

Wellow Parish Council

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Minutes of meeting Monday 18th March 2024 at Maypole Court, Wellow

Present Cllrs E Meyer , J Ragsdale, G Parkin, R Henson

District Councillor S Carlton Clerk C Wigman

1 Declarations of intent to record, film or photograph the meeting by members of the public or press.

None

2 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr L Tift sent her apologies

3 Declarations of members interest in agenda items

None

4 To approve minutes of the Parish meetings of 22 January 2024 and 5 February 2024

Proposed J Ragsdale seconded G Parkin All in favour

5 Matters arising

None

6 To receive questions and petitions from members of the public – for information only

A member of the public spoke of speeding issues on Eakring Rd and of his endeavours to seek a resolution with NCC and Highways.

7 Reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr S Carlton stated that in this year's budget there had been no cuts to spending to Social Care. An additional £4 million has been allocated to road works, including Kirton Hill and Peafield Lane. A decision on the Rufford Ford was due soon. Cllr Carlton also reported that Gully cleansing in Wellow was due to take place. He will be funding the road closure payment for the Maypole Event

8 To consider an application for Casual Vacancy for Parish Councillor

The clerk pointed out to members of the public that was the remaining vacancy following the election. A further vacancy arises from the resignation of Cllr Brown.

Cllrs had considered Mr D West's application and were unanimous in accepting him for the role of Parish Councillor. The meeting paused whilst acceptance of office forms was signed. Cllr West was then asked to join the meeting.

9 Finance

Payments

Made February Clerks wages , NALC annual Fee £140.75 , Domain renewal £14.39, Election costs £69.70.

Due Mr Baugh Tree Maintenance £80, Bolts for Playpark equipment £5.79, NSDC dog waste collection £137.28 and clerks' wages. Meeting paused whilst cheques signed

Current account balance at 9/2/24 £4273.23 8/3/24 £4202.24

Maypole Reserve acct at 9/2/24 £8082.62 8/3/24 £8091.89

The clerk reported that the VAT refund of £314.71 has now been received. The clerk also suggested that the Council should consider that whilst there appears to be a healthy C/A balance moving forward to 2024/25; it would be prudent to set some monies aside as EMR for future projects. To be tabled for next meeting

10 Planning Applications

Whilst none had been reported to the clerk by NSDC it was noted that there was one for Mandalay, Potter Lane. The clerk will seek an extension from NSDC so Cllrs can consider this application

11 Play Park – Millenium Bridge – working party update

It was reported by M Webster that the Company who were approached to do the survey were now in liquidation, however the surveyor could undertake a survey in April 2024 , he has already visited the sight. Cost survey £250, estimate of repairs would appear to be between £3000 -£4000.

The Council thanked Mr Webster for this but having consideration to the costs involved not just for this repair but also going forward and condition of the banking; they consider that the removal of the bridge is the right decision. The bridge will therefore be removed, due to ongoing costs and for health and safety of the public.

The Council will be looking into putting in another entrance to the play park . It was noted that the entrance to the Dog Walk from Potter Lane also needs urgent attention – flooding issues

12 Gorge Dyke flooding Issues update

VIA will continue to maintain 3 culverts. Mr Winterbotham has been in the Dyke by his property endeavouring to clear it , Cllr Meyer asked that letter of thanks be sent.

Whilst VIA maintain the 3 culverts it is felt that the council should ask the Flooding officer to come out again and view the Dyke and advise on the Silt issues, especially that at above Millenium Garden

13 Notice Board – update on repairs

We are currently awaiting delivery of the Backing plate and Lettering cost £50 each.

14 Confirm dates of Meetings for Remainder 2024/25

May 20th Annual 7.00 Bi Monthly 7.30 Memorial Hall

July 15th , September 16th 7.30 Memorial Hall

November 18th, January 20th, March 17th – 7.30 Maypole Court

15 Correspondence

None

16 Time and date next meeting as above

Confidential Item to be noted separately

Meeting closed 9.00pm

Signed Chairman

Dated