

# **Wield Parish Council**

## **Meeting – Thursday 18 November 2018**

### **7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**Those present:** Alwin Hutchinson, Kate Gibbons  
Nick Lailey, Robert Grande, Bob George and Jean Frost (Clerk).

Apologies:  
There were none

#### **1. Minutes of last meeting**

Were signed as a true and accurate record

#### **2. Matters arising**

- i Playground road sign – ongoing
- ii there is still no information about Tim Grey leaving the village
- iii lengthsman – Cllr Lailey met the new team about the work to be done – ditch clearing, drains in Lower Wield (blocked for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time). Some drains were covered when roads were re-surfaced; lengthsman will attempt to uncover.
- iv the white lines outside Home Close need repainting – Cllr Hutchinson will chase.

#### **3. Financial update**

Precept: following short discussion and in advance of the next PC meeting at which the precept for 2019/2020 would be formally set, it was agreed that there was no case to alter the current precept.

The Council expressed its gratitude to Cllr Lailey for supplying hard core for road maintenance.

#### **4. Planning issues**

Janda – an amended application has been submitted. There were no objections  
Wield Wood development – A planning application to demolish the cottages at the entrance to the drive has been submitted. There were no objections. Construction traffic should be directed via Basingstoke and could cause a problem with passing places on narrow roads. The developer has been asked to contribute to upgrading them. WPC may be asked to make a contribution.

#### **5. Footpaths**

The owners of Wield Wood will be seeking permission to re-align some footpaths on their land. If this entails making the entrance further down the road, it will be opposed.

There is a broken branch on the path by the Yew Tree; there is a plan to deal with it before it falls. (After note: errant branch now removed)

#### **6. Roads**

The drain by Home Close has been rodded but is blocked near the far end. It needs to be dug out and the culvert probably needs repair; after that HCC will return and flush the drain out again. (After note: culvert now successfully rodded, awaiting ditch deepening before HCC triggered).

Cllr Lailey has researched paint for the red 'phone boxes - £35 plus VAT for 5ltrs.  
The Lengthsman will repaint in the summer.

#### **7. Memorial Copse Update**

Councillors expressed grateful thanks to Simon Grey for preparing the ground and supplying and planting the trees.

A plaque at a cost of £120 is now needed. (After note: now in placed)

Paying for the plaque was proposed by Kate Gibbons and seconded by Bob George – carried unanimously.

Cllr Simons will write a piece with a photo for the Oxdrive.

## **8. Any other business**

- 1 Elections – An election will cost £1500: discussion followed regarding possible ways to reduce this excessive fee. All Cllrs agreed to consider standing again.
- 2 Barbara Wells representing Wield Education Trust (WET) spoke about the number of Trustees appointed to WET. Currently there are five trustees. Three are appointed by WPC and two by Hampshire County Council (HCC).  
HCC will be reducing their number of trustees to one.  
At a meeting of WET on 13 February 2018 the reduction was agreed, but that the trust would like to retain the number of trustees at five.

WPC was asked to nominate a fourth trustee to WET.

Proposal:

To increase the number of Parish Council trustees appointed to Wield Education Trust from three to four

Proposed – Cllr Alwin Hutchinson

Seconded - Cllr Kate Gibbons

Carried unanimously

Accordingly, Wield Parish Council has agreed formally to nominate four trustees to WET.

## **9. Date of next meeting**

Thursday 31 January. 7.30 Wield village hall