

Wellow Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING held at 20:00 on Monday 16 January 2017 in Wellow Village Hall BA2 8PU

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

In attendance: Ward Councillor N. Butters (from minute 17.12), R. Campbell (Clerk), three members of the public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Stewart Cole said that some drains had been cleared, though not those near the defibrillator box.
He had filled 275 bags with leaves, a record, with more to come.
One of the lime trees by the Church needed attention.
Cllr Chivers will inspect.
- Mike Clarkson outlined options being explored by the group holding vouchers to help improve very low broadband speeds. BT had finally come up with a proposal. Truespeed were due to confirm their proposal later that week. Elsewhere, Truespeed were providing 200Mbps broadband for £47pcm. They needed 75 properties to be able to proceed in Wellow.

The Chair thanked the speakers, closed Public Participation and opened the Parish Council meeting.

17.01 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr M. Hartigan (work).

17.02 Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

17.03 Vacancy

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

17.04 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 19 December 2016 were agreed to be a true record with the following amendment: minute 16.164(b) after 16/04369/LBA add "1-7 High Street, Wellow". The minutes were signed by the Chair.

17.05 Clerk's report

The Clerk reported on actions from previous meetings, including:

16.152	Request 'Unsuitable for Heavy Goods Vehicles' signs	B & NES notes HGV signs at both ends of Wellow Lane. Suggests 'lorry watch' to identify offenders as next step.
16.143	Light pollution at Baggridge Farm	B & NES Enforcement requests further information (Ref 16/00740/UNDEV)

16.124	Incidents on A367	Online form completed asking police to send officer to avoid gridlock when traffic diverted through Wellow
16.118	Play equipment inspection	B & NES asked to return this week and explain inspection procedure, at time to suit councillors.
	Notice board door broken	Under Financial Reg 4.5 Clerk ordered repair from J. Hunter. Est. cost £180

17.06 Highways and Rights of Way

(a) Parking and speeding in Wellow

- Cllr Clarkson had sent Speedwatch information to Dean Brewis of the Avon and Somerset Speed Enforcement Unit. As a result she would be contacting motorcycle patrol officer Adrian Humphries.
- The Clerk to ask B & NES to fill a deep pothole at Wellow Trekking Centre and refresh worn out white lines/'Slow' signs generally.
- Councillors discussed parking on the pavements in Wellow Square. Cllr Clarkson asked if the notices put on car windscreens were too polite. Cllr Kotchie said white lining outside properties had to be paid for. Cllr Clarkson will investigate where bollards could be placed.
- Cllr Chivers suggested village 'gates' as at Hinton Charterhouse. B & NES to be asked to consider these.

(b) Highways updates As Clerk's report

(c) Rights of way No report.

17.07 Planning & Housing

(a) Councillors considered the following:

Application number, validation date	Address	Description, recommendation
16/06236/TCA 23/12/2016	St Julian's Primary School, High Street, Wellow, Bath, BA2 8QS	T1 - Yew - Fell (in playground) T2 - Beech - Crown lift to 15ft T3 - Beech - Crown lift to 15ft T4 - Beech - Crown lift to 15ft. Agreed to support

(b) Planning decisions None

(c) Enforcement updates Per Clerk's report (16.143)

(d) It was agreed not to proceed with a request for a rural housing needs speaker from B & NES for the time being.

17.08 Play Park and Playing Field

- Stuart Kotchie had inspected the play equipment and noted matters for attention.
The Clerk to send him a copy of the last play inspection report.
- It was noted that the gate latch was broken: to be replaced at the next working party

- Cllr Clarkson and Hugh Prentice were arranging a meeting with Rex Horler about drainage from his field onto the Playing Field.
- Wellow Valley Tennis would meet the following week; it was hoped to clarify the matter of lease surrender

17.09 **Meeting the needs of the elderly**

Feedback included

- Available transport options included the Fare Car (no age stipulation) and Swan Transport. Cllr Handel will publicize this in the *Parish Newsletter*.
- Cllr Chivers was working on a village directory to include the above information
- Cllr Andrews supported a directory of services, for all ages
- The Parlour Shop would be asked at its next meeting if it would consider deliveries to the elderly.

17.10 **Village Hall**

Cllr Andrews praised the new lighting on the driveway but noted that it could only be controlled from inside the Hall.

Cllr Betts (Chair, Village Hall Committee) will explore the possibility of installing sensors on the drive.

17.11 **Royal Garden Party**

It was agreed to nominate Cllr Chivers and her husband for the draw to attend the Royal Garden Party

17.12 **Finance**

(a) The Month 9 financial statement was received.

District Cllr Butters joined the meeting.

(b) The draft budget for financial year 2017/18 was considered line by line and adjustments made. Grants to parish bodies were pegged at current levels.

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Kotchie, 2nd Cllr Chivers, unanimous) to set a balanced budget, with income of £15,083.

(c) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Clarkson, 2nd Cllr Andrews, unanimous) to sign a precept for 2017/18 of £11,845.

It was noted that

- the increase from £11,310 in the current year takes account of the fact that B & NES has halved the council tax support grant to £310. The increase in precept would otherwise have been 1.99%.
- the charge for a Band D household is £49, average for rural parishes in the area.

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

1896	S. Cole – Street Sweeper’s wages January	244.80
1897	R. Campbell – Clerk’s salary January	296.44
1898	H. Andrews – Carol singing costs 2015 &2016	67.40
1899	R. Campbell – repay IMA Transport Planning – drainage study, inc. VAT, paid	900.00

1900	Mendip Toilet Hire, December	96.00
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17.13 **Correspondence and Reports**

(a) Correspondence received since the last Parish Council meeting was noted. No actions were identified.

(b) Miscellaneous reports and information It was noted that, due to family circumstances, the Wellow website was not currently being updated. It was agreed to review the Parish Council's online presence at the February meeting.

17.14 **Meetings**

Forthcoming meetings were noted and attendance agreed as follows:

Date & Time	Event	Location, attendance
18 Jan 19.30	ALCA Area meeting	Saltford Hall Clerk if possible
25 Jan 19:30	SOBA	South Stoke VH Cllrs Chivers and Clarkson
15 Feb 18:30	Parishes Liaison meeting	Keynsham Community Space Clerk
20 Feb 20:00	Parish Council	Wellow Village Hall

Cllr Clarkson made her apologies for the February PC meeting.

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 22:12.