

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL

BATHAVON SOUTH WARD, BATH & NORTH-EAST SOMERSET

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

on Monday 6 September 2021 at 19.30pm in the Village Hall.

Councillors present: Pat Caudle (Chairman), Debbie Clarkson, Stuart Kotchie, Nick Chapman, Nigel Thomas, Sue Chivers, Julia Handel, District Councillor Matt McCabe

In Attendance: Clerk and 4 residents.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- The Parish Sweeper reported the potholes in Norton Lane and Stoney Littleton Lane. Request to repair will be logged into BANES Fix my street portal.
- Overgrown vegetation in Hungerford Terrace have also been reported by the Parish Sweeper.. Clerk will contact Curo Estate Management to request that it is cut back.
- Lime Tree by the church requires to be lopped at some future stage and the nettles are overgrown on the path.
- Footpath through field by brook leading to by Stoney Littleton Lane is overgrown with burdock – the landowner will be asked to trim it back
- Inconsiderate parking in Canteen Lane has been reported by a resident.
- A resident expressed a concern that BANES Transport policy does not include transport in rural areas and suggested that Local Parishes organise a lobbying unit. The Chairman mentioned that such a forum exists in the area: the Parish Liaison Group which is open to the members of public (next meeting 13 October on Zoom).

1.09.21 Apology received from Dave Workman

2.09.21 No Interests were declared

3.09.21 Confirmation of Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 12st July 2021 were approved with some amendments (item 6.7.21 re Community Speed Watch). The final version is to be circulated to all Members and signed by the Chairman.

4.09.21 Planning Applications: the following application considered:

21/03901/FUL Crewcroft Barn Hinton Hill Hinton Charterhouse	Barn conversion and alterations to the original building to form straw bale passivhaus standard dwelling (Revised proposal).	Council resolved to SUPPORT
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The following planning decisions by B&NES Council NOTED:

21/02344/FUL	Wisteria House High Street. Extensions to the rear of Bay Tree Cottage and Bay Cottage. Creation of a new driveway with oak gates, turning head, two-bay car port, and bin store to Wistaria House,	PERMIT
21/03094/ADCOU	Barn At Upper Hayes Bath Hill Wellow Prior approval request for change of use from Agricultural Building to 1no. Dwelling (C3) and associated operational development.	REFUSE

5.9.21

Highways & Transport:

Extensive discussion took place whether it is necessary to carry out an independent traffic survey at this time. The Traffic Survey of 2019 indicated that there was no significant speeding problem in the village. Although residents notice that traffic has increased since then, the Parish Council AGREED that the cost of the survey is too high.

It was pointed out that different criteria was used in the previous traffic survey. As Wellow is in the 20mph zone – the instances of over 20mph should be recorded as exceeding speed limit in the village as oppose to 30mph as in the previous report.

Discussions took place on alternative solutions to the speeding such as installation of an electronic ‘Smiley Face’, which can be purchased from the Police Community Trust at the cost of £5,000. It was suggested that the Community Infrastructure Levy money, received last year by the PC, can be used to purchase this piece of equipment with the additional fund raising by the PC. Two would possibly be required.

It was decided that the Community Speed Watch data will be used initially to gather speeding evidence data. 8 residents have already applied to become speed watch volunteers. The Roadside training will be undertaken by these residents on how to use speed equipment.

6.9.21 Play Park: It was reported that majority of de-snagging has been completed by the contractors in the new play park. The final de-snagging is still left to do. The Annual playground inspection report identified some problems with the old kit such as rotten platform on a slide, broken bench and broken balance beams. A quote of £515.00 has been received to rectify these problems. The Council AGREED to go ahead with these repairs as soon as possible. Further £747.00 will be required to be spent on new balance beams -this money will come from the Playpark restricted fund and the decision is to be made by the play park committee.

The Bee Hotel is to be moved back to its previous position and the wire at the top of the fence still need top be repaired.

7.9.21 Parish Plan: There have not been many responses to the Parish Plan communication, published by the Parish Plan Committee. 18 responses received in total: the top issues concerning residents seem to be - traffic, parking and Climate & Environment. Discussion took place whether to continue with the Parish Plan.

8.9.21 Finance and Administration:

- a) Proposed Publication Scheme - APPROVED
 b) The PC budget spending to 31 Aug 2021 - NOTED.
 c) The following payments schedule – APPROVED:

	Net	VAT	Total amount
Greensward Sports Consultancy Inv: SI-11868	£1,590.00	£318.00	£1,908.00
Information Commissioner's Office			£35.00
Internal Audit Report 2020-21	£300	£60	£360.00
Staff salary – September			Payslips are available to the Council
Home office - September			£24.00

The following payments, made since the last meeting NOTED:

	Net	VAT	Total amount
Staff salaries - July			Payslips available to the Council
Staff salaries - August			Payslips available to the Council
Home office – July and August			£48.00

11.9.21 OPEN FORUM for information only:

- Bathavon Forum –the Chairman gave a short report, ALCA updates - Clerk reported the main events
- Wellow and Shoscombe cemetery – dressing of graves organised on 13th of November 2021 -NOTED

12.9.21 Items to raise for consideration at the next meeting:

- Discuss the nomination of Assets of Community Value

13.9.21 Date of next Parish Council meeting - Monday 4th October 2021.

Meeting concluded at 8.55pm

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