

**Wield Parish Council**  
**Meeting – Thursday 18 February 2021**  
**Via Zoom**

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

Apologies: None

**1. Minutes of last meeting**

1.1 Were signed as a true and accurate record

**2. Matters arising**

2.1 Online banking – Clerk now has access to WPC bank account with Nat West Bank online. The system allows for receipts for all payments to be printed.

**3. Financial report**

3.1 A pdf showing current status was sent to all prior to the meeting – approx. £12,000 currently held at bank. The amount includes - donations towards the cost of the Speed Limit Reminder (SLR). And £3,643.78 CIL payment received from EHDC

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 Invoice for SLR will be received once some details have been resolved. Cost will be approx. £2,900 which will further reduce the amount held at bank

3.6 Jim Kimber (cuts Parish grass) has retired and passed the business to Joe (?) who has been cutting the grass for the last few months. Clerk will receive further details in good time for the first spring cut.

**4. Planning issues**

4.1 Janda site application appeal is underway; no further details.

4.2 Holly Cottage – no objections raised

4.3 The Old Rectory – application still to be received.

4.4 Cllr Hutchinson stated that all details of all planning applications was now being put onto the Parish Website where information about how to comment, how to find out etc. were available and, therefore, no further details would be sent to parishioners.

**5. Footpaths**

5.1 BOAT 20 – Obstructive trees have been cut back and the footpath is now in a good state of repair.

5.2 BOAT 17 – No closed to all traffic from 16 February till 23 August for repair work to be done.

Cllr Grande has been in touch with HCC Cllr Kemp Gee. There is a possibility of additional work being done but there is considerable cost involved. It may be necessary to wait for the new budget in 2021/2 Cllr Kemp Gee will keep WPC updated. It was pointed out that some work had taken place several years ago but not as well as was necessary at the time and drainage work is now required. Cllr Grande has requested that the BOAT be closed to all vehicles, including two wheeled. However, the Trail Riders Federation have a pot of money and may be prepared to contribute to the cost of planned work. In that case it will not be possible to ban them from using the path.

**6. Roads**

6.1 No complaints received recently and road edges between Battle Corner to Lailey's yard have been repaired.

6.2 Drainage – HCC are to work on clearing drains and culvert on Wednesday 24 February.

Work will be undertaken at the manor, Middle Wield, Battle Corner and outside Field House.

6.3 It was noted that the ditch at Battle Corner is full and needs to be dug out as well as the culvert at the Bentworth turning. Cllr Lailey will deal

**Action Cllr Lailey**

**7. Flooding**

7.1 The Yew Tree area is now clear of flood water and is draining well.

7.2 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 No count is made of the number of hits to the website but monitoring may be considered. The WhatsApp group works well but it was agreed to consider putting a reminder onto WhatsApp when items, such as planning applications, are input to the website.

**9. Any other Business**

9.1 **SLR** – All comments so far received have been positive. The cost of £2,900 will probably come in under budget. Invoice when software glitch sorted out.

9.2 It was agreed that if Cllr's holiday dates conflict with date on rota for SLR – please change with someone else and let Cllr Hutchinson know

9.3 CIL money – all suggestions welcome, some are:

- Trees for the green
- Major repairs to BOAT 17
- Picnic benches on the green
- Solar panels on the Village Hall
- Some work to the village hall – however a grant of £10,000 has been received and will cover most requirements.

9.4 Covid volunteer drivers – 6 people volunteered to drive people to have vaccinations; not yet used but still in place if required.

9.5 Cllr Richardson agreed to consider a scheme for environmentally sound production of electricity. Mostly based on solar farms and not interested in heat pumps etc., so not suitable for Wield.

**Date of next meeting**

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

Date to be confirmed

Proposed date of 6 May clashes with local elections.