

Wellow Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, October 11th 2013 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Andrews, Betts, Caudle, Clarkson, Doman, Karthaus, Prentice, Wheeler and White along with four members of the public. District Cllr Neil Butters also attended following his meeting at Monkton Combe Parish Council.

Agenda:

13.128 **To accept apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

13.129 **Declarations of interest in any matters on the agenda or in September minutes**

There were no declarations of interest.

13.130 **Public Participation**

Stewart Cole said that he was still witnessing instances of speeding and poor driving.

Stewart Cole also referred to the tree on the road opposite the church. Cllr White said that B&NES intend to replace it.

13.131 **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on September 9th 2013.**

The minutes were approved unanimously.

Cllr Andrews said that she would be presenting her report on issues concerning Wellow Brook in November.

HA

13.132 **Traffic calming**

Cllr Betts put forward the following proposal which was seconded by Cllr Kartaus:

Proposal: As the white lining at the west end of the village has severely degraded Wellow Parish Council will ask B&NES to re-do it

The proposal was passed unanimously and the Clerk will refer the matter to B&NES.

GW

the Cllr Betts put forward the following proposal which was seconded by Chairman.

Proposal: To re-establish a Community Speedwatch programme for Wellow

necessary The proposal was passed unanimously and Cllr Betts will make the arrangements.

SB

Cllr White agreed to speak with the school with a view to asking parents to avoid speeding and to park considerately.

JW

The Clerk agreed to ask B&NES to re-instate the bollard on the chicane at the west end of the village.

GW

Reference was made to Phil Iley's suggestion about changing priorities at junctions. Cllr Karthausser asked about the use of electronic signs and Cllr Doman expressed concern at the speed at which some cyclists went through the village. The Chairman asked the Traffic Calming Working Group to look into these issues and to report back at the November meeting. **SB et al**

13.133

Planning applications

The Chairman put forward the following proposal which was seconded by Cllr Betts:

Proposal: To appoint a third Councillor to have responsibilities for planning, and to invite Councillors to stand

The proposal was passed unanimously. Cllr White agreed to stand for election to the Working Party and the subsequent vote agreeing to her joining was passed unanimously.

New applications

Application Number: 13/04111/FUL

Site Location: Chapel House, High Street, Wellow

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

Cllr Clarkson proposed that the Parish Council support the application

and this was seconded by Cllr Caudle. The proposal was passed unanimously.

Application Number: 13/04112/FUL

Site Location: Chapel House, High Street, Wellow

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

Cllr Caudle proposed that the Parish Council support the application and this was seconded by Cllr Clarkson. It was pointed out that the Velux windows already installed were of an approved type for conservation areas. The proposal was passed unanimously.

Application Number: 13/03664/FUL

Site Location: Summerfield, High Street, Wellow

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

Cllr Caudle proposed that the Parish Council support the application and this was seconded by Cllr Clarkson. They said that a condition should be that the trees which help to screen the proposed garage should remain. The proposal was passed by 8 votes to 1.

Application Number: 13/02901/FUL

Site Location: St Julian's Primary School, High Street, Wellow

Description of Proposal: Erection of wooden gazebo

Cllr Clarkson proposed that the Parish Council support the application and this was seconded by Cllr White. The proposal was passed unanimously.

Application Number: 13/03798/FUL

Site Location: Baggridge Farm, Baggridge Hill, Wellow

Description of Proposal: Erection of two holiday tents following removal of poultry sheds and pens

After some discussion the Chairman proposed that the Parish Council support the application subject to certain conditions which are shown below. Cllr Karthaus seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

The conditions were as follows:

- There should be no external lighting
- Any additions in the future must be the subject of a fresh planning application

Application Number: 13/03137/FUL

Site Location: Forge Cottage, 7 High Street, Wellow

Description of Proposal: Replacement of a single storey flat roofed extension to Forge Cottage with a two storey extension, elevational alterations and associated works

It was noted that this notice informed the Parish Council that the application would be referred to Committee as the applicant is a B&NES councillor.

The Planning Working Group will compile the responses.
PC/DC/JW

Tree applications

Application Number: 13/03861/TCA

Site Location: Corner House, Station Road, Wellow

Description of Proposal: Silver Birch – reduce by 8-9 feet. Norway maple – reduce by 10-12 feet and crown thin

The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council support the application and this was seconded by Cllr White. The proposal was passed unanimously.

