised planning application. There was some dissatisfaction relating to the methodology adopted and it was asserted that the PC's response had not reflected the mood of the village. Procedure regarding recommended future village consultations was proposed from the floor: ensuing animated discussion was inconclusive. Cllr Costigan intervened to remind those present that all future comment regarding the revised planning application itself should be directed to him rather than the PC.

On a different topic, the legality of the red HGV warning signs was raised. It was asserted that the signs were having a serious impact on local businesses and farms. Noting the presence of local farmers and businessmen at the APM, and in order to test the validity of this assertion, the Chairman invited anyone affected to comment. There was no response. Cllr Costigan concluded this topic by agreeing with the complainant that in any event, since not authorised by HCC, these signs could be removed. *(After note – all signs have now been removed and advice about the next steps is being sought from EHDC/ HCC).*

Final topic - gratitude was expressed for the PC's hard work in striving (so far with some success) to overcome serious flooding issues. This was gratefully received.

Date of Next Meeting: 28 May 2018

The meeting ended at 9.45pm