

BATHAVON SOUTH WARD, BATH & NORTH-EAST SOMERSET www.wellowparish.info

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of the Parish Council (WPC) held on Monday 19 November 2018 at 20:00 at Wellow Village Hall BA2 8PU

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

In attendance: K. Griffiths (clerk,) 5 members of the public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

S Cole raised the following matters:

- Kerb stone has come up opposite the end of Canteen Lane again and is deemed dangerous (since repaired)
- Concerns re positioning of a conifer located by Cllr Handel's address (appears to be leaning.) Cllr Handel will speak to Sara Sell as she believes the conifer may be owned by the church/vicarage
- The fence near the pavilion needs repairing. Cllr Kotchie explained that Michael Cleverley had identified some areas of concern however there was no remit at present in the budget to repair the fence. Cllr Clarkson asked whether a temporary fix might be possible, and this could perhaps be picked up with Wellow Recreation
- Concerns re parish sweeper funding. Cllr Wright stated that there is an offer of transitional funding from BANES and this would be reviewed when the precept is set

Richard Holland confirmed the car park in Wellow would be closed for two weeks from Wednesday 21st to enable BANES to resurface. The councillors applauded Richard for his perseverance and dedication to seeing this work gets done.

Paul Mallon, Conservative candidate, introduced himself to those present.

END OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

18.112 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Hartigan

18.113 Declaration of Interests

None

18.114 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 15 October were APPROVED as a true record and signed by the Chair.

18.115 Clerk

The clerk reported on the following matters:

- Liaison with MOP concerning memorial in the village-horticultural society assisting
- Xmas tree delivery date of 12th December agreed
- Precept to be agreed for sign off at January's meeting
- The clerk advised that signage to deter motorists parking vehicles along the highway could be put up as long as permission sought. Cllr Wright confirmed that the situation outside Cornish Motors had improved. The Cllrs agreed that the situation would be monitored for now (Cllr Caudle Prop, Cllr Chivers 2nd.)

18.116 Planning

(a) Councillors CONSIDERED the following applications:

18/04442/FUL	Wellow Farm Barn, Norton Lane Internal alterations and extension to existing dwelling	Support unanimously (Prop, Clarkson, Sec. Cllr Kotchie)
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(b)

) B&NES decisions to PERMIT were NOTED as follows:

18/04219/LBA – Canteen House

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c) Enforcement

- i) No issues at present. The clerk will request an update on the position regarding Little Horsecroft Farm

Other

- i) The Xmas tree festival taking place on 6th December. Unfortunately the councillors are not able to decorate a tree as they have limited availability to do so
- ii) Carols on the Batch taking place 19th December at 6.30pm, please bring mince pies. Clerk to request the event is placed in the Wellow Parish Post
- iii) Cllr Caudle explained there is no longer a need for a working group to clear the ford as the workmen installing the new gabion baskets have already done so. The Wellow Brook Fly Fishing Group will clear a stretch back towards The Common.

18.117 Highways & Transport

The parish council received an update from Richard Holland concerning the car park.

Cllr Betts thanked Audrey and Mike Gerber for the community empowerment fund of £270.00 paid to WPC. The PC will need to reimburse.

Cllr Handel raised the issue of speeding traffic in Wellow. Two traffic speeding signs are worn and not visible. Clerk will request Highways repair the signs

18.118 Rights of Way

BA25/13 and BA25/14 Weavers Farm Lodge has been approved as a formal diversion

18.119 Sports Pavilion

Cllr Clarkson reported that all was good and within budget. All accounts will go through Wellow Recreation

18.120 Village Hall

- a) The Village Hall insurer will not cover the insurance claim for the damaged drain at the top of the drive. However, Cllr Caudle noted that the correspondence received from the insurer for the Village Hall stated this was because they were not told of the damage at the appropriate time. However, the village hall did not know, and both the PC and VH contest that the drain should be covered by VH insurance as opposed to PC insurance. In any event the VH insurers suggested the claim was for public liability, which is clearly not the case. Andy Smith will go back to the Parish Council insurer because the loss adjuster should have noted this and having verbally given the go ahead the work proceeded before it was suggested that the Village Hall should have made the claim.
- b) Container storage: village hall committee due to meet, Cllr Betts will resolve the issue

18.121 Playing Field/Play Park

Michael Cleverley identified further urgent works needed to the play park costing £160.00. The clerk confirmed to Cllr Kotchie via email the budget set aside for maintenance this year. It was agreed the work could proceed (Prop. Cllr Kotchie, Sec. Cllr Clarkson)

There were 6 members of the public from 20.48pm

18.122 Welcome Pack

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Cllr Handel distributed a first draft welcome pack to the council. Feedback from councillors excellent.

Cllr Handel explained there was a section for volunteering opportunities within the pack, Cllr Caudle requested bridle paths be included. Cllr Handel not yet sure how the pack will be distributed.

18.123 Finance

- (a) Clerk provided up to date reconciliation with supporting documents to the council. The same was approved
- (b) The Council agreed to adopt online banking services
- (c) Parish sweeper funding to be reduced in 2019/2020-Chair to discuss with BANES. The parish wishes to continue having a sweeper and it is likely the money will be made up from the precept
- (d) It was resolved to pay:

	Payman Ltd	72.00
	Nicholas Brown Auditor	100.00
	S. Cole - November	266.22
	K. Griffiths - November	240.70
	Michael Cleverley	160.00
	Michael Cleverley	230.00**

** Cheque issued in October not represented due to payee name being incorrect. Therefore a new cheque for £230.00 was issued at the meeting

18.124 Information

1. Posters have been received from BANES regarding flood risks and management. Cllr Kotchie to display them
2. Cllr Handel reported on the vandalism caused to the Midsomer Norton scout hut. Cllrs expressed their shock and disappointment. Agreed the clerk would write to the scout group offering support
3. Cllr Neil Butters spoke and informed that other parish councils have asked the question as to whether they can co-opt until the bi-elections. No vacancies at WPC at present
4. Brief discussion took place as to whether the Christmas lights would last another year or whether they would need replacing this year

18.125 Meetings

WPC will next meet on Monday 17 December 2018 at 20:00 in Wellow Village Hall

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 21.05pm

