

Wellow Parish Council

BATHAVON SOUTH WARD, BATH & NORTH-EAST SOMERSET

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING of Wellow Parish Council held at 8.00pm on Monday 17 October 2016 in Wellow Village Hall

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

In attendance: seven members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Stewart Cole informed PC that drains still needed clearing. PC agreed to contact BANES through Clerk
- Stewart Cole also informed PC that some trees in the village were overhanging / required pruning: lime near Church and Oak in the centre. PC agreed both likely to be responsibility of BANES as not obviously on private land. Clerk to discuss with BANES
- BANES Councillor Chris Watt gave background his to Planning Application 16/04369/LBA. Cllr Watt explained the application was for a 'Non Material Amendment' but as he was a Councillor the application must go through to Planning Committee, hence discussion at PC. Background to the application was appreciated by PC and public.
- The Chairman thanked the speakers and closed Public Participation

16.127 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors J. Handel (Parents Evening), M. Hartigan (Business Travel)

The Clerk, R. Campbell, was unwell and sent his apologies.

16.128 Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

16.19 Vacancy

PC members all expressed deepest gratitude to Cllr Pat Caudle who has stepped down for personal reasons. She has made a tremendous contribution to current and past PCs and will be sorely missed. She was thanked and will be missed by all. No applicants as yet identified or have come forward to fill the vacancy. Existing PC members to seek appropriate candidates.

16.130 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 19 September 2016 were agreed to be a true record. The minutes were signed by the Chair

16.131 Clerk's report

A report and updates on actions from previous meetings was circulated to Councillors.

16.132 Planning

(a) Applications

16/04369/LBA 1-7 High Street, Wellow BA2 8QB.

Internal and external alterations to facilitate various amendments to approved application 14/01867/LBA.\Aa

Planning report circulated in advance by Cllr Clarkson. PC recognised the significant time and investment the applicant has committed to renovating what were derelict buildings in the heart of the village: a project to be highly commended. PC conflicted on whether the proposed amendments were 'non material' and specifically the introduction of such large roof lights in a very visible location.

Defer to Conservation Officer

16/04514/TCA Cloud Rocks, Bull's Hill, Wellow, BA2 8QS.

Proposal: T1 Ash – Fell

Approved at previous PC meeting already

(c) Updates To note planning updates and decisions

Report from Cllr Clarkson circulated before the meeting for information: no actions required.

16.133 **Play Park and Playing Field**

(a) Tennis court resurfacing Started 17th October and on track to complete by end of month if weather holds

(b) Portaloo Used extensively. Agreed to extend rental period subject to confirming cost and funding arrangements. Believed to be £100 per month which should be split between WR, WVT and PC. WR agreed to fund first 2 months @ £200. PC to vote on funding next two months at next meeting when finalized costs are available.

(c) Dog fouling notices Notices produced and to be positioned around field. Cost for BANES to install and regularly clean an appropriate bin to be determined by the Clerk.

(d) Lease WVT surrender of lease to WR not yet agreed.

(e) Playground repairs Cradle seat ordered. Inspector to visit again and advise councilors of date in advance so that councilors can attend and learn 'what to look for' etc. Noted that new gate spring to children's play area has been incorrectly installed. Working party to get back together again post next inspection to remedy any outstanding faults.

(f) Drainage report Requests for clarification to draft report sent to consultant. Expect to have final specification and quote for works for November PC meeting.

16.134 **Broadband** Various options open to those in village not connected to the fibre-enabled cabinet: satellite, fibre to the premises from independent provider (Truespeed etc), potentially BT/Openreach upgrade. Costs and timelines for each option not yet clear. PC to look into the matter further and report back at next meeting.

16.135 **Pavilion**

(a) To note the power under which the Parish Council can undertake the Pavilion Project: Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 19(i)(d)

(b) To confirm the Parish Council's decision to proceed with the project

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Kotchie, 2nd Cllr Chivers, unanimous)

(c) To confirm formal acceptance of a £10,000 project grant from B & NES
RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Andrews, 2nd Cllr Clarkson, abstain Cllr Betts)

(d) Confirmed that Ron Humphreys and Andy Smith are seeking further grant funding

16.136 **Wellow and Shoscombe Joint Burial Board** Cllr Andrews provided an update: finances in good order. Burial Board Clerk Derek Withers oversees maintenance and has done a very good job – grass, trees, paths, borders all to standard. Now looking to plant bulbs in readiness for the Spring. The area is lovely.

16.137 **Maintenance**

Donations for purchase of bench near St Julian’s church have reached £170. Broken notice Board in centre of village – Clerk obtaining quotes to repair and will report back at November PC meeting.

16.138 **Finance and audit**

(a) PC noted receipt of the external auditor’s Certificate and Report: no qualifications

(b) 6 month financial statement to be reviewed at Nov meeting

(c) Discussed and agreed to adopt model amendments 2016 to Financial Regulations as sent previously

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Clarkson, 2nd Cllr Chivers, unanimous)

(d) PC discussed and agreed with NALC’s opposition to the application of council tax referendum requirements to parish councils wishing to increase their precept by more than 1.99%

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Kotchie, 2nd Cllr Chivers, unanimous)

(e) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Betts, 2nd Cllr Andrews, unanimous) to pay the following:

	M. Clarkson –cost of materials in connection with defibrillator signage	Moved to Nov
	S. Cole – Street Sweeper’s wages October (dated 21/10)	288.00
	R. Campbell – Clerk’s salary September and agreed extra hours August re audit (minute 16.123b)	Moved to Nov
	Mendip Toilet Hire	96.00
	Grant Thornton – external audit, inc. VAT	810.00

16.139 **Highways and Rights of Way**

(a) Parking on Trekking Centre verge has been discussed with Nick Sperring of BANES. Not considered a material safety issue as things stand but PC to monitor the situation and update BANES if the situation deteriorates

(b) 20mph extension request has been submitted but no response from BANES as yet

(c) Vegetation on chicanes on entry points to the village has been raised with Nick Sperring who has passed report to highways inspector colleague for this part of our area, who will address

(d) Drains to be again discussed with BANES - Clerk

16.140 **Correspondence and Reports**

CPRE Spatial Plan update shared in advance

Cllr Betts confirmed lighting for Village Hall drive to be installed over coming few weeks

Cllr Andrews confirmed she would contact the Salvation Army in the hope of securing them for Christmas Carols in the Batch any date from Sunday 18th December

16.141 **Meetings**

(a)The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Monday 21 November 2016 in Wellow Village Hall, starting at 8:00pm.

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 21.40pm