

Wellow Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Wellow Parish Council Monday 15th July 2024, 7.30 at the Memorial Hall Wellow

Present Cllrs E Meyer, J Ragsdale, D West, G Parkin, M Webster, District Cllr L Tift, County Cllr S Carlton
Clerk C Wigman

- 1 Declarations of intent to record, film or photograph the meeting by members of the public or the press**
None
- 2 To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies received from Cllr Henson, District Cllr Penny
- 3 Declarations of members interest in agenda items**
There was none
- 4 Appoint new Chairman of Wellow P C**
Cllr Meyer has stepped down as chairman but will continue on the council. Thanks for his hard work as chairman. Cllr D West was nominated for Chairman by Cllr Ragsdale, seconded by Cllr Webster, All in favour. The meeting paused whilst acceptance of office form signed. Cllr West then took the chair.
- 5 To approve minutes of the Additional Parish Council Meeting held on 20th May 2024**
Proposed J Ragsdale, seconded E Meyer All in favour
- 6 Matters arising**
None
- 7 to receive questions and petitions from members of the public – for information only**
Member of public stated that the grate outside Cuckstool Cottage had been serviced recently but asked how often the grates around the village are serviced and by whom. The others do not appear to have been done and this is a concern given the flooding issues around the village
- 8 Reports from the District and County Councillors**
D Cllr Linda Tift reported that the levelling up fund for Ollerton had been approved and hoped that this will feed into Wellow
C Cllr Scott Carlton reported that
 - * Notts County Children in Care had been awarded 3 Good and 1 Outstanding by Ofsted.
 - * Notts County Council Highways has received an additional £5 million to its budget and £1 million has been added to drainage issues
 - *VIA and trading standards have been monitoring overweight lorry's on Eakring Road and have made a prosecution
 - * An additional interactive road sign may be put on Eakring Rd
 - *Newark and Sherwood District Council are pushing for additional funding to be allocated to Newark area to deal with flooding issues

9 Finance

- **Clerks report and payments due - clerks wages, training , Bridge removal costs**
Clerk reported that the bridge costs had increased slightly due to additional work on the banking and fencing
- **Balance sheet - current account , Maypole Reserve Fund acct**
Balance sheets for May and June circulated
- **Clerks report and 1st Quarterly report**
Sheet was circulated and shows spending within budget

10 Dyke maintenance works – update, consider increasing clearing of Millenium Garden section and adding ‘leaky’ dam.

It was decided that a working group should visit the Millenium Garden to look at remedial work necessary and to determine the trees which have become unstable on the left-hand banking. Once done report to be made and presented to the council at an additional meeting. Clerk to contact NSDC planning regarding tree removal or cutting back necessary as concern exists recent rainfall could present additional vulnerability due to the burgeoning foliage at this time of year.

It was noted that whilst VIA had cleared the culvert on Eakring Rd, the one at Potter Lane hasn't been looked at.

Member of the public reported that whilst leading a village walk a villager remarked that the trunk of the Willow appears much shorter and this was put down to silting up around its base

11 Planning Applications - none at time of writing

None received this month

12 Removal of Bridge – not note results on the condition of the timbers from bridge removal. Consider publishing them on the web page

On removal of the bridge, it was discovered that the timbers were even worse than anticipated, the uprights were rotten through, and most of the timbers were soft and crumbled. A video has been taken showing the condition of the timbers. Currently there are access problems with the Web Page which prevents our publishing at this time. Pippa Slater is in contact with Hugo Fox web provider for update

13 Fly tipping on Eakring Road – report action being taken by Street Scene and follow up

The clerk reported that whilst cameras are now available there is problems in siting them on Eakring Road, without compromising the DPA, confidentiality as views/photos would include residents /their homes Street scene will be happy to provide and erect official No Fly Tipping notice boards. Cllr Ragsdale reported that a new fly tipping area being used is near the Eakring Sign.

14 Millennium Gardens - to improve the area following on from Village Plan, Bio diversity policy consider under planting and bat boxes etc.

This will be included in the additional meeting. The clerk reported that costs of Bat Boxes and under planting could be met from the Ear Marked Reserve for the Millenium Garden

15 Play Park - to note maintenance needed.

Cllr Ragsdale now undertakes the weekly inspection of the Play Park and reported the following

- * Slide needs repainting
- * Spring ride seat needs repair
- * fence needing attention
- * Warning signs re Dog exclusion area need replacing – clerk to follow this up as has previously been requested

It was noted that there were overhanging branches on the Dog Walk from neighbouring property

Cllr Ragsdale offered a vote of thanks to Cllr Meyer of all the work he has undertaken in respect of the Play Park Over many years

16 Correspondence

Letter received from resident next to the play park with regard to the hedge which is overgrown. Clerk has responded that Council will not be able to cut this back until the Autumn due law relating to nesting birds

17 Time and date next meeting

Next meeting 16th September 2024 , 7.30 in Memorial Hall

Meeting closed 8.35

Signed Chairman

