

Wellow Parish Council

BATHAVON SOUTH WARD, BATH & NORTH-EAST SOMERSET

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING of the Parish Council (WPC) held on Monday 15 April 2019 at 20:00 at Wellow Village Hall BA2 8PU

Present: Councillors B. Wright (Chair) P. Caudle (Vice-chair) D. Clarkson, S. Chivers, S. Betts, M. Hartigan

MINUTES

18.156 – **Apologies:** were accepted from Cllrs Andrews, Kotchie and Handel

18.157 – **Interests:** None declared

18.158 - **Public Participation:** The parish sweeper reported that several potholes in the village had now been marked by BANES, and weeding in the village would be taking place. It was noted by all that the parish sweeper had been in service for 29 years. Flooding by the footpath at Bath Hill has now reduced, with measures having been taken to allow the water to drain.

18.159 - **Minutes:** The minutes of the March meeting were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair

18.160 - **Clerk's report :** The clerk reported that cheques for those grant applications which were successful would be dealt with in May. It was noted that the burial board had not completed the accepted grant application form and the clerk would contact them to bring this to their attention.

It was confirmed that there would be no elections as the number of applicants fortunately satisfied the number of vacancies. The existing council would continue until 7 May with the new council coming into effect from then. Priorities for the new PC included reviewing and agreeing standing orders, reducing any risk in the way the PC operated and ensuring a finance group is set up.

The clerk also reported that the pothole reported in March had been reported to BANES.

18.161 - **Planning**

(a) The following applications were considered by the council

19/01127/PARCEL 2200 Norton Lane, Wellow	Erection of an agricultural building for livestock, storage of hay and feed for agricultural use	Decision: The PC OPPOSED this application on the grounds of (potential) noise pollution, close proximity to buildings and the height of the structure. Prop. Cllr Clarkson, Sec. Cllr Kotchie-all agreed
19/00772/FUL PARCEL 0048, Bath Hill Wellow	Erection of two-storey, 3 bedroomed detached dwelling	Decision: The council OPPOSED the application on the grounds of the principles regarding 'infilling,' lack of amenity, potential lack of privacy and noise pollution. Prop. Cllr Clarkson, Sec. Cllr Chivers-all agreed
19/01050/FUL Knightsfield, High Street, Wellow	Loft conversion with velux roof lights and rear Juliette balcony	Decision: The council SUPPORTED this application albeit required further detail regarding the roof lighting as these would need to accord with the rules/Regs. Prop. Cllr Caudle, Sec. Cllr Hartigan-all agreed

(b) The following B&NES decisions and updates were noted:

19/00682/FUL Wellow House, High Street, Wellow,	Matter to be heard at a development management committee on the 24 th April.
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(c) - **Enforcement:** The Chair spoke of Bublors Dytch and explained that no answer had been provided by Tom Boyle regarding change of use. The Chair will continue to push for answers.

18.162 - **Highways & Transport:** 'Speedwatch' will be run after the Ester holidays-there will be 3 points in the village where equipment will be set up. This does not include Bath Hill.

18.163 - **Rights of way :** The council accepted the draft documents supplied by BANES (Prop. Cllr Caudle, Sec. Kotchie-all agreed.) Caution will be given to ensure both parts of the Agreement are completed at the same time.

18.164 - **Village Hall:** The Chair confirmed that he had discussed the issues with Andy Clark and additional photographs relating to the storm drain damage have been sent.

18.165 - Finance

(a) A current financial statement and prepared budget for the current financial year were approved

(b) The following payments were approved:

	S. Cole Salary – April 2019	£262.72
	K. Griffiths Salary – April 2019	£251.60
	K. Griffiths – Expenses April 2019	£36.92
	BANES invoice in respect of play park inspections in April 2018	£93.64
	Nina Flint Scribe Accounting Assistance	£104.00

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increase applied to the parish sweeper hourly rate in line with the National Minimum Wage was noted

18.166 Information

- (a) A request from a member of the public concerning dog walking, in particular, what restrictions should be imposed on dogs accessing the playing field, was discussed and considered. It was agreed the clerk would draft a paragraph for the Wellow Parish Post to remind people of their responsibilities. Signage would be used as a last resort warning that a fine may be issued in appropriate circumstances. Cllr Clarkson to contact BANES and request signage warning dog walkers to be responsible.
- (b) Correspondence from Wellow Valley Tennis to the Parish Council regarding village hall car parking was received by the council. Cllr Betts explained there were 2 car parking spaces to the left of the village hall which could be used. An amicable agreement can be reached. Cllr Betts to report back to the PC following the AGM of the village hall committee on 7th May.
- (c) A request to extend the agreed tennis court lighting time to 11pm on Friday 28th June in support of a Caribbean Evening was approved by the council on the understanding that neighbours in the vicinity would be informed.

Wellow Community Bus requested cards be printed that could perhaps be placed on cars reminding drivers not to park on/near the bus stop or on the corner. It was suggested that parishioners had previously used these cards and may still have some.

Thanks were extended to the Chair, Cllr Wright, for his commitment and efficiency whilst in post.

18.167 **Meetings** The date of the next WPC meeting will be 20th May 2019.