Application Number: 13/03859/TCA

Site Location: Church Farm Cottage, High Street, Wellow

Description of Proposal: Fell 1 Cherry Tree

The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council support the application and this was seconded by Cllr White. The proposal was passed unanimously.

13.134

Finance

Financial Report

The Chairman proposed that the financial report to October 11 be accepted. This was agreed to unanimously. Cllr Karthaus asked that a balance sheet be included in future which was also agreed to.

Payments

The following payments were approved:

Clerk's salary	£217.95
Street Cleaner's wages	£222.36
Final payment to Crozier	£480.00
Parlour Shop grant	£300.00
Village Hall grant	£850.00
Wellow Community Bus Group grant	£200.00
Burial Board grant	£500.00

Postage re easement (Special Delivery) £ 6.95

It was noted that a further payment would be made to the Burial Board.

NALC Purchase

Proposal: To approve the purchase of two copies of NALC's new handbook "Local Councils Explained" due out in October.

The Clerk explained that this book was a compilation of articles from NALC's website and so one copy would be sufficient as this would provide a guide to the website.

The Chairman proposed that the PC buy one copy and this was seconded by Cllr White. This was approved unanimously.

Pay rise

The following proposal was put forward by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Doman:

Proposal: To agree to implement the nationally negotiated pay rises in respect of employees and others.

This was approved unanimously.

13.135 **Wellow Sports**

Cllr Clarkson suggested that the proposal below be deferred until the November meeting. She explained that more research was needed in order to determine the best way forward for Wellow Sports. The alternative was to set up a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Proposal: Wellow Parish Council agree that Wellow Sports Group set up a Community Amateur Sports Club.

It was agreed to defer this item.

13.136 **Footpaths**

The following proposal was put forward by Cllr Caudle and seconded by the Chairman:

Proposal: The Parish Council notes that it does not have the power to spend money on footpath diversion nor the establishment of new paths and so will ask B&NES to liaise with the Horler family over the footpath which currently terminates at the rear of Brunel House.

The proposal was passed unanimously. The Clerk will write to

B&NES accordingly.

GW

The following proposal was put forward by Cllr Caudle and seconded by the Chairman:

Proposal: Following a message from Jean Horler, the PC will put a note in the next Parish News reminding dog-walkers not to let their dogs foul footpaths nor fields where animals are kept and to clean up afterwards should they do so.

The proposal was passed unanimously and Cllr Caudle agreed to write the article for the Parish News.

PC

13.137

Any other reports

The Clerk is still waiting to hear back from the Rural Dean of Midsomer Norton regarding the grant from the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

Cllr Clarkson reported that the phone box had been repainted.

Cllr Andrews expressed some concern about cross-country motorbikes in Wellow.

Cllr Karthausser said that Wellow might have a high-speed fibre link by mid-2014.

Cllr Caudle said she had been asked if the stile at the bridge over Wellow Brook at Stony Littleton could be replaced with a gate to enable easier access for large dogs and less able walkers. This is not a public footpath but Cllr Caudle had been in contact with B&NES, who had offered a gate, and English Heritage who manage the bridge and the Long Barrow. Talks continue.

The Clerk was asked to distribute the Weekly Lists from B&NES as they sometimes contained planning items which were not normally included in the main planning application details.

GW

The Chairman asked that the Council's thanks be recorded in the minutes in respect of the path clearing carried out earlier by Chris Cook. The Chairman said he would find out more about the path leading from Canteen Lane into the car park.

The Chairman will write to the residents of Hungerford Terrace about the new bollards. The Clerk will put a similar notice in the Parish News. **HP/GW**

Cllr White is still awaiting news from the More Trees organisation.

Cllr Wheeler said that he had received a quote of £1000 to repair the play area. It was agreed that he should obtain a breakdown of the costs rather than just a total figure and that he would seek a second quote from B&NES.

In the meantime the Chairman proposed that the play area be closed until any repairs are completed. This was seconded by Cllr White and passed by 7 votes to 2. Cllr Wheeler agreed to erect a suitable notice.

TW

Cllr Doman said that some of the new bollards had been installed and that the lockable ones would be in place by October 16th.

13.138 **Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as November 11th at 8pm in the Village Hall. The meeting closed at 10.10pm.

Geoffrey White
Parish Clerk
October 23rd 2013