

Wellow Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting of Wellow Parish Council

Monday 20th January, 7.30 at May Pole Court Wellow

Present Cllrs J Ragsdale, P Kitson, E Meyer, R Henson, D West, County Cllr S Carlton

- 1 Declarations of intent to record, film or photograph the meeting by members of the public or the press**
There were none
- 2 To receive apologies for absence**
District Cllr L Tift, Cllr M Webster, Cllr G Parkin
- 3 Declarations of members interest in agenda items**
There were none
- 4 To approve minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on**
Proposed Cllr Meyer, seconded Cllr Kitson All in favour
- 5 Matters arising**
The building work on Mandalay is causing concern in so far as the builders' vans are parked in such a way as to make cars travelling down Potter Lane to drive over the grill causing issues with mud moving to block the drain/culvert. Proposed clerk contact highways for advice
- 6 to receive questions and petitions from members of the public – for information only**
None
- 7 Reports from the District and County Councillors**
D.Cllr Scott Carlton gave the following report
 - *Drainage issues on Newark Road are ongoing especially after the issue from snow melt near the Pinfold. Progress is being made but more work is expected*
 - *The budget effect on the County Council is £34 million more than first thought though no plans to reduce services*
 - *Solar Farm meeting, residents are urged to go the meeting at Cator Hall*
 - *There has been no update regarding works on Ollerton roundabout*
 - *A letter will be sent to residents to see if they would like an outside War Memorial*
 - *Eaking Road, speeding concerns and in front of the school – feasibility studies to see if signage could be moved to make them more effective*
- 8 Finance**
 - *Payments clerk's wages, expenses for mileage and office Paid stamp*
Agreed
 - *Balance sheet – Current Account, Maypole Reserve Fund acct, December 2024*
Agreed
 - *Quarterly Variance Report*
Clerk reported that overall, we were on target

- 2025-26 Budget to consider and agree Precept
Having discussed report and considered all variances it was proposed by Cllr Ragsdale a precept of £8200 , seconded by Cllr West – All in favour

- 9 Laptop – clerk report of urgent need to replace or upgrade and to consider the costings
*The clerk reported that due to the very small hard drive which was now almost full the Laptop is barely working it is very slow and now not fit for purpose.
The cost of a new laptop £800 - £1000, however the Laptop could be upgraded and a new battery added for approximately £180.
It was proposed that the clerk be authorised to make the payment for the upgrade and in addition to purchase a Hard Disk approx. £60 to download files before update - all agreed*
- 10 Consider purchase of replacement Defibrillator Batteries before end of financial year
The batteries are currently running at 50% seek advise if these to be replaced now – clerk to contact former Cllr Hubbard
- 11 Planning Applications - none
- 12 Play Park Report –
*Cllr Ragsdale reported that ground okay expect a slight dip near goal posts, near the original edge of the field
This will be monitored. Painting to resume in March*
- 13 Millenium Garden and Gorge dyke – Report
 - Hügelkultur - residue from the Dyke has been used on this and now needs to settle
 - Culvert needs to be cleared out as a priority on Potter Lane
 - other work on the Dyke clearance will be starting in the week ahead by Mr C Baugh
- 14 Gov.uk website – updated report
Deferred to next meeting when all Cllrs expected to be present
- 15 Consider Parish Council Equipment store
*Until recently these have been stored at Cllr Meyers and now at Cllr Ragsdale. Cllr Meyer proposed that a more central place to be found that could be accessed by all.
Cllr West had heard that a shed was for sale on the allotment- Cllr West was asked to find out cost and if a suitable location could be found. To be tabled at next meeting*
- 16 Spring Event – in aid of Notts and Lincs Air Ambulance
*It was agreed it was too late to organise a spring event; consider holding it later in the year in the Memorial Hall.
Tabled for further discussion at March meeting*
- 17 Correspondence - ASB and NALC news letters have been made available to Cllrs

Next meeting 17th March 7.30 at May Pole Court

Meeting closed at 9.15

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