

**Wield Parish Council**  
**Meeting – Thursday 12 March 2020**  
**7.30pm in the village hall**

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

Apologies:

None

2 members of the public were also present

**1. Minutes of last meeting**

Were signed as a true and accurate record

**2. Matters arising**

None

**3. Financial report**

3.1 No changes since the last meeting. Accounts were reviewed and approved.

3.2 For 2019/2020 VAT re-claim amount will be approx. £626.00

3.3 It was agreed to make a donation of £100 to CAB, Alton

**4. Planning issues**

4.1 Janda site application is still being considered

**5. Footpaths**

5.1 Most are now very boggy and difficult to walk. An exception is the path from the road at Wield Park, which is dry to walk.

5.2 A Footpath meeting with the Ramblers Association was held but no-one was able to attend. Ramblers Association, however, do have Cllr Grande's contact details and are regularly in touch. The contact person there is Andy Aitken.

5.3 Cllr Richardson is still developing the walking routes around Wield and they will be posted onto the website in due course.

**6. Roads**

6.1 The ditch by the Yew Tree has been excavated and the road is now clear of water.

6.2 All salt bins are in good order

6.3 The field entrance by Ashley Farm needs to be cleared so that water from the field can move away.

**7. Flooding**

7.1 Cllr Hutchinson is in touch with a company that can clear culverts and field drains if necessary. Cllr Lailey agreed to walk the patch and consider doing the work before calling in outside contractors.

7.2 There are no a lot of pot holes and Cllr Hutchinson urged all to report them to HCC, especially those on the lane to the Yew Tree.

7.3 Road edges on the lane from Battle corner to Lailey's Yard and on the Medstead Road are badly broken down. HCC will be notified.

7.4 Land owners are responsible for maintaining and keeping clear all land drains, culverts and ditches on their land and have been reminded to do so. Some have complied and some have not. HCC are now ready to take action where necessary.

7.5 Mr Konig (attending) offered to contribute towards the cost of a digger if necessary. Cllr Hutchinson thanked Mr Konig, but is keen to ensure that HCC and land owners honour their responsibility before resorting to a 'do it yourself' approach

7.6 Flooding issues should be reported to HCC.

**8. Website update**

8.1 The website is working well following a successful update.

8.2 The meeting discussed a village Facebook group, but came to no definite conclusion. However, Cllr Richardson agreed to investigate and contact Ellisfield who already have such a group in place, possible not in the remit of the Parish Council.

**9. Any other Business**

9.1 Corona Virus –The meeting was asked if there was a role for the Parish Council. It was agreed to keep a list of potentially vulnerable members of the parish and keep a watchful eye. Cllr Hutchinson will receive names.

**Date of next meeting**

Joint APCM & APM & Thursday 21 May, 8.00pm at the village hall

Following this meeting, it was further agreed on Thursday 1 October, to allow the banking for Wield Parish Council to be carried on online in future. Three signatories to the account were agreed, Jean Frost (Clerk) Alwin Hutchinson (Chairman) and Kate Gibbons (Councillor). All other signatories to the account to be removed. The Clerk will obtain the necessary forms.