Wield Parish Council

 Meeting – Tuesday 20 Feb 2018

8.15pm in the Village Hall

Those present: Alwin Hutchinson, Kate Gibbons, Catherine

 Simons, Nick Lailey, Robert Grande, Bob George and Jean Frost (Clerk).

Two members of the public also attended.

1. Minutes of last meeting

Were signed as a true and accurate record

1. Matters arising

There were none.

1. Financial report
* Up to date income and expenditure notes were circulated (attached).
* The clerk advised that EHDC had announced a charge of £150.00 for uncontested elections in 2019. The Clerk was asked to investigate the reasons.
1. Planning issues
* The application made by the owners of Janda, Drove Road, Lower Wield was considered (planning app number 26328/009). There were no objections but two comments were passed to EHDC:
1. ‘All traffic should be directed to the site via Preston Candover and *not* through Lower or Upper Wield.’
2. ‘The applicant should consider using a CIL contribution to improve passing places on the Drove Road.’
3. Footpaths
* A discussion about stiles v gates on the Three Castles Walk has been taking place between the HCC Access Ranger and Dave Ramm from the Ramblers Association. It has been agreed to replace all broken stiles with gates and the work will be done at no cost to WPC.
* Andy Aitken, HCC and the owners of Three Halves and the neighbouring house have agreed that the route of the footpath along the boundary will be measured to ensure that the gates are in the correct place.
* There is a tree down behind Claymoor House and will be cleared shortly
* The rubbish deposited in Jenny Green Lane will be cleared by Cllr Lailey.
1. Roads
* The drainage work at Home Close is complete and was successful; water now drains away properly.
* Passing places – most work has been completed and the remainder will be done in the next few weeks.
* Phone box in Lower Wield – has a wooden door; Cllr Lailey will carry out work to ensure that it closes properly.
* Derek Rule (contact at HCC) is leaving and Cllrs Lailey and Hutchinson will meet with his replacement on Tuesday 26 Feb.
* Lengthsman – all work that was requested has been completed and to a high standard. The grant allocation has now been fully spent and a new allocation (£1,000) will become available at the start of April. The work included clearing ditches, litter collection and cleaning of all road traffic signs.
* Medstead Road - the road edge is badly broken – Cllr Hutchinson will raise at meeting with HCC on Tuesday 20th.
1. Any other business
* Village green damage – all parishioners will be asked (via website) to keep a watch for vehicles damaging the green and report such occurances to the police. Damage to such places is regarded as a criminal offence.
* Resilience: Cllr Hutchinson noted that there appears to be only one issue of potential concern – a helicopter crash on the village (Wield is in the flight path of helicopters from Odiham Air Base) and he would pursue this. Councillors were asked to consider any other possible contingencies and the consequent responses.
* The meeting agreed to consider a ‘snow chain’ for contact. It may also be useful to maintain a list of skill sets (eg first aid, chain saw competency) of people in the village who may be called upon in an emergency.
* The implications of the forthcoming GDPR Act were discussed. In light of the minimal data already held (email and postal addresses) Councillor Hutchinson agreed to investigate whether the PC was under any obligations to register etc...and if so, proposed that the clerk would become the DPO with oversight responsibility devolving to Councillor  Gibbons.
* Damage to verges - it was agreed to put bamboo canes in specific places around the small green outside no. 12 Home Close and to evaluate the impact.
1. Members of the public submission

Simon Gray, no 2 Pond Cottage had three issues to discuss.

1. The field opposite the village hall has a large patch of uncultivated land – will it be used for development?

WPC councillors stated that there has never been an application or approach made to that effect.

1. The footpath behind the cottages at Wield Wood Farm is almost impassable. The main concern is the state of the stiles that are now quite dangerous. Is funding available for repair?

Wield Wood Farm owner has put in an extensive planning application that includes repair of all footpaths and stiles on his land. Cllr Hutchinson will speak to the developer.

1. At the entrance to Pipers Yard are two oak trees; one is a Turkish Oak that grows very quickly and is now in need of pruning. Simon Gray is happy to apply for planning consent and undertake the work at no cost to WPC. Clerk agreed to email Simon to agree to his making the application.
2. Date of next meeting

Thursday 31 May 2018 – WPC APCM