

Wield Parish Council

_Meeting – Thursday 23 August 2018

8.15pm in the Village Hall

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

1. Minutes of last meeting

Were signed as a true and accurate record

2. Matters arising

- All councillors were re-elected into post at the APM

3. Financial report

- The grant awarded by EHDC was discussed. It was intended to contribute to the cost of new noticeboards but is not enough to purchase two new boards. Cllr Simons was asked if her husband would be able to repair the existing boards. He is very busy but she will ask.

4. Planning issues

- The work to dig lakes at Wield Wood estate is ongoing and it was noted that no lorries were passing through the village.
- The Janda application has been amended and re-submitted.
- Work on the Hattingley Valley extension is about to begin.

5. Footpaths

- New gates have been placed behind Whites Farm, (on Three Castles Walk) courtesy of the Ramblers Association.
- BOATS – orders have been put up on 19 & 20 and the three Bentworth Boats. The notices prohibit vehicles with three or more wheels from using the paths, with effect from 23 July.
- Wield Wood footpaths are all passable. The owners will submit a proposal to re-route one path and it was agreed to support the proposal.

6. Roads

- The sign warning motorists that they are approaching a playground is too close to the actual playground and needs to be re-positioned further down the road.
- The hedge beside the dog training field needs to be trimmed.

7. Any other business

- Village goodbye – Tim (Licensee of Yew Tree) is moving on. Jeff Mann will investigate the possibility of holding a ‘villagers only’ pub night with Tim as guest. At the moment there are no details about the date of Tim’s move.
- 20mph and ‘Impassable by HGV’ notices are a possibility but WPC may be asked to pay– one possibility is for the owners of Janda and Wield Wood to be asked to contribute. Councillors were asked to track ‘unnecessary’ lorries passing through the village to ascertain if that is an issue or not.
- Lengthsman duties - Cllr Lailey will drive round the village to ascertain what needs to be done. It was agreed to also ask if the phone boxes could be cleaned and possibly painted. Cllr Lailey will discuss with a painter and ask for a quote.
- Broadband fibre is now in the village – full details will be posted on the website.
- The oak tree by Pound Cottage has been trimmed – many thanks to Simon Gray (2 Pond Cottages)
- The white lines on the road outside Home Close are faded and need repainting.

8. Date of next meeting

Thursday 15 November 2018. 7.30 at the village hall.