

Wellow Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting of Wellow Parish Council

Monday 20th March 7.30 at Maypole Court, Wellow

Present Cllrs E Meyer , J Ragsdale, G Parkin, D Griffin , 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**
Cllr N Brown
- 3 **Declarations of members interest in agenda items**
None
- 4 **To approve minutes of the Additional Parish Council Meeting held on 15th February 2023**
Proposed Cllr Ragsdale, seconded Cllr Griffin All in favour
- 5 **Matters arising**
N Proctor had been unable to undertake work on Dyke, so Clerk had contacted C Baugh who had sent in a competitive quote for the Dyke works, after consulting Council. He has already completed the work.
- 6 **to receive questions and petitions from members of the public – for information only**
there was concern over the potholes on A616- clerk to follow up with Cllr Carlton . It was requested that a summary of action taken so far on the Village plan be tabled for another meeting
- 7 **Reports from the District and County Councillors**
None present
- 8 **Finance**
 - **Clerks report and payments due - clerks wages , NALC subscription, Cloud subscription**
Meeting paused for cheques to be signed
 - **Balance sheet - current account , Maypole Reserve Fund acct**
Circulated, discussion of creating a separate contingency fund for next agenda
 - **funding request by P Slater for cost of annual renewal domain name of Village Website £14.39**
suggesting it could come from Steering group fund
Unanimously agreed that payment should be made annually from the fund
- 9 **Dyke maintenance works – update**
As the clerk previously mentioned the Dyke maintenance work has now been completed . Cheque was signed for work done. Clerk requested to ask Mr Baugh to do regular checks of the Dyke and to undertake necessary cleaning each Spring/Summer
- 10 **Planning Applications - none at time of writing**
No applications made

11 MayPole

- **to note the increase in Insurance Cover for Street Furniture which includes the Maypole**
The Increase in cover to £25,000 at no additional cost in premium
- **To consider the quote for the inspection of the Maypole by Abacus and the ongoing inspection costs**
The quote for inspection over £1300 all agreed that this was very expensive on the Maypole considering it has a life expectancy of 25 years i.e., to 2039. Cllr Parkin to look into legal implications. Clerk to contact other councils who have Maypoles for advice.
- **To consider transferring money to the Maypole reserve fund against the costs of Inspection.**
Await outcome of above

12 Notice Boards

- **to note the Bus shelter notice board has been moved to central point within the shelter**
the central position makes it less susceptible to weather but matter will be reviewed in due course
- **the condition of the Memorial Notice Board and the response from Mr Boardman**
the council agreed that the clerk should write to Mr Boardman referring to his text message and to inform him that there is a gap at the top of the board leading to water getting into the back of the board causing warping. Ask for a reply in writing – not text – on how he intends to repair the board and when.
Clerk is also asked to write to former Cllr J Crofts to see if she has the written warranty for the Notice Board
Copy Cllr Parkin into letters

13 Kings Coronation

- **to consider marking the event , of and funding available from NSDC**
For either Coronation Big Lunch and The Big Help Out. Co-ordinate with other village groups

Council discussed ideas for celebrating the Coronation and decided to host Coronation Big Lunch , To be held on the Green , Memorial Hall if wet. To be advertised and ask for volunteer helpers, Perhaps Fancy Dress for the children with souvenir prizes. Clerk to apply for grant from NSDC for cost bunting , prizes , cakes etc
Possible Big Helpout on the Monday to litter pick

14 Millennium Gardens - planting etc to improve the area following on from Village Plan

Clerk to contact Mr Baugh for advice and help with planting up , £152 remains in reserve

15 Play Park

- **to note the Inspection report and maintenance needed.**
The report to be sent to all Cllrs and a separate meeting to be held to discuss work required
- **At present Cllr Meyer checks the Park, it is time that Cllr Meyer had some assistance, council to consider setting up a rota to share this responsibility**
Cllr Parkin and Cllr Griffin agreed to share the responsibility for the Playground inspections, as Cllr Meyer has decided to finish this role.
Cllr Ragsdale asked for it to be noted that the Council owns Cllr Meyer its thanks for all his past work In the Playpark, unanimously agreed.

16 Archaeology Survey Gorge Dyke (Councillors were given a copy of the report ahead of the meeting to study)

- **to discuss concerns, if any, over work proposed on Dark Lanes**

There were prolonged discussion over the proposals and of the Councils obligations to maintain the integrity of the Dyke on Dark Lanes North and South and in the Millennium Garden and to their Ropian responsibility. The council decided it could not agree to the proposals along this part of the Gorge Dyke

- **other areas within the village (excluding Toftholders land)**

The Toftholders had confirmed they are making their own views known to York Archaeology. The Council assumes other private landholders have been informed separately

- **the clerk will then then advise York Archaeology of Councils decisions**

The clerk will send report of decision tomorrow

16 to note correspondence received

Letter had been received from Bruce Laughton asking Wellow to support other local Parish councils if they are asked re planning app. for Incinerator. Noted

18 Time and date next meeting

17th May 2023 AGM 7pm , followed by Parish meeting at the Memorial Hall

