

# Wellow Parish Council

BATHAVON SOUTH WARD of BATH & NORTH-EAST SOMERSET

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at 8.00pm on Tuesday 5 April 2016 in Wellow Village Hall

Actions – marked **A** at right– are on the Clerk and on any Councillor whose initials also appear

**Present:** Councillors D. Clarkson (meeting Chair), S. Betts, P. Caudle, S. Chauveau, D. Clarkson, J. Handel

**In attendance:** Ward Councillor N. Butters, R. Campbell (Clerk), 15 members of the public.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair welcomed all present and opened public participation.

- *Phil Iley opposed the siting of a gate to Wellow Car Park where the barrier had previously been. The barrier had caused access and turning problems. He did not think the drug problem in the car park was significant.*
- *Stewart Cole said he was into his 26<sup>th</sup> year of street sweeping. The litter on the road up to the cemetery was a disgrace.*

CLr Clarkson said a litter-picking day was needed (see 16.057iv)

Ward CLr Butters said that B & NES was erecting cameras at various locations to catch fly-tippers

*Mr Cole praised the B & NES Action Line for arranging removal of sanitary towels found in bushes off the High Street.*

*He noted that a vehicle had reversed into railings at the corner of the Manor House*

CLr Clarkson will inspect the railing and advise the Clerk if B & NES should be informed.

- *Jessica Renison introduced herself as the new owner of the plot next to Bubbler's Dyitch. Noting that a number of planning applications had been refused there over the years, she asked what the community wanted to see on the site.*

CLr Clarkson suggested she read the Parish Council's comments on previous applications, which could be found on the B & NES website

CLr Clarkson thanked the speakers and closed public participation.

- 16.047 **Apologies** Apologies were received and accepted from CLrs Wright, Hartigan and Chivers.
- 16.048 **Declarations** CLr Clarkson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 16.052 Pavilion, as Chair of the Pavilion Committee.
- 16.049 **Minutes** The minutes of the PC meeting of 21 March 2016 were agreed to be a true record. They were signed by the Chair.

#### 16.050 Clerk's Report

- The Parish Council's electricity supply now had a smart meter
- The Clerk asked what form the Annual Parish Meeting should take. It was agreed that Cllr Betts would report on the Village Hall Committee, Mike Clarkson on the Community Bus, Cllr Clarkson on Wellow Valley Tennis and that Cllr Handel would ask St Julian's School if they will supply a report
- Other items are covered in the agenda.

#### 16.051 Planning

(i) Application 16/01395/TCA Wellow House High Street Wellow.

Proposal: 1x Lime - remove limb

Councillors agreed to leave this to the planning officer.

(ii) Decisions The following decisions and updates by B & NES were noted  
13/03129/LBA The Dairy Baggridge Hill Wellow Bath BA2 8QP

Installation of log burner (Retrospective). Decision: consent

15/05701/FUL Ford Farm Ford Road Wellow

Demolition of existing stables, sheds and static caravan and erection of garden building and stables. Decision: permit

15/05562/FUL Little Horse Croft Farm Ford Road Wellow BA2 8QF

Erection of agricultural barn for the storage of machinery, hay, straw and animal feed (Regularisation). New information is now being received until 18 April.

Cllr Clarkson noted that the planning officer appeared to have been minded to refuse the application in its existing state.

She invited the owner of Upper Baggridge Farm to comment on the Parish Council's concern about light pollution and static caravans. He said he would sort out the light issue. He pays council tax on the static caravans used for seasonal staff and had been visited by B & NES, who were satisfied.

B & NES enforcement to be contacted over separate concerns about static caravans at Lower Baggridge Farm.

#### 16.052 Pavilion

(i) Consultation and (ii) Plans Cllr Clarkson said that concerns had been raised at the consultation in Wellow Village Hall on 12 and 13 March about the size of the pavilion, the flat roof (thought to encourage vandalism) and encroachment on the children's play park. The plans had since been redrawn, reducing the size of the pavilion, which in turn had led to specification of a pitched roof.

The community was fortunate to have the services of a local architect. £120K was the construction cost of good design.

The concept of a pavilion had previously been agreed by referendum and Parish Council vote. It was the design that was now up for approval to submit a planning application.

Councillors discussed the proposed internal layout, including provision for access to the changing room and loo only. Cllr Clarkson stressed that the facility was not a public loo, but would be open as much as possible.

Comments on the plans included the following:

- Cllr Betts: several people had been disappointed by lack of publicity for

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the consultation. There were too many committees.

Hugh Prentice was invited to explain the structure and membership of Wellow Recreation, the Site Management and Pavilion Working Groups.

- Cllr Caudle: said she could not support something which was to cost £120K without evidence of need and proven sports use. She urged delay for a year or two.
- Cllr Clarkson: it might be two years before it was built. The Parish Council needed to have input every step of the way
- Cllr Andrews: the size allowed for a convivial meeting place
- Cllr Handel: the consultation had been useful as the pavilion now represented something more people approved of. The storage area should be as small as possible. Whilst sports use would be primary, the pavilion might be used by the elderly and children.
- Cllr Handel stressed the importance of communication.

