

Wellow Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting of Wellow Parish Council

Monday 22nd January 2024, 7.30pm at May Pole Court, Wellow

Present Cllrs E Meyer, R Ragsdale, R Hanson, G Parkin, N Brown
Clerk Mrs 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**
None
- 3 **Declarations of members interest in agenda items**
None
- 4 **To approve minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th November 2023**
Proposed Cllr Parkin, seconded Cllr Ragsdale – All in favour
- 5 **Matters arising**
Letter of thanks received from resident for work involved in getting resurfacing of A616 through the village
- 6 **to receive questions and petitions from members of the public – for information only**
Resident stated that the Ivy was still in the Dyke which had come from the school side of the Dyke, the resident had contacted the school but had not received a satisfactory response. Also, there is damage to their fence allowing waste to fall down the banking into the Dyke.
- 7 **Reports from the District and County Councillors**
None present
- 8 **Finance**
 - **Payments due** - Clerks wages, Defibri Pads, Play Ground Inspection
Agreed
 - **Balance sheet** - **current account , Maypole Reserve Fund acct**
Current account balance £4398, Reserve £7572.75 noted
 - **Transfer £500 to Maypole Reserve Acct**
- all in favour
 - **2024/5 Budget** **to consider and agree budget and precept**
*After consideration, it was proposed to increase the precept to £7800
Proposed Cllr Ragsdale, seconded Cllr Parkin – all in favour*
- 9 **Planning Applications - none at time of writing -** *None received*

10 Play Park Bridge over park to Millenium Gardens – update on surveyor’s report and action moving forward

The cost of a surveyor’s report is excess for the Parish Council i.e. £3650 plus VAT. The bridge was ‘gifted’ to the council 1972 and has already been repaired once. Cllr Meyer reported that further erosion to the banking under the supports has occurred and the build up of silt in the garden is hazardous.

Proposed that the Bridge is demolished proposed Cllr Hanson seconded , Cllr Ragsdale All in favour

Proposed by Cllr Ragsdale that quote from Forest Paving is accepted seconded Cllr Brown all in favour. Cllr Brown to get quote for new fencing.

It was agreed to consider a second entrance to the Millenium Garden , without the need for the cost of a new bridge

To note Play Ground Inspection Report and consider further action

Noted action to be considered next meeting

11 Gorge Dyke flooding Issues – up date and consider further action necessary to maintain clear flow along course Including digging silt traps Millenium Garden and Eakring Road – receive quote

Cllr Meyer had been asked to attend meeting set up by Heritage Group around their plans to draw up flood guidance, he had advised that he could not speak for the Parish Council and asked that they contact the Clerk. No such contact has been by the group.

Culverts on A616 , Eakring Rd and Potter Lane are the responsibility of VIA.

The estimate received by Forest Paving was not accepted. It was agreed to look into installation of proper silt traps for Millenium Garden and Eakring Road. Clerk to get estimates and see if permission required to install and also to involve Flood officer

12 Potter Lane and Play Park entrance – child safety signage update / progress

Clerk reported that VIA have confirmed that they have raised request for a child safety crossing sign on approach from Earking Road and Slow markings on the road in both directions . awaiting budget approval

13 Notice Board - to note removal due to water damage and update on condition. Consider repair or replacement of a more robust and weather proof noticeboard

The Notice Board was removed and has finally dried out, it was discovered to be of poor design, the back wasn’t sealed, varnish had peeled off and the lettering wasn’t etched but stencilled: proposed to repair by putting on aluminium backing, revarnish and get new lettering. This will be done by councillors at cost only – reducing cost to Parish Council of replacement.

14 Allotment Gardens – to note resignation of both Trustees

Vacancy Notice issued to invite applications - to review candidates applications

Due to two of the applications arriving late on Sunday, councillors hadn’t had the opportunity of considering them before the meeting. Therefore a separate meeting will be called within 2 weeks to consider and appoint the Trustees

15 Correspondence

None

Confidential Item - Exclusion Public and Press

To agree Minutes of confidential item at meeting of 20th November 2024

The minutes were read and were unanimously agreed

**Cllr N Brown announced his decision to resign from the Parish Council due to increased work commitments.
Cllr Ragsdale proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Brown for all his work for Wellow Parish Council, all agreed.**

Time and Date next scheduled meeting

18th March 2024 7.30 at Maypole Court

Meeting closed 9.00pm

Signed

Date

