

# Wellow Parish Council

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**of the Parish Council (WPC) held on Monday 15 July 2019 at 7.30pm**  
**at Wellow Village Hall BA2 8PU**

**Present:** Chairman: Cllr Pat Caudle, 3 Henley View, Wellow BA2 8PZ [pat.caudle@btinternet.com](mailto:pat.caudle@btinternet.com)

Clerk: Kirsten Griffiths, 2 Lodge Close, Yatton, Bristol BS49 4DX [clerk@wellowparish.info](mailto:clerk@wellowparish.info)

## MINUTES

19.101 - Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Sue Chivers

7 Members of public were in attendance with Cllr Neil Butters arriving during the meeting

19.102 – No interests were declared.

### 19.103 - Public Participation

The council were addressed by the public on a number of issues including the 757 Wednesday bus service which is probably being taken over at the end of August by CT Coaches. The changes will be sent to Richard Holland and the details distributed.

Damage to the kerb outside the church was reported. B&NES will be asked to repair.

Concern was again expressed at the number of overgrown hedges in Wellow, particularly along Bath Hill where visibility is poor and passing tractors risk damage from high branches. The PC agreed it would write to the school and seek an update as to when the contractors would be cutting back.

The council considered a complaint relating to overnight camping in the car park. A sign will be put up stating there is to be no overnight camping.

19.104 - The minutes of of the Parish Council Meeting of 17.06.2019 were APPROVED as a true record and signed by the Chair.

19.105 - **Clerk's report** Actions from previous meetings are NOTED under the relevant minute.

19.106 - **Planning**

(a) To CONSIDER the following applications:

19/00137 and 19/00147/LBA, Double Hill Farm, Double Hill, Shoscombe BA2 8PT	Description: Agricultural use to dwelling, prior approval site location	Current status: WPC have been granted permission to make representations at the committee hearing 31 <sup>st</sup> July
19/03032/ADCOU The Barn Brinscombe Lane, Wellow, Bath BA2 8FD	Prior approval request for change of use from barn to dwelling house (use class C3) with associated operational development	WPC has until 31 <sup>st</sup> July to respond. The council votes to approve and comment that it would be interesting to see what renewable energy sources will be used, and whether the bl=rambles would be cleared to allow for planting of new trees.

(b) To NOTE B&NES decisions and updates including:

19/02256/ADCOU Double Hill Farm Double Hill, Shoscombe Bath (Prior approval request for change of use from Agricultural Barn to 1 no dwelling (C3)	APPROVE
19/01738/CLEU Knoll Farm, White Ox Mead Lane, Peasedown St. John, Bath	LAWFUL
19/02435/TCA Manor Barn, Farm Lane, Wellow, Bath	NO OBJECTION

(c) - **Enforcement** – Cllr Workman met with Stefan Chivers of BANES to go through the Speedwatch Survey data. The conclusion of the traffic officers is that no further expenditure or action is required at this time other than extending the speed restriction past the viaduct as far as the Trekking Centre.

19.107 - **Highways & Transport** - A member of the public spoke about the narrow road bridge outside Ford Farm and the fact there had been many near misses on what is alleged to be a very tight spot. Horses pass frequently and there is the risk of an accident. It was suggested that signage be requested from BANES, with the member of the public concerned agreeing to contact BANES in the first instance.

19.108 - **Village Hall** The insurance claim relating to the storm drain pipe is still being considered

19.109 - **Play Park** Rachel Kotchie shared an update on the play park project with the council. Tenders have gone out to various local companies and a 6 week turnaround for quotes to be received. An update will be given at September's parish meeting.

19.110 **Climate Change** Cllr Jo Trafford addressed the council on climate change issues. The council remain committed to carbon reduction and ways this can be achieved, and it will agree a set of priorities this year which can perhaps be put into an action plan which is both relatable to villagers and contains practical ideas. However the council have not declared an climate change emergency at this time.

#### 19.111 – Finance

(a) The July financial statement was received and reconciliation is approved.

(b) The following payments were approved

S. Cole Salary – July 2019	£262.72
K. Griffiths Salary – July 2019	£251.60
K. Griffiths – Expenses July 2019	£52.50
Nina Flint, Scribe Accountancy Assistance	£130.00
MC Renovations, Play Park Maintenance	£70.00
Greensward Sports Consultancy	£972.00

#### 19.112 - Information

(a) To NOTE the 'new councilor' training taking place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August, 7.30pm in Shoscombe Village Hall

#### 19.113 - Miscellaneous

(a) Dog Fouling in Wellow – Juia Handel contacted the school- dog fouling has not been a problem recently. Sur Chivers is to speak to her husband re dog waste bins.

(b) Wellow Valley Tennis will make an application to BANES for the lighting (currently restricted to end at 9pm) to be extended on a limited number of future occasions .

(c ) The restoration of the telephone box was approved and to agree on a procedure to access funds (between parish council meetings) to replace emergency equipment

( d) Verge Cutting - To CONSIDER making a request to B&NES to allow time for wild flower seed to set before cutting

19.114 **Meetings** To NOTE date of next WPC meeting, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019, Wellow Village Hall at 19.30pm