

Wellow Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Wellow Parish Council

Monday 20th November 2023 7.30pm at May Pole Court, Wellow

**Present Cllrs E Meyer, J Ragsdale, G Parkin, District Cllrs L Tift, C Penny ,
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**
Cllrs R Henson and N Brown sent their apologies
- 3 Declarations of members interest in agenda items**
None
- 4 To approve minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th October 2023**
Proposed Cllr Ragsdale, seconded Cllr Meyer All in favour
- 5 Matters arising**
The clerk had received a revised invoice from NSDC for Dog Bin waste collection of £137.28 for 6-month period. A letter had recently been sent to Mr R Dalton regarding digging out silt from the Dyke and is awaiting his response
- 6 to receive questions and petitions from members of the public – for information only**
3 members of the pupil were present who had a number of questions about Flooding on Eakring Road from the Dyke – covered at item 13 on the agenda, and the closure of the foot Bridge between the Play Park and Millenium Gardens – covered at item 9
- 7 Reports from the District and County Councillors**
County – *Cllr Carlton reported that the Resurfacing work on the A616 in Wellow is scheduled for 8/1/24 to 18/1/24, and that the lines would be re- instated from The School Room.
In preparation for the A614 works ANPR are collecting information in order to determine most appropriate routes at that time. An interactive speed sign is to be installed outside the Red Lion. Trading standards have been monitoring HGVs on Eakring Rd and have issued one fine for inappropriate use of the road.
The decision on the Rufford Ford closure is imminent.
N.C.C. funding will re-opening - Capital Funding up to £20,000 and Revenue Funding up to £5000*
District – *Cllr Tift introduced Cllr Penny as this was her first visit to Wellow and said that they would be alternating attendance to our meetings in the future but are both working to represent Wellow
Cllr Penny reported that NSDC community grant £20,000 was re opening. NSDC had been successful in Obtaining £20 million from the Levelling Up Fund from Central Government for use in projects at Ollerton and Clipstone*

8 Finance

- **Payments due - Clerks wages and note pay award, P Kitson for Play Park maintenance**
Noted and cheques signed. Payments had also been made to Royal British Legion for lamp post signs £115.59, re imbursement to clerk for Public Safety Signage £19.98
- **Balance sheet - Current account, Maypole Reserve Fund acct, and 2nd quarterly report**
*At 10/11/23: Current acct £6539.09 - Maypole Reserve £7555.04
The variance to budget 2nd quarter was discussed, whilst spending on Repairs Maintenance was over budget (Play Park works) over all we are within budget*

9 Planning Applications - none at time of writing –

To note decision 23/01638/Ful Maypole Hotel Agreed with condition additional Bedrooms not to be used until additional parking , one per room are provided
Duly Noted

10 Bridge to Millenium Gardens closure due to safety concerns and next step

Dismantling - Consider estimates for removal

*The clerk had received 2 quotes Forest Pavings £700
S & S Building and Landscaping £1250*

Costs of a New Bridge - consider options

Quotes for new bridges

Garden Bridge Co Ltd £7085 new bridge and delivery

Henry Beaver £10,000 plus VAT new bridge and delivery ;

both have additional costs for installation

Secure a Field offer a complete installation service and would be in the region of £20-£25k + VAT

Questions by the public – couldn't the bridge be repaired? had we obtained a professional survey of bridge safety? Isn't there a right of way? Isn't it a footpath? What funding is available to put in a new bridge?

It was reported that Dog walkers using Millenium Garden are pleased that the Foot Bridge is closed so they can let their dogs off the lease as no fear of them entering the Children's Play Park.

Could a ramp pathway be made into the Millenium garden instead of having a bridge ?

The clerk reported that there were various types of funding available but some of this was match funding or would need repaying over 5years e.g. Lottery Grants. NSDC capital grant funding opens in the Spring

It was clear that a lot of work needs to be done on this project, one member of the public had already offered to assist the Parish Council with this. The clerk suggested that a working party be set up and all three members of the public present agreed to join this.

Clerk to contact them to set up a meeting. In the mean time the clerk would contact NSDC/VIA to see if they could provide someone to survey the bridge – this is expected that this will be at a cost

11 Play Park -

consider viability of request for Cycle Track /Path

The council considered that the Play Park should remain Cycle free, and that installation of a track would go against the covenant on the land

12 Donation request from Christmas Lights Event - to consider request and decide on amount of donation

*Proposed to donate sum £60 as last year - proposed J Ragsdale
Seconded G Parkin All in favour*

13 Gorge Dyke flooding Issues – up date

Despite the Dyke having been cleared, whenever there has been heavy rain Debris from leaves and twigs wash down into the grid at Eakring Rd and cause a blockage leading to the Dyke to over flow. Removing the grid was discussed but this would then allow silt and debris to collect in the pipe under the road blocking this permanently.

Cllr Ragsdale to contact Mr Wagstaff for a quote(s) for digging out a silt trap at both Eakring Rd and Millenium Garden

At present a resident is raking out the debris once a week

14 Potter Lane and Play Park entrance – update

The clerk is awaiting response to request for Road Safety signage on Potter Lane

15 Correspondence

None

Time and date of next meeting

7.30pm 22nd January 2024 at Maypole Court

Confidential Item - Exclusion of Public and Press -Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings)Act 1960

16 Papers relating to this sent direct to Parish Councillors - Strictly Private

These minutes to be circulated to Cllrs only

Meeting closed 9.40

Signed

Dated

