

# **Wield Parish Council**

## **Meeting – Tuesday 28 November 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**

- Cllr Grande and Clerk will consider a new method of keeping the accounts.
- Cllr Hutchinson has taken responsibility for the WPC website

### **3. Financial report**

After paying three outstanding invoices there will be approximately £5,000 at bank. There are no more expenses before the New Year.

### **4. Footpaths**

- BOAT 19 has been repaired.
- BOATS Wield 17, 19 & 20 and the Bentworth BOATS - at present all gates are open but there is a proposal to close them. Some objections have been received and to date no decision has been made.
- There is no proposal to close or repair Wield BOAT 18.
- The three castles Walk – there is a proposal to replace all three stiles in Wield to kissing gates at no cost to WPC. More information will be forthcoming shortly.

### **5. Roads**

- The passing place beyond Manor Cottage (Parker's house) is in need of repair.
- Passing place on Oxdrove way has had a lot of hard-core put in but needs more. Cllr Lailey will obtain a quote for road planings to go over the hard-core.
- The passing place near Park House needs repair and Cllr Lailey will arrange for the work to be done.
- A large puddle collects outside Home Close. HCC await confirmation from WPC that a key ditch has been cleared before jetting nearby culverts.
- There is a large pothole in Lower Wield on the corner before the Bentworth turning. – Cllr Lailey will sort.
- HGV signs – there have been some adverse comments from local businesses and it was noted that many HGVs, including the dust cart must pass through the village. The meeting agreed to contact Cllr Hutchinson about the appropriateness of the signs. There has recently been a serious road traffic accident in lower Wield so it may be that a more appropriate action would be to pursue HCC to reduce the speed limit through the village to 20 MPH. Cllr Lailey is to meet with a representative from HCC on 30 November about the HGV signs – he will speak about reducing the speed limit at that time.

### **6. Any other business**

- a) Defibrillators – Cllr George's monthly check showed that the pads need to be replaced. New pads were purchased and installed. They are now valid till April 2020. The door to the box in Lower Wield jams and is very hard to open. It does close and the defibrillator is protected but not fully. Cllr Lailey will speak to a contact who may be able to adjust the door.
- b) Insurance – a new insurer has been nominated and approved by HALC and will contact the Clerk nearer renewal date.
- c) Section 106 money – no money will be available to WPC since no contractors have built in the village.
- d) Rural bus service – Cllr Simons attended a meeting where many people complained about the loss of bus services - reduced from six times a week to three. Many points were made but the bus company did not agree to make any changes. Not a very helpful meeting.

### **7. Date of next meeting.** Thursday 15 March 2018: AFTERNOTE – change of date to 22 Feb 2018.

AFTERNOTE. WPC PRECEPT 2018. To meet a EHDC deadline, following consultation by email, it was unanimously agreed that the Precept for 2018 would remain unchanged at £3500. (7 Jan 2018)