

Wield Parish Council

Meeting – Thursday 19 November 2020

Via Zoom

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

Apologies: None

Ben Robinson attended the meeting as an observer.

Before the meeting Cllr Hutchinson said farewell to Bob George who has resigned from the PC and is moving out of the area. All at the meeting wished him good luck in his new house.

Cllr Hutchinson welcomed Ben Robinson who was observing but who will from now on become a co-opted member of WPC.

1. Minutes of last meeting

1.1 Were signed as a true and accurate record after amending point 5.2 to state that Cllr Grande's major contact regarding footpaths is with Andy Aitken, HCC.

2. Matters arising

2.1 Online banking – Clerk is waiting to hear from Nat West Bank and will contact shortly for more information.

Action - Clerk

3. Financial report

3.1 A pdf showing current status was sent to all prior to the meeting

3.2 Last meeting it was agreed to make a donation to CAB of £100, which is yet to be made and will therefore reduce the amount held at bank by that amount.

3.3 Income approx. £5,500 – payments approx. £3,500 so approx. £2,000 income over expenditure leaving approx. £5,000 in reserve.

3.4 **Precept** – In view of the figures presented above, and current circumstances, it was agreed not to increase the precept for 2021/2022.

3.5 CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) payment of £3,500 is available to Wield. The money should be used to support development by funding infrastructure that the council, local community and neighbourhoods want and must be used within five years.

3.6 Jim Kimber (cuts Parish grass) is no longer charging VAT. Clerk will find out if he is passing the business to Joe (?) who has been cutting the grass for the last few months

Action - Clerk

4. Planning issues

4.1 Janda site application was refused and appeal is underway.

4.2 Cottage Farm – planning application has been paused whilst the owners rethink.

4.3 Solar Farm – in Winchester City Council area. WCC have advised that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) will not take place.

5. Footpaths

5.1 Cllr Richardson asked if stiles can be used by dogs (Stiles are slowly being replaced by 'kissing' gates). Ben Robinson advised - at landowner's discretion.

6. Roads

6.1 Battle Corner to Lailey's Yard – the road edge is badly broken down with many pot holes. Ditches are filled, but road 'grips' have been dug out and are now flowing well, but there is much erosion down the roadside. Cllr Hutchinson has written to HCC – the ditches stop on the southern side and there are no culverts. Cllrs Hutchinson and Lailey will action

Action Cllrs Hutchinson & Lailey

7. Flooding

7.1 there are a number of areas of concern:

- Outside the Manor – A van delivery driver recently expressed concern about the depth of the water. The aircon intake valve of the vehicle is underneath, thus susceptible to water ingress. HCC Cllr Kemp Gee has been alerted and will pursue.

- Battle Corner – this continues to be flooded in heavy rain – the ditches need to be kept clear.

- o Middle Wield – Residents Mr Konig & Johnson have recently dug out the ditches around their property. Cllr Hutchinson has contacted HCC: it is now their turn to take action.

Action Cllr Hutchinson

- 7.2 Cllr Hutchinson expressed his thanks to Cllr Lailey for his work on the ditches by the Yew Tree pub. Cllr Lailey has in turn thanked his contractor for his work.

- 7.3 There a large pot hole by the main car park to the Yew Tree. Cllr Lailey will assess.

Action Cllr Lailey

- 7.4 New Lane Field (Bentworth Junction) – water runs from the fields and a large amount of silt builds up. Ditches have been cleared by Mr Gibbons, but makes no difference. There is a blocked culvert which jetting would help. Cllr Lailey will speak to HCC.

The Meeting thanked Mr Gibbons for his efforts.

Action Cllr Lailey

- 7.3 It is essential that as many as possible report pot holes reporting can be done on line search for *report a pot hole in Hampshire*

8. Website update

- 8.1 Access to planning applications has been brought up to date.

- 9. **SLR (Speed Limit Reminder)**. The full amount required (£2970) has been pledged (from 19 donors) with all but £150 received so far. It was agreed unanimously to proceed with purchase and subsequent installation.

10. Any other Business

- 9.1 **Corona Virus** –There is no immediate need for help, but the PC would remain vigilant.

- 9.2 **Defibrillator update** – Bob George has passed all information to Georgie Alderson Slater at no. 8 Pound Close who has kindly volunteered to take on the operational control of the defibs.

- 9.3 Councillor responsibilities – these were reviewed: current responsibilities were to remain unchanged. In addition, Cllr Gibbons agreed to take on PC oversight of Defib matters; Ben Robinson agreed to assist Cllr Richardson with installation, setup and initial running of the SLR device.

AFTERNOTE. The Chairman proposes that a rota is produced allocating operational responsibility (following initial set up and “running in”). This responsibility could change every 3 weeks, so each councillor has one change of site. **Councillor Richardson to comment please.**

Date of next meeting

Thursday 18 February 2021

(Either via Zoom or in the village hall – to be decided within Covid 19 guidelines)

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