

# Wellow Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 2013 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Andrews, Betts, Caudle, Clarkson, Karthausser, Prentice and Wheeler along with seven members of the public.

## Agenda:

### 13.151 To accept apologies for absence

District Cllr Neil Butters and Cllr Doman sent their apologies.

### 13.152 Declarations of interest in any matters on the agenda or in November minutes

There were no declarations of interest.

### 13.153 Public Participation

A number of residents of Bull's Hill explained that they were not in favour of the proposed white lining.

Richard Holland drew attention to the fact that we had no Christmas tree in the Square. Cllr Wheeler said that plans were well in hand and that he had sourced a suitable tree.

**TW**

Stewart Cole said that, because of the number of parked contractors' vans on Bull's Hill, he felt it unsafe for him to undertake street cleaning there.

### 13.154 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on November 11<sup>th</sup> 2013.

The minutes were approved unanimously.

### 13.155 Planning applications

New applications

**Application Numbers:** 13/04861/LBA and 13/04857/LBA

**Site Location:** Church Farm House High Street Wellow

Cllr Caudle pointed out that both applications concerned internal alterations to a listed building. She said that villagers should be aware of their obligations with regard to listed buildings and that there was a need for vigilance.

The Parish Council agreed unanimously to make no comments regarding either application.

New applications pertaining to trees

**Application Number:** 13/05139/TCA

**Site Location:** Church Farm House, Wellow

**Description of Proposal:** Fell 1 x Silver Birch, 1 x Gleditsia, 1 x Thuja Plicata

Cllr Andrews said that the silver birch was some sixty feet tall and too close to the house. The gleditsia has honey fungus and the thuja plicata had multiple stems which was causing the destruction of an adjacent, ancient wall. She recommended that the Parish Council approve the application. In the PC's response, we should stress that the applicants intend to replace the trees.

Cllr Andrews agreed to respond to B&NES following consultation with the tree officer, Jane Brewer.

**HA**

It was agreed unanimously to appoint Cllr Andrews as the councillor responsible for over-seeing tree applications.

Decisions received

The following decisions were noted:

Approved

**Application Number:** 13/04112/FUL

**Site Location:** Chapel House High Street Wellow

**Description of Proposal:** Provision of front and rear velux roof windows (retrospective)

**Application Number:** 13/04111/FUL

**Site Location:** Chapel House High Street Wellow

**Description of Proposal:** Provision of circular window to the west gable wall

**Application Number:** 13/03664/FUL

**Site Location:** Summerfield High Street Wellow

**Description of Proposal:** Erection of an oak garage to front of property

Unapproved

**Application Number:** 13/03925/FUL

**Site Location:** Bath Hill House Bath Hill Wellow

**Description of Proposal:** Creation of a vehicular access

rejected.  
Cllr Clarkson explained why the application at Bath Hill House was

**Application Number:** 12/05281/FUL

**Site Location:** Bubblers Dytch High Street Wellow

**Description of Proposal:** Erection of 2no detached two storey houses with attached garages following demolition of existing single storey house (Resubmission).

The following tree applications have been approved:

**Application Number:** 13/04552/TCA

**Site Location:** Manor Stables Farm Lane Wellow

**Description of Proposal:** Ash - Prune as described

**Application Number:** 13/04551/TCA

**Site Location:** Wellow Farm The Square Wellow

**Description of Proposal:** Fell Sycamore to ground level

**Application Number:** 13/04561/TCA

**Site Location:** Summerfield High Street Wellow

**Description of Proposal:** Ash- 20% crown thin; Birch- Moribund fell; Cedar- remove two lower limbs

13.156

### **Finance**

The finance report to December 6<sup>th</sup> was approved unanimously.

The following payments were approved:

S Cole's wages	£228.90
Clerk's salary	
£217.95	
Re-imburement to Clerk for ink cartridge, paper and envelopes	£ 14.35
Adhesive for repairs to main noticeboard	£ 12.99
Cork tiles for noticeboard	£ 8.99

Panel pins for noticeboard	£ 1.56
Andy Elvin for grass cutting	£ 76.90

Cllr Wheeler referred back to Item 13.153 and said that he was due to collect a Christmas tree at a cost of around £90. The Parish Council agreed to meet the costs. The Clerk will make the necessary arrangements to re-imburse Cllr Wheeler once the actual cost is known.  
**TW/GW**

13.157 **Child Protection Policy**

Cllr Clarkson explained that we would need a Child Protection Policy because of the PC's involvement with Wellow Sports. She proposed the following which was seconded by the Chairman and approved unanimously.

***Proposal: To form a working party to devise Wellow Parish Council's child protection policy***

It was then agreed that Cllrs Caudle and Clarkson would make the necessary arrangements to convene the working party.  
**DC/PC**

13.158 **White lining on Bulls Hill**

In the light of comments put forward at the start of the meeting by residents of Bull's Hill it was decided not to proceed with the proposal shown below.

***Proposal: Parish Council accepts B&NES' offer to supply a painted walkway on Bulls Hill***

The Parish Council were not convinced that this was the best solution. Cllr Betts agreed to respond to B&NES accordingly and, at the same time, to seek a meeting with the Highways Department.  
**SB**

13.159 **Any other reports**

Cllr Clarkson explained that there was no need to carry out the Placemaking Plan survey as all the relevant information was already documented in the report "Wellow Conservation Area Character Appraisal, August 2007" a copy of which B&NES already have. Cllr Clarkson agreed to send a suitable response to B&NES but will add a reference to the Wellow development boundary.  
**DC**

Cllr Betts will order an extra dustbin from B&NES for use at the church.**SB**

Cllr Betts reported that Jean Horler had asked for the bin on the Batch to be moved.

Cllr Andrews said that all the arrangements had been made for carol singing on the Batch on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Cllr Wheeler said that he would chase up the contractors re the bollards and the play area.

**TW**

The Chairman asked that a notice be placed in the Parish Newsletter regarding the casual vacancy.

**GW**

Alex Martin said that he had drafted a response to the article in the Somerset Guardian which suggested that B&NES might allow retail developments at Bath Business Park.

The Chairman proposed that Wellow Parish Council should also respond indicating that they would be against it. Cllr Andrews seconded the proposal. The proposal was passed by 6 votes to 1. The Chairman will respond accordingly.

**HP**

13.160 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of Wellow Parish Council was confirmed as Monday January 13<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.34pm

**Geoffrey White**  
**Parish Clerk**  
**December 16<sup>th</sup> 2013**