

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL

BATHAVON SOUTH WARD, BATH & NORTH-EAST SOMERSET

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Clerk: Olga Shepherd, Home Farm, White Ox Mead, Wellow, Bath BA2 8PN

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held on Monday 3 February 2020 at 19.30PM at the Wellow Village Hall, BA2 8PU

Present: The Chairman Patricia Caudle

Councillors: Cllr Stuart Kotchie, Cllr Nick Chapman, Cllr Julia Handel, Cllr Sue Chivers, Cllr Jo Trafford, Cllr Shirley Betts,

In Attendance: Olga Shepherd (Clerk) and 5 residents.

1.2.20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr David Workman (on holiday) and Cllr Deborah Clarkson (on holiday)

2.2.20 INTERESTS: No interest is declared

3.2.20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- The parish sweeper spoke about loose cobbled tiles at the corner of the Batch and expressed a concern about safety of children and pedestrians
- The persistent problem with dog fouling in the village has also been discussed. Effective ways of dealing with this problem was discussed. It was suggested that personally approaching the offenders might be the best way.
- The comments were made that the bus 757 service is working very well and that it has excellent drivers.
- A question was asked about the children's mobile library services – this still needs to be followed up.
- A question was asked by a resident regarding a planning Enforcement which has not been outstanding for a number of years. The Council will refer this problem to District councillor Matt McCabe.
- It was noted that a red car is abandoned on the High Street. The Council is to investigate and take necessary measures.

4.2.20 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 6th January 2020 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

5.2.20 PLANNING

No applications were made during January.

6.2.20 Sulis Downs

The Council discussed the housing development plans at Sulis Downs and its implication on the Green Belt and the village, particularly the entrance from the A367 road. Points were raised about the lack of schools and inadequate infrastructure to support this housing development. **RESOLVED:** The Chairman will participate in the next meeting in Southstoke village and enquire about joining the anti-development alliance to ensure participation in future discussions and to keep WPC updated.

7.2.20 To Note B&NES DECISIONS AND UPDATES since the last meeting:

19/03718/ CONDLB Church Farm House, High Street	Discharge of conditions 3 (Materials) and 4 (Method Statement) re 17/05957/LB	Withdrawn
19/00772/FUL Land at entrance to Manor Farm	Erection of two storey detached dwelling	Planning Committee: Refused Appeal Refused 23 Jan 2020
19/05407/AGRA Norton Lane Farm, Norton Lane	Erection of storage barn	PERMIT

8.2.20 ENFORCEMENTS were noted:

8.3.20 Unauthorised erection of raised decking and outbuilding at Manor Farm: Appeal against Enforcement Notice dismissed

8.4.20 Parcel 4667 Dunkerton Hill – await update from Enforcement and B&NES legal team (ongoing since 2013)

9.2.20 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

9.3.20 It was noted that despite the Parish Council contacting the Highways Authority the chicanes at the east entrance to the village are still not installed to make raised curve visible for motorists. **RESOLVED:** The Chairman will contact B&NES again.

9.4.20 A large pothole on Ford Lane has appeared. **RESOLVED:** The Chairman will contact the Highways Authority

9.5.20 Yellow lines at the entrance to Canteen lane – It was noted that at the moment to approach the drivers (that have parked inconsiderately) in person might be a more effective way of dealing with this problem before reaching a final decision to ask for yellow lines.

10.2.20 PLAY PARK

The contract with the Sutcliffe Play contractor is ready to be signed. The start date of playpark renovations is 24th February 2020 and is scheduled to finish on the 3rd of April 2020. The quote for fencing has been obtained, but more quotes are required in order to get better value for money. The Play park will have to be closed for 6 weeks after the completion of renovation works to allow new grass to grow. Ways of closing off the play area for this area was discussed. The notice of limited car parking will be put out.

11.2.20 WELLOW RECREATION

The Wellow recreation AGM will take place in March.

12.2.20 CLIMATE CHANGE

The implementation of a wildflower friendly verge management project was discussed. The Council has **approved** this initiative. The Clerk will liaise with the friends of St Julian's church (regarding wildflowers in the churchyard), the Horticultural Society and volunteers in the village.

The Tree planting scheme is to resume shortly.

13.2.20 FINANCE

13.3.20 Grant Applications from external bodies -Village Hall, Burial Board and Village Shop and Wellow Community Bus has been received. The Applications will be considered on the basis of the provided account information from the previous year. It was proposed and approved that WPC will support Grants provided new energy supply contracts use renewable energy source(s). Also, WPC is encouraging these external bodies to use the 'easyfundraising' website online shopping to help raise money for St. Julian's Church School PTA

13.4.20 The VAT of £1,247.00 has been paid back and further £3,650 has been claimed, but not yet repaid by HMRC. The VAT reclaim for the playground renovations works was discussed.

13.5.20 The electronic online banking with Unity Trust Bank is up and running, the majority of funds have been transferred from the Natwest account.

13.6.20The bank reconciliation has been circulated to all Cllr and approved. Payments totalling £1,651.95 have been approved:

Greensward Q3	£972.00
Planning Application Response Training (ALCA)- 13 Feb 2020 in Shoscombe. £13.30 x 3	£39.00
Christmas tree (to D. Workman)	£80.00
S. Cole salary – January 2020	At meeting
Clerks Salary – January 2020	At meeting
Clerks expense – January 2020	At meeting

14.2.20 Miscellaneous:

VE Day: The organisation of the party is postponed until next meeting when the Councillor who are dealing with this is present. The Clerk is to notify the insurance company as well as carry a risk assessment and notify the police and Highways authority of the village road closure on 8th May.

15.2.20 The Council have noted that the next meeting will take place on 2 March 2020.

Signed _____

Dated _____