

Wield Parish Council
Meeting – Tuesday 129 August 2017
8.15pm in the Village Hall

Those present: Kate Gibbons (acting as Chair), Catherine Simons, Nick Lailey, Robert Grande, Bob George and Jean Frost (Clerk),

Apologies – Alwin Hutchinson

1. Minutes of last meeting

Were signed as a true and accurate record

2. Matters arising

There were none

3. Financial report

The accounts are in good standing but the Clerk is concerned that the account package currently used is not performing properly..

Cllr Grande agreed to take a look and if appropriate set the accounts into a spread sheet that is easily managed.

4. Footpaths

HCC proposed to close some BOATS to all motorised traffic and some to 4 x 4s

BOAT Wield 17 will be closed to all traffic (TRO)

BOATS Wield 19 & 20 will be closed to 4 x 4s

BOATS Bentworth 23, 27 & 28 will be closed to 4x 4s

Cllr Grand has written to HCC in support of their proposals.

BOAT Wield 18 is due for repair but unfortunately funding has not been forthcoming.

There is a proposal for part funding between Wield PC and HCC.

Cllr Lailey offered to supply the hard core for the project, which would reduce the cost. Cllr Grand will contact HCC.

Cllr Grand will also ask if it is proposed that the repaired BOAT will be closed to 4 x 4s.

HCC have tendered to repair of the remainder of BOAT Wield 19.

5. Roads

It has been agreed that WPC will join in the Lengsthman scheme with the lead council, Preston Candover. The contract now needs to be signed but before doing so Cllr Lailey will ask the parish clerk for the answers to some questions:

- We have been advised that WPC will have £1,000 for the work done by the Lengsthman – is that a pro rata payment, given that the financial year is part way through?
- Has the amount been allocated on a use or lose basis?
- Will the Lengsthman be paid by the lead council
- Does the Lengsthman have all the necessary qualifications as laid down in the contract?
- How does WPC contact the Lengsthman to ask for work to be done?
- Is PAYE and Employer's Pension the responsibility of the lead council or individual councils?

The Lengsthman scheme demands that WPC has public liability insurance. Clerk will investigate policy to see if that is included, currently and obtain a quote if not

6. Any other business

- I. The current insurers are pulling out of the Parish Council insurance scheme at the end of the current policy. Clerk agreed to obtain

quotes for 2018/9 year. Cllr Simons will send details of the broker she uses and Clerk will approach NFU for quotes.

- II. Redraw have now upgraded and faster broadband is now in place
- III. Defibrillators – Cllr George pointed out that the pads will shortly need replacing and will obtain a quote.
- IV. It was agreed that the housing for the defibrillators (red phone boxes) and surroundings are in need of a clean. Discuss at next meeting.
- V. Cllr Simons has taken responsibility for the website. Details of Village events and clubs such as the cricket club, WI and Wield Education Trust now need to be uploaded. Cllr Simons will ask for information about each.
- VI. Cllr Simons suggested that the PC (or Village Hall Committee) consider putting a Bar-b-Que for public use, similar to that on Medstead Village Green, on Wield Village Green. She will find out more details such as cost and supplier together with rules for use and safety regulations.

7. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 28 November at 8.15 in the Village Hall