

Wield Parish Council
Meeting – Thursday 8 February 2024
Wield village hall

Those present: Alwin Hutchinson (Chairman), Kate Gibbons, Roland Richardson, Ben Robinson, and Jean Frost (Clerk).

Apologies received from: Lorna Timmis & Nick Lailey

1. Minutes of last meeting

1. Were signed as a true and accurate record.

2. Matters arising

- **2.1** re 3.2 – Men’s Shed may start renovating the red ‘phone boxes in spring.
- **2.2** re 5.2 – AH currently has no information about what is happening about the planning application for a dwelling at Church Farm.
- **2.3** re 6 – some footpaths are still very narrow with some stiles in disrepair. Lorna will be asked to investigate installing metal stiles – a grant from EHDC maybe available.

3. Financial report

- **3.1** The accounts were circulated and approved.
- **3.3** It was agreed to use the surplus amount from the Coronation Fund to purchase a bench to be installed close to the pond.

4. Planning applications

- **4.1** nothing to report

5. Roads

- **6.1** Alwin to pursue HCC for action regarding riparian responsibilities.
- **6.2** The ditches at Ashley Farm have been cleared but the culvert is blocked. The situation is made more difficult because the fields are higher than the roads.

6. Speed watch

- **7.1** AH has researched the matter. There is limited support, will involve considerable regular PC input and costings are not sufficiently clear. However, there may be a case in the future. With that in mind, it was agreed to park the idea pro tem, but to monitor any neighbouring village which has subscribed to the scheme.

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7. Any other business

- **8.1** AH proposed that he will no longer be responsible for the monthly tax return and asked for a volunteer to take on the task. KG kindly agreed to take on HMRC PC matters.

Date of next meeting

APM – Thursday 9 May 7.30 at the village Hall