

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL

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Clerk: Olga Shepherd, Home Farm, White Ox Mead, Wellow, Bath BA2 8PN

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held online via Jitsi on Monday 7 September 2020 at 19.30PM

Present: The Chairman Patricia Caudle

Councillors: Councillors Dave Workman, Sue Chivers, Julia Handel, Nick Chapman, Shirley Betts, Stuart Kotchie

In Attendance: Olga Shepherd (Clerk) and 3 residents.

1.9.20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apology was received from Cllr Deborah Clarkson

2.9.20 INTERESTS: No interest declared

3.9.20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- It was mentioned the path leading to the Church required trimming back. Clerk will chase it up with BANES
- The outgrown vegetation at the front of Hungerford Terraces also need tidying up. Clerk will chase it up with Curo Housing Association.

4.9.20 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

- Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held online on 7th July 2020 - APPROVED
- Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held online on 10th August - APPROVED

5.9.20 Planning

20/02099/LBA Steam Mill Cottage Railway Lane Wellow	Internal and external alterations to include repositioning bathroom to first floor, reinstatement of external kitchen door and reroofing lean-to roof in clay tiles to replace existing concrete tiles.	NO DECISION (as this is the internal works for the listed building and to be considered by conservation officer)
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6.9.20 B&NES decisions and updates NOTED:

20/02216/TCA Willow Barn High Street Wellow	Weeping willow (T1) - pollard to suitable points to avoid potential failure Sorbus (T2) - fell to ground level Field maple (G1) - on the boundary next to the willow reduce & shape the trees into individual trees to prevent becoming an overgrown hedge Hazel (G2) - growing underneath the large poplar re-coppice at approximately 0.75mtrs above ground level Birch &	NO OBJECTION
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	Walnut (G3) - crown thin by approximately 10% to prevent overcrowding by the removal of crossing branches & deadwood. Reduce the limbs on the birch trees growing towards the neighbouring house by up to 1.5mtrs	
20/01535/FUL Little Horse Croft Farm Ford Road	Erection of agricultural fodder store	PERMIT
20/02400/TCA Vale View Cottage Mill Hill Wellow	Hawthorn (T1) - unspecified reduction Crab apple (T2) - unspecified reduction Hawthorn tree (T3) - unspecified reduction Laurel (T4) - unspecified reduction Cornelian cherry (T5) - unspecified reduction	NO OBJECTION

7.9.20 ENFORCEMENT: no updates

8.9.20 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT:

- NOTED- Dedication of public footpath at Upper Hayes, Wellow and diversion of bridleway confirmed as of 3 September 2020

9.9.20 PLAY PARK

The report on the progress of the play park project was circulated amongst members, the main points included:

- The independent play park inspection was called in and several snagging issues was identified. These minor issues are to be resolved before completion of the play park project.
- The new fencing is installed and it looks good.
- There was an infestation with wasps around willow trees on the north-west corner of the play park.
- A specialist was called in and we were told that wasps are attracted to willow sap at the end of summer. The Council has agreed to fell these trees and replace it with different suitable species.
- The new bin is installed by the gate to the playpark, which will be emptied once a week by volunteers arranged by Wellow Recreation.

10.9.20 Wellow Recreation

- The Members considered an installation an external noticeboard for the playing field and came to a decision to ask Wellow Recreation and Wellow Valley Tennis to explore the possibility of alternative ways of advertising and messaging such as online or inside the Pavilions when its safe to do so.

11.9.20 Village Hall

- A report was circulated amongst the PC members on the Village Hall and the playing fields drainage problem. There are several separate issues to be dealt with to make the whole drainage system function effectively, including jetting and clearing of the guttering and connection of pipes. It was decided that the PC will approach specialists to clear the drainage system and identify further work required.

12.9.20 Health and Wellbeing

- The PC has decided to support the initiative of Wellow Lunch Club to prepare and/or deliver food to older parishioners or someone who might be lonely once a month in the coming colder months. It was decided to support “Just giving” initiative, which will be set up by the Village Shop by donating £100 and to ask if other community groups would like to contribute to support this initiative.

13.9.20 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

a) Co-option Policy- APPROVED

b) The Council has approved the Application for a Councillor position by Nigel Thomas in his absence. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office is to be signed and witnessed by the Clerk at a later date.

c) Code of Conduct – NOT APPROVED. Some changes were proposed, these will be emailed to Clerk for further revision and the final document will be presented at the next meeting.

d) All Members have agreed to hold future face to face provided it will be Covid secure. The PC will review the situation closer to the next meeting as the situation around Covid is changing.

e) Members reviewed and authorised the following schedule of payments:

	Net	VAT	Total amount
Items for cricket nets repair (Sport England)	£162.52		£162.52
Information Commission Office invoice	£40.00		£40.00
Outdoor gym inspection and repair Caloo inv:2918	£395.00	£79.00	£474.00
Redwood Fencing (playpark) Inv: 339	£4,980.00		£4,980.00
Parish sweeper August salary			At meeting
Clerks August salary			At meeting
Clerks home allowance			£24.00
Redwood fencing- to replace damaged posts at the end of playing field with concrete posts	£1,528.00		£1,528.00

f) The following payments made in July and August 2020 were NOTED:

	Net	VAT	Total amount
Sutcliffe Play Invoice 5873	£15,302.54	£3,060.51	£18,363.51
MC Renovations. Inv-1196. Playgrounds Hut floor renovation	£540.00	-	£540.00
Broxap litter bin. Inv: 265918	£425.95	£85.19	£511.14
Parish sweeper July salary			At meeting
Clerks July salary			At meeting
Clerks home allowance	£24.00		£24.00
OPUS electricity July	£8.40	£0.42	£8.82

14.9.20 Miscellaneous:

- It was mentioned that a tree work is still required on the old lime tree near Church House. It was reported previously to BANES, but needed to be reminded as can become dangerous to the public. A councillor to follow up on this.

15.9.20 The Council noted that the next meeting will take place on 5 October 2020.

Meeting ended at 20.45 pm

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Dated _____