

Wield Parish Council
Meeting – Thursday 10 August 2023
Wield village hall

Those present: Alwin Hutchinson (Chairman), Kate Gibbons, Roland Richardson, Lorna Timmis, Nick Lailey, and Jean Frost (Clerk).

Apologies received from: Ben Robinson

Before the meeting began it was proposed to co-opt Lorna Timmis onto the Parish Council.

Proposed – Cllr Gibbons

Seconded – Cllr Richardson

Carried unanimously.

1. Minutes of last meeting

1. Were signed as a true and accurate record.

2. Matters arising

- **2.1** No progress on the planning application at Janda
- **2.2** The planning application for Church Farm has been registered, but to date no decision.
- **2.3** There has been a last-minute, unplanned repair of many potholes around the area.

3. Financial report

- **3.1** The coronation fund report will be circulated. There was a surplus of just over £1,400 and it was agreed to use at least some of the surplus to renovate the pond in Upper Wield. Cllr Lailey will be asked to quote for work to be undertaken. A small group will be formed led by Joanna Nelson and Tessa Needham.
- **3.2** The accounts were circulated and approved.
- **3.3** A request for a donation to Alton Counselling Service has been received. It was agreed to make the decision at the Autumn meeting.

4. Planning applications

- **4.1** No progress on Janda application
- **4.2** No progress on Church Farm application

5. Footpaths

- **5.1** Cllr Timmis has spoken to the land owner at **Wield ?** about making good the width of the footpath that runs along his property boundary.

6. Roads

- **6.1** No issues, except the filling of various potholes around the area.

7. Website Update

- **7.1** Up to date
- **7.2** **WhatsApp group** – there is a need to monitor closely to prevent commercial use.
- **7.3** **First responder** – it was agreed to send a WhatsApp message asking if a trained ‘First Responder’ would be appropriate for Wield.

8. Any other business

- **8.1** **refurbishment of village hall** - £25,000 will be required to repair the roof and windows and install Solar panels. Donations and fundraising events will be required.
- **8.2** **Minutes and agendas** – Clerk agreed to send minutes and agendas in pdf format from now on.

- **8.3** **SLR** – It was agreed that if the person handling the SLR is due to be away during their session, they arrange a replacement among other councilors.
- **8.4** **Red telephone box renovation** – Men’s Shed has been asked if they will be able to refurbish the red telephone boxes. The question has been asked and further information is awaited. WPC clerk was advised that if agreed, a donation to MS will be appropriate, Clerk was asked to find out how much and to what purpose will the donation be put. The glass panel ‘telephone’ can be replaced by a panel ‘Defibrillator’ at a cost of approx. £25.00.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 16 November. 7.30 at the village Hall