

Wellow Parish Council

BATHAVON SOUTH WARD, BATH & NORTH-EAST SOMERSET
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING held at 20:00
on Monday 19 December 2016 in Wellow Village Hall BA2 8PU**

Present: Councillors D. Clarkson (Vice-chair), H. Andrews, S. Betts, S. Chivers, J. Handel, M. Hartigan, S. Kotchie

In attendance: Ward Councillor N. Butters, R. Campbell (Clerk), 5 members of the public

PUBLIC PARTICI PATION

- Stuart Cole said access down to Wellow Square was difficult when vehicles were parked on both sides of the road.

Cllr Clarkson, meeting Chair, said notices, of which she had a stock, should be put on the windscreens of offending cars.

- Mr Cole said he had swept the packhorse bridge, because vehicles were skidding on leaves. The water level at the ford had been four feet. He might reach the record for the number of bags of leaves collected.

The Chair thanked him for doing a good job.

No one else wished to speak. The Chair closed public participation and opened the Parish Council meeting.

16.158 **Apologies** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Wright.

16.159 **Interests** There were no declarations of interests.

16.160 **Vacancy** There was no candidate to fill the vacancy for a councillor.

16.161 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 21 November 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record, with the following amendment:

16.147(a), paragraph after bullet points, second sentence to read "...wish to object to the proposal. The application did not provide...."

16.162 **Broadband** Item cancelled.

16.163 **Clerk's report** The Clerk presented a report on actions from previous meetings.

16.164 **Planning & Housing**

(a) Applications: None

(b) Updates: The following decisions by B & NES were noted.

16/05478/TCA Willow Barn High Street, Wellow BA2 8PU. Lombardy Poplar (T1) - 20% crown thin. **No objection.**

16/05466/TCA Church Farm House High, Street Wellow BA2 8QS. Group of seven Silver Birch (G1) - reduce height by 8 - 10 feet. **Withdrawn.**

16/04369/LBA Internal and external alterations to facilitate various amendments to approved application 14/01867/LBA. **Withdrawn.**

(c) Sulis Down Development It was noted that Wellow Parish Council has joined

the South of Bath Alliance (SOBA) and will seek an aligned view with other PCs impacted by the proposed development. There would be a bilateral meeting with South Stoke PC before the next SOBA meeting, which Cllr Andrews would attend, Cllr Wright to be asked if he will attend the SOBA meeting.

Cllr Butters said that South Stoke PC was surprised that the developers were planning to go ahead on their own, as Odd Down Football Club, HFT and Sulis Manor were supposed to supply a common master plan. It was understood that B & NES had received a legal opinion that HFT could go ahead. South Stoke PC were considering an FOI request to see the opinion.

16.165 Play Park and Playing Field

- (a) Dog fouling notices Still to come
- (b) Drainage No report
- (c) Play Park Cllr Kotchie will share the weekly inspections with Cllr Handel, taking over from Cllr Andrews. Cllr Handel will supply the Clerk with dates for a meeting with the B & NES play equipment inspector.

16.166 Highways and Rights of Way

- (a) Updates No advance on repairing Wellow Car Park; the supply of a 'smiley face' speed sign had been agreed; the Highways Inspector would attend to drain clearing
- (b) There was no update on the eligibility of Wellow to receive Section 106 money for traffic calming from proposed housing developments at Peasedown and Sulis Down. The Clerk to contact Claire Cornelius.
- (c) Speed control
 - Cllr Clarkson will invite PC Dean Brewis, who had said that speed checks show no one is travelling at over 18mph through Wellow, to the January meeting
 - Cllr Chivers said traffic was the most contentious issue in the whole village
 - Cllr Hartigan said young horse riders on Bulls Hill need to be protected from speeding traffic
 - The Safety Week sign on the School fence was applauded

16.167 Meeting the needs of the elderly

Cllr Handel reported on information collected from residents. Concerns included

- Heating if there were a power cut (Manor Close – storage heaters)
- Receiving deliveries of food (Parlour Shop delivered in past)
- Difficulties getting to and from doctors' and hospital appointments (the Clerk to check out The Ridings car service operating in Hinton and NSP)

Cllr Handel will gather more information.

Cllr Betts had also gathered information.

- There were 147 senior citizens in Wellow, whose biggest problem was getting about if they did not drive, including getting to the Park and Ride for the hospital bus
- Mike Clarkson, chair of Wellow Community Bus said they would do trial journeys if there was a need.
- Cllr Clarkson said the mooted welcome pack could include relevant information.
- Ward Cllr Butters said that going round his parishes he found different

problems and different solutions in each.

- Cllr Chivers suggested a village directory
- Cllr Kotchie said the cost of suggested measures should be included in the budget

Meeting the needs of the elderly to be discussed further in January.

16.168 **Finance**

(a) The financial statement for month 9 was noted

(b) Budget for financial year 2017/18. It was agreed to consider this on 16 January. Cllr Butters said that the financial situation at B & NES was becoming ever more difficult. The Government had not yet capped precept rises for Parish Councils. He noted that some parish councils were increasing their precepts against such an eventuality.

(c) Precept for 2017/18 To be decided in January

(d) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Hartigan, 2nd Cllr Chivers, unanimous) to pay:

1892	S. Cole – Street Sweeper’s wages December	309.60
1893	R. Campbell – Clerk’s salary December (dated 21/12)	296.44
1893	R. Campbell – refund cost of Christmas tree	100.00
1894	Mendip Toilet Hire November	216.00
1895	HMRC Sept - Dec	81.00

16.169 **Correspondence and Reports**

(a) Correspondence received since the Parish Council meeting of 21/11/16 was noted. No actions were identified.

(b) Miscellaneous reports

- Cllr Betts asked if there was a date for defibrillator training: to be decided
- Curo to be asked if arrangements were now in place to empty their litter bin at the entrance to Manor Close.

16.170 **Meetings**

Forthcoming meetings were noted as follows

16 Jan 20:00	PC	Wellow Village Hall	
25 Jan 19:30	SOBA	South Stoke VH	? Billy Wright

The Chair wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and closed the meeting at 21:15.