

Wellow Parish Council

BATHAVON SOUTH WARD, BATH & NORTH-EAST SOMERSET

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING of the Parish Council (WPC) held on Monday 18 March 2019 at 20:00 at Wellow Village Hall BA2 8PU

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

AGENDA

18.144 **Apologies** -were received from Cllrs Hartigan and Andrews and were accepted. The clerk also gave her apologies as she was unwell.

18.145 **Interests** - Cllr Chivers declared an interest in item 18.149 of the agenda given that planning application reference 19/000856/LBA concerns an application relating to her own property

18.146 **Public Participation** – the Parish Sweeper raised the following matters:

- there is currently a pothole close to Hayes Lodge which requires reporting to BANES
- Scaffolding at Box Bush, a suggestion of lights at night was made. Cllr Caudle is to discuss this with the owner
- There have been incidents of fly tipping from cars after the chicanes. The councilors agreed that a working group could be established to help clear this up
- flooding has occurred on the footpath between Farm Lane and Bath Hill

18.147 **Minutes** - the Minutes of the meeting 18 February 2019 were accepted and signed as a true record

18.148 **Clerk's report** -the clerk reported on the following matters:

- A call has been made to St Julian's School and the clerk spoke with the office manager regarding the overhanging trees. The school has contacted BANES to manage the issue
- The clerk has been liaising with Scott at Wildwood who will be providing a quote for the trees to be cut back on Bull's Hill
- Notice of Elections will be published from today-councilors can view the Notice on the parish website and the noticeboard
- The clerk will be looking at what VAT the parish council can reclaim from this current financial year. It has been noted that councillors have incurred expenses/made purchases which the council cannot claim VAT on. A reminder was issued that going forwards, all must ensure (wherever possible) that prior authorisation is sought from the clerk before making any purchases, and that all goods are purchased in the name of Wellow Parish Council at the council office address.

18.149 – **Planning** - The following applications were considered:

19/000856/ LBA	Court Farm House, High Street, Wellow, Bath, Bath And North East Somerset, BA2 8PU Proposal: consent for repair to the retaining boundary wall, without alterations	The council agreed to support this application (Prop. Cllr Kotchie, Second. Cllr Clarkson)
19/00682/FUL	Wellow House, High Street, Wellow, BA2 8QE Planning Application: 19/00682/FUL Proposal: Erection of 1 residential dwelling, associated landscaping and access.	The council noted that the BANES conservation officer supports this application with conditions. The council agreed to support this application (Prop. Cllr Kotchie, Second Cllr Caudle.) The PC was of the view that the inclusion of photovoltaic tiles were to be encouraged

(b) The following decision of BANES was noted by the parish council:

19/00138/ADCOU	Double Hill Farm, Shoscombe, Bath, Bath And North East Somerset, BA2 8PT Agriculture to private dwelling prior approval under Class Q	Withdrawn
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(c) **Enforcement** - Cllr Caudle confirmed she was in continued dialogue with Tom Boyle of BANES Planning Enforcement regarding potential encroachment onto agricultural land at Bubblers Dytch, Springfield and Mount Pleasant.

18.150 **Highways & Transport** - There was the suggestion to move the proposed Speedwatch site from Franks Farm to Bath Hill with the suggestion that the survey be held during term time.

18.151 **Rights of way** - The council considered a proposal to divert a section of Public Bridleway (BR) BA25/16 at Upper Hayes in the parish of Wellow. Cllr Caudle provided full details and the council agreed to support the proposal (Prop. Cllr Kotchie, Second Cllr Handel.)

18.152 **Village Hall** - a brief background to this matter is that the village hall made a claim against it's public liability insurance but it is a building insurance issue. Andy Clark has the building insurance policy. Cllr Betts is to contact Andy for all paperwork and progress this matter.

18.153 **Playing Field & Play Park** - An update was provided as follows:

- The project has been awarded £25k
- Total raised to date £38k
- Thanks to those who applied for grants to raise funds

- Target remains £50k but the play park group requested parish council to consider establishing a project working group so work can start asap. This was agreed (Prop. Cllr Chivers, Second, Cllr Kotchie) and names are to follow.

18.154 Finance:

- (a) a current financial statement was received and accepted
- (b) a grant request from the Wellow Community Bus was received and supported by the parish council. The council expressed the view that the bus provided an excellent service and thanked the organisers. Approved (Prop. Cllr Kotchie, Second Cllr Chivers)
- (c) To parish council considered 2 x quotes from BANES, and Greensward, in connection with play park maintenance for the financial year 2019/20. The council agreed to accept the quote from Greensward (Prop. Cllr Chivers, Second. Cllr Clarkson)
- (d) The following payments were approved at the meeting (Prop Cllr Kotchie, Second Cllr Betts)

	S. Cole – March 2019	£313.20
	K. Griffiths – February March 2019	£252.20
	K. Griffiths – Expenses March 2019	£24.99
	Cllr P Caudle, expenses incurred in connection with the New Councillor Welcome Pack	£45.19
	BANES Exchequer and Insurance Services, Grounds maintenance service to Wellow Rec Ground 1 July 18-31 March 19	£2977.43
	ALCA Subscription Invoice 2019/2020	£101.29

It was noted that at February’s meeting a payment of £1312.05 representing project surplus funds was to be made to Wellow Recreation by the parish council. Therefore the councillors approved the payment and a cheque in the sum of £1312.05 was issued to Wellow Recreation.

18.155 Information

- (a) Correspondence received in connection with May 2019 elections is to be distributed via the Wellow Parish Post
- (b) To RECEIVE miscellaneous reports and information - none

18.156 Meetings - The date of the next WPC meeting will be held on 15 April, Wellow Village Hall at 20:00pm

Meeting closed at 21.25pm