Mike Clarkson will write to the Parish Council supplying the names of all relevant committee members. It was suggested this information be displayed in the village shop. Communication to be a May agenda item.

**RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Clarkson, 2nd Cllr Chauveau, four in favour, two against) to submit a planning application for a sports pavilion on Wellow Playing Field according to the plans considered by the meeting.

Cllr Betts wished it to be noted that the decision had been taken in the absence of three councillors.

*\* wished for decision to be delayed but declined. AW*

16.053 **Playing Field and Play Park**

(i) Lease Withy King had not yet responded to the Parish Council's enquiry about checking the lease and the cost thereof. To be pressed for an answer.

(ii) Drainage Inspections had been made by IAM and Sport England and reports were awaited.

(iii) Playground repairs It was reported that Rachel Kotchie had enlisted financial and practical help for playground repair.

(iv) Playground funding Cllr Butters reminded Councillors that his Ward Councillor's Initiative fund was open to applications.

(v) Portaloo

**RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Clarkson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Betts, unanimous) to hire a portaloo for six months at a cost of £600 including cleaning, to be sited on the playing field near the driveway, funding to come from remaining sports pavilion money held by the Parish Council.

Mike Clarkson will pass three quotes to the Clerk, who will place the order.

(vi) Life's a Dream It was agreed that Cllr Betts will be the Parish Council representative, with delegated authority, to liaise with the organisers of the open air theatre performance. Hugh Prentice will act for Wellow Recreation.

16.054 **Defibrillator and phone box**

Cllrs Handel and Clarkson had cleaned the kiosk. The paediatric pads had been supplied. Mr Sharman, who will install the defibrillator, was on holiday. The current siting of the defibrillator with the Chapman family to be advertised.

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*\* Had been advertised in Parish Post from Feb. AW*

16.055 **Risk assessment**

Councillors considered and approved the risk schedule, which had been circulated. It was signed by the Chair and Clerk.

16.056 **Finance**

(i) Accounts for the year to 31 March 2016 (circulated) to be reconciled and sent for internal audit.

(ii) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Chivers , 2nd Cllr Clarkson, unanimous) to pay the following:

	Avon Local Councils' Association – subscription 2016/17	94.66
	S. Cole, Parish Sweeper's wages	294.70
	R. Campbell, Clerk's salary March	320.32

16.057 **Highways**

(i) Grit bin A new grit bin for Farm Lane to be requested from B & NES. It was understood there was a 12 month waiting time. A replacement bin near Wellow Ford also to be requested.

(ii) Updates Cllr Handel reported that an HGV bound for the Audi garage had travelled through Wellow, breaking the 7.5tonne limit. The garage was investigating. To be reported to the police, with a copy to Highways.

The following had been photographed and sent to B & NES:

- Blocked gullies on Wellow Lane near Stony Littleton Lane
- Broken High Street footway edges

(iii) Car park Cllr Chauveau, responding to Phil Iley, said that up to 10 cars had been hot rodding in the car park in the middle of the night. Following a discussion about the amount of vandalism and the pros and cons of a barrier/gate, it was agreed that Mr Iley, Cllr Andrews and residents of Henley View would keep a diary and the matter would be reconsidered at the May meeting.

(iv) Litter pick Meet in Wellow Square at 9am on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April. B & NES to be asked to supply 8 sets of equipment.

16.058 **Rights of Way**

Byway 23-22: dropped gates and a rutted path had been reported to PROW officer Sheila Petherbridge, who will visit the site and report.

16.059 **The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**

The event will be held on Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>, as there is a large private party on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Cllr Clarkson would take soundings as to whether the event should be in Wellow Square or near the Village Hall. If the former, a request to close the road from 11am to 6pm would be made.

16.060 **Website**

It was agreed to allow Combe Hay Parish Council to publish legally required information on Wellow's website, if desired, whilst Combe Hay's own site is constructed.

16.061 **Correspondence and reports**

(i) Correspondence This was on the table for review. No actions were identified.

(ii) Reports

- Cllr Clarkson reported that Jess Lambert was advertising paid keep fit classes on Wellow Playing Field. A charge of £2 per session to be made. Ms Lambert to be asked to confirm she has appropriate insurance.
- The Village Hall Committee had not approved the siting of a weekly pizza van outside the hall. B & NES to be asked if they are content for it to be sited in Welllow Car Park.

16.062 **Meetings**

(i) Forthcoming meetings None advised

(ii) Next Parish Council meeting

Annual Parish Meeting (Meeting of Electors): 3 May, Wellow Village Hall, starting at 7.15pm

May (Annual) Parish Council meeting: 3 May, Wellow Village Hall, starting at approximately 8.00pm

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.18pm.



