

Wield Parish Council
Meeting – Thursday 16 November 2023
Wield village hall

Those present: Alwin Hutchinson, Kate Gibbons, Lorna Timmis, Ben Robinson, and Roland Richardson.

- 1 Apologies
Jean Frost, Nick Lailey
- 2 Minutes of the last meeting
were signed as correct.
- 3 Matters Arising
 - 3.1 First Responder. Lorna Timmis has established the requirements and will seek volunteers via a WhatsApp message, drafting a similar message Alwin for the village email.
 - 3.2 Follow up with Jean regarding Men’s Shed and repair work on the telephone boxes, to find out what financial donation they wanted, and what the donation be would be for?
- 4 Financial update.
The Precept was discussed, and it was decided not to make any change to the current Precept.
- 5 Planning Issues
Church Farm application was rejected by EHDC, on the grounds of Wield being classified as ‘unsustainable’ and that as a consequence, no new build will be authorised.
This clarifies the status of Wield and we should not receive any new development applications

Alwin Hutchinson to investigate the current situation with the farmland (goat farm adjacent to the junction with the Medstead turning). **AFTERNOTE** In light of the unsustainability issue above, any application for a dwelling will automatically be rejected.
- 6 Footpaths
Lorna Timmis outlined the procedure to check widths of footpaths across farmland in Upper Wield. This is a Spring Time activity.
- 7 Roads
 - 7.1 Alwin Hutchinson to send letters to landowners reminding them of their Riparian duties.
 - 7.2 It was agreed that under the SPEEDWATCH scheme, consideration would be given to the siting of a permanent speed camera in Lower Wield. Cllr Richardson cautioned the possible annual cost implications. .
- 8 Date of Next Meeting
7.30pm on 8 February 2024