

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL

BATHAVON SOUTH WARD, BATH & NORTH-EAST SOMERSET

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th March 2023 at 19.30pm in the Village Hall, Wellow.

Councillors present: Pat Caudle (Chairman), Debbie Clarkson, David Phillips, Nigel Thomas, Sue Chivers

In Attendance: Olga Shepherd (Clerk) and 4 residents

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- The Parish Sweeper reported that paths around the Church are in a bad state. These can be reported on Fix My Street.
- A resident expressed a concern that a bench, which the PC intends to install by the Ford, is in an unsafe place for children as the water levels in the ford can be very unpredictable.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1.01.23 APOLOGIES

Apology received and accepted from Nick Chapman and Dave Workman.

2.01.23 INTERESTS

Interest were declared by Cllr Sue Chivers on planning application 23/00674/TCA.

3.01.23 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 6th February 2023

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 6th February 2023 were approved as a true record. A copy to be signed by the Chairman after the meeting.

4.01.23 PLANNING APPLICATION

The following planning applications were considered:

Planning Application number and address	Description of proposal	Parish Council decision
23/00669/TCA Milford Head Mill Hill	T1- Ash - early stage Ash Die Back - fell.	No Objection
23/00674/TCA	T39 (Ash)- Fell due to severe Ash	No Objection

The Garden House High Street	Dieback	
23/00666/TCA West End House High Street	2no. Lime trees - shorten/ remove branches overhanging West End House. 2no. Conifer - Remove	No objection
23/00616/FUL The Old Orchard High Street	Erection of a two-storey and single storey side extension (Part demolition of dwelling house).	SUPPORT
22/03288/FUL St Julian's Church High Street	Erection of single storey extension to church to provide WC and kitchen facilities. <u>Planning Committee meeting is on 8th March.</u>	SUPPORT
23/00747/FUL; 23/00748/LBA Home Farm, White Ox Mead	Conversion of adjacent barn to two bedroom residential annexe	SUPPORT

It was NOTED that no planning applications decisions were received since the last PC meeting.

5.3.23 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

- Following a fatal accident on Double Hill in February 2023, it was confirmed that reflective bollards were already installed. Highways were seen inspecting the site two days later. The Council will enquire if BANES Highways can establish 30mph along the full length of the road from Wellow to PSJ, or any other measure to prevent future accidents on this dangerous bend.
- Discussions took place about Wellow Community Bus applying for a grant from WECA to provide a bus service to local shops for Wellow residents to replace the cancelled 757 bus service. Bathavon Forum meeting to discuss local transport where WECA is invited will be attended by the 8th March 6pm via ZOOM. Updates following this meeting will be provided at the next meeting.
- Disabled parking spot painted outside 1 Tower View but not yet opposite Canteen Lane and High Street junction.
- The Council was updated that BANES is currently consulting neighbouring Councils on the processes of installing "speed devices".

6.3.23 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAYS

- Discussions took place about damage being done to the byway through Littleton Woods BA25/33 by 4 x 4 enthusiast. It was noted that the land belongs to Hylton Estate. The Council will contact Hylton Estate and BANES.

- It was NOTED that potholes have been repaired on Baggridge Road.

7.3.23 WELLOW RECREATION

- New litter bin has been installed on the new surface at the bottom of the Village Hall drive.
- The new grass has been seeded and the area sealed off in the Playing Field where the grass surface was damaged by vehicles driving on it. A note in the parish newsletter will be sent to say that vehicles should not drive on Wellow Rec field especially during wet season to avoid costly repairs to the damage as this will lead to the bollards being locked and access denied

8.3.23 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY:

- The Council Members will visit the site where the new bench is intended to be installed to see if an alternative safer spot could be found away from water.
- It was suggested that CIL money should be spent to replace the broken railway crossing gate on Railway Lane This item will be added to the next meeting's Agenda and considered by the Council.
- No update was received on the repair of the village noticeboard.

9.3.23 LOCAL ELECTIONS MAY 2023

The Elections Notice is coming out the 20th March, the nomination papers must be delivered to Guildhall in Bath by hand between 21 March and 4 April (4pm).

It was NOTED that photo IDs are required to vote.

10.3.23 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

a. The Council AGREED that ALCA Audit Network will be used for the annual Internal Audit of the PC accounts.

b. The following payment schedule was APPROVED

	Net	VAT	Total amount
Greensward invoice Q4	£810.00	£162.00	£972.00
Greensward invoice SI-12697 - returfing of the entrance to the Rec grounds	£360.00	£72.00	£432.00
Parish newsletter contribution 2022-23			£100.00

The following payments made since the last meeting were NOTED

	Net	VAT	Total amount
IONOS February	£5.50	£1.10	£6.60
OPUS Electricity Feb	£10.64	£.53	£11.17
Staff February salaries			Available to Council Members

11.3.23 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The Community litter picking is to be organised once the necessary equipment is obtained.
- Potholes on the road between Livery Centre and Ford Farm were mentioned. These will be reported on BANES Fix My Street portal.

12.3.23 NEXT MEETING: Monday 17th April 2023 - Annual Meeting of Electors and the PC Meeting