

BATHAVON SOUTH WARD, BATH & NORTH-EAST SOMERSET
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING of the Parish Council (WPC) held on Monday 18 February 2019 at 20:00 at Wellow Village Hall BA2 8PU

Present: Councillors B.Wright (Chair), P. Caudle (Vice-chair) S. Chivers, S. Betts, S. Kotchie,

In attendance: K. Griffiths (clerk,) 7 members of the public with Cllr Neil Butters arriving during the course of proceedings

18.131 **Apologies** - were received and accepted from Cllrs Hartigan, Handel, Clarkson and Andrews

18.132 **Declarations of Interests** - None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The parish sweeper reported that the drain located near to the ford had been cleared. Mr Cole also raised concerns around the location of the community bus when parked in the High Street, namely that it may sustain damage from passing vehicles. The Chair agreed to take this concern forward with Wellow Community Bus.

A local farmer attended and voiced concern about the overhanging hedges along Bath Hill, Mill Hill and near to the shop, and that these were a problem in terms of limiting tractor drivers' vision, restricting the ability to take loads of straw and hay through the village without shedding it everywhere. The clerk will contact the school to make them aware of the overhanging bushes on Mill Hill and Billy Wright and Pat Caudle will contact other property owners..

Cllr Neil Butters was present to raise awareness of the Sullis Down phase 2 application to BANES. Cllr Butters also asked whether a response had been received yet on the issue of the speed/traffic monitoring survey. The Chair confirmed a response was due at the end of March.

A member of the public asked whether there was an update regarding 'Springfield'. The Chair confirmed dialogue with BANES is ongoing.

18.134 **Minutes** - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 21.01.19 were approved and signed as a true record.

18.135 **Clerk's report** -The clerk reported on the following

- The precept for the forthcoming financial year has now been set and approved by BANES.
 - Training has taken place between the clerk and the 'floating' Scribe trainer
 - Actions from the last meeting include arranging the go ahead for the church clock repairs, preparation of a template risk assessment prepared for the outdoor theatre event taking place in Summer. Grant application forms have been sent out to local groups and contact has been made with the Shoscombe clerk regarding local bus service 757 Wednesday morning and a request for the service to be publicised. The clerk has confirmed that the bus route/service timetable will be put into the newsletter

18.136 Planning

(a) The council considered the following applications:

19/00038/ADCOU	Double Hill Farm, Shoscombe, Bath, Bath And North East Somerset, BA2 8PT Agriculture to private dwelling prior approval under Class Q	Support (Prop. Cllr Kotchie, 2nd. Cllr Betts
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(b) B&NES decisions and updates were noted including:

18/04789/FUL	The Water Mill, Mill Hill Wellow: Erection of extension to entrance porch	Permit
18/04094/FUL	Parcel 3573 Bath Hill Wellow Bath: Erection of a Farmhouse (with agricultural tie) & 6 Units of Holiday Accommodation as Farm Diversification	Withdrawn
18/05275/FUL	Leesons Cottage, Middle Twinhoe, Wellow: Erection of a detached triple garage, with loft space above.	Withdrawn

(c) **Enforcement** – Parcel land opposite Prince of Wales public house is on the parish council boundary. BANES took action previously but landowner failed to remove the buildings as required. Cllr Caudle has requested an update

18.137 Highways & Transport

(a) Traffic survey will be conducted. Cllr Butters confirmed a full budget meeting was taking place the following day

(b) Drainage Holes blocked in the ford, residents must wait until the water levels have dropped or the PC could inform Highways (the clerk agreed to do this.)

(c) Lower Twinhoe do not have any grit bins, a resident requested a grit bin in Farm Lane. Cllr Caudle will highlight on a map the locations where bins are needed. The clerk will then contact Highways and inform.

18.138 **Rights of way** -No update available

18.139 **Playing Field & Play Park** - Cllr Kotchie explained that limited tickets for the Mad Hatters Tea Party were on sale at the village shop, and a link will be put on the PC website

18.140 Finance

(a) A current financial statement was received and approved

(b) The following grant requests were received and approved:

- i) Parlour Shop
- ii) Village Hall
- iii) Dial-a-Ride

In making the decision to support the above the council had regard to the criteria and principles laid down in the approved grant making principles.

It was noted that not all application forms had been received. Those not received will not be considered. The Chair will identify community groups and remind applicant's where appropriate.

The grant usually provided to the burial board will be considered at next month's meeting.

(c) The following payments were approved:

	S. Cole – February 2019	£250.56
	K. Griffiths – February Salary 2019	At meeting
	K. Griffiths – Expenses February 2019	At meeting
	PKF Littlejohn	£480.00

18.141 Payment of the following invoices was noted:

	Ecosolve invoices 19013 and 19175	£16,361.97
	HMRC (PAYE deductions)	£248.00

18.142 Information

- (a) Cllr Kotchie was of the view that the waste collection of BANES over the snow period was poor, and following complaint two garden waste sacks were sent by BANES. Other residents are encouraged to complain if they so wish.
- (b) Cllrs Julia Handel and Pat Caudle met with Ruth Noall, Headteacher of St Julien's School 7th February 2019 for a general update and to discuss school parking.
- (c) The clerk explained that BANES had offered to hold the funds sent to the council in support of the play park maintenance. This was rejected by the council on the basis that funds received could be controlled internally as per previous projects.

18.143 **Meetings** - To NOTE date of next WPC meeting: 18 March, Wellow Village Hall at 20:00pm