

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL

BATHAVON SOUTH WARD, BATH & NORTH-EAST SOMERSET

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Clerk: Olga Shepherd, Home Farm, White Ox Mead, Wellow, Bath BA2 8PN

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held on Monday 2 December 2019 at 19.30PM at the Wellow Village Hall, BA2 8PU

Present: The Chairman Patricia Caudle

Councillors: Vice-Chairman David Workman, Cllr Debbie Clarkson, Cllr Stuart Kotchie, Cllr Sue Chivers, Cllr Julia Handel, Cllr Jo Trafford, Cllr Shirley Betts, Cllr Nick Chapman

In Attendance: Olga Shepherd (Clerk) and 6 residents.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Concerns are expressed about cars being parked too close near Box Bush house. Cllr D. Workman is to address with the Highways Authorities.
- It was reported that the driveway in the cemetery has not been cleared of leaves. The Clerk will raise the issue with the current ground maintenance contractors.
- The Council have made a note on Stewart Cole's 30 year service to the village as street sweeper and commended Mr. Cole on the great work he has done over these years. S. Cole have expressed concerns that the Street Sweeper scheme from BANES is coming to the end next year.
- Member of the public reminded that the grit bin still has not been provided by B&NES. The Chairman P. Caudle will follow it up with B&NES.

1.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: No Apologies, all present

1.2 INTERESTS: None received

1.3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 4 November 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

2.0 PLANNING

2.1 19/04838/LBA and 19/04837/FUL, Lower Twinhoe Farm Cottage - Redoing work from 1960s.

RESOLVED to support

2.2 19/04687/FUL, The Manor House, High Street – new planning application has been submitted.

RESOLVED to support

2.3 19/04989/TEL, Street Record Mill Hill Wellow Bath and North East Somerset – erection of 2 bay cabinet. RESOLVED to support

- 2.4 19/04988/FUL, Upper Twinhoe Farm, Upper Twinhoe – Construction of warm-up sand track to support existing racecourse training yard. Council will ask for time extension
- 2.5 19/04981/CLP, Gate at 1 Weavers Orchard – information only
- 2.6 19/ 04938/AGRN, Barn at Norton Lane Farm, Norton Lane – Information only.
- 2.7 19/04928/AGRN, Barn Link Baggeridge Farm – information only.

2.8 To Note B&NES DECISIONS AND UPDATES since the last meeting:

19/02167/FUL	Parcel 2200, Norton Lane	Permitted
19/03970/FUL	Parcel 6100, Dunkerton Hill	Permitted
19/04364/TCA.	Church Farm House, Tree work in Conservation area	No Objection
19/04187/FUL	Parcel 3573, Bath Hill: Erection of farmhouse with an agricultural tie	Cllr D. Clarkson will attend B&NES Planning Committee on 18 December 2019
19/00772/FUL	Land at Entrance to Manor Farm, Bath Hill: Erection of two storey detached dwelling	Cllr P. Caudle will ask to speak at Planning Committee in January.

2.9 19/02167/FUL Parcel 2200, Norton Lane - Permission is granted, however concerns have been expressed by the Council that their comments were not taken into consideration by B&NES whilst permitting this application. Several issues were noted. The PC will consider writing an official complaint addressing their concerns to BANES and ask District Cllr. Matt McCabe for his assistance in the matter.

3.0 ENFORCEMENT no update

4.0 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

- 4.1 Structural survey of the canal tunnel by the church – pending a bat survey before the structural survey can commence. The inspection will take place in due course and updates will be provided.
- 4.2 T-Junction at Henley view - the Highways authority did not agree with other colour paint application, proposed by the PC.
- 4.3 The Council have expressed concerns about vehicles being parked opposite the Trekking Centre on the verge for long periods of time. The side of the road is overly busy on weekends and can be dangerous for drivers, horse riders and walkers. Council have made the decision to gather some data about the extent of the problem so as to be in a good position to address the issue effectively.

5.0 PLAY PARK

- 5.1 The start date for the renovations to commence, is delayed by 6 weeks to March 2020. The contractors do not have equipment available, which is required to start the works. The Play park team have discussed the implications of the delay on the finishing date and identified practical steps, needed to be discussed with the contractors. The PC is to check if Sutcliffe Play have the necessary Product Liability insurance in place for this job.
- 5.2 CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) application – the response was negative as WPC have had some CIL money in the past. The play park project is not considered to be “strategic development”.

6.0 WELLOW RECREATION

6.1 Cllr Jo Trafford has suggested planting a native mixed species hedge around the North West boundary of the playing field (behind the tennis court) as part of the carbon reduction plan. Cllr Sue Chivers has made some recommendations on the sourcing and the most appropriate species of tree to plant. The Horticultural Society will investigate the cost of planting and consequent maintenance of the hedge. The Council have supported the idea in principal. Next step is to obtain the cost evaluation from the Horticultural Society. Agreement will be required from the owner(s) of the adjacent field(s).

7.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

7.1 The village 'Tree Group' is working on identifying new planting sites for trees. Five local farmers have offered their fields for tree planting. 200 trees have been funded by the Tremellen family. A number of Climate Support Grants have been researched and identified, the 'Tree Group' is looking for volunteers to help the village farmers to apply for these Grants. It was noted that David Phillips planted a lot of trees in the village!

7.2 Cllr Jo Trafford suggested to join PCAA (Parish Council's Airport Association). This item is to be included in the next month's agenda.

8.0 FINANCE

8.1 The PC Budget for 2020-21 was discussed in detail, along with ways to save money. Consideration was given to the level of precept needed for next year in order to enable the PC to keep the level of services required. Previous years PC's precept was raised in proportion to the funds being cut by B&NES council. The Clerk is to provide the actual expenditure for the 2019 allowing the PC to finalise and agree the Budget for 2020-21 at the next meeting.

8.2 Alex Martin reminded the Council that the Horton-Starkie fund needs to be re-claimed in respect to previous years for the maintenance of the Horton-Starkie family grave.

8.3 Wellow and Shoscombe Burial Board – the reports have been circulated and the Chairman updated the Council on the Burial Board's financial and organisational matters.

8.4 The monthly Bank account and the reconciliation have been circulated.

8.5 The purchase and sourcing of the Christmas tree for the village have been discussed.

8.6 The following payments, totalling £1,364.32 have been approved:

O. Shepherd Salary – November 2019	£ 309.66
S. Cole Salary - November 2019	£ 262.72
Clerks expenses	£12.00 (home allowance)
Stationery and postage	£18.13
Andy Elvin, Church grass cutting	£189.21
Payman - Payroll Processing April-September	£86.40
Greensward invoice SI-11069	£124.20
Greensward invoice SI-11037	£312.00
James Watts. To lead Christmas carol service	£50.00

9.0 MISCELLANEOUS:

9.1 Cllrs Sue Chivers and Julia Handel met the Headmistress of St Julian School, Ruth Noall regarding the following:

9.2 Over 60s Lunch – the school responded positively in getting older children involved. Action: Ruth Noall and PC; Volunteering- The school would like a) listening to readers and b) talking on ad hoc basis about careers and unusual experiences. The PC is to promote this through the Parish News.

- 9.3** Mobile library-The PC to investigate with B&NES about acquiring a parking space nearer the school and later visiting times so parents could accompany their children to the library after school and to encourage the use of the mobile. PC to action.
- 9.4** The Community Bus - The school will contact the Community Bus to discuss the possibility for the school to use the Community Bus for school's day trips
- 9.5** The headmistress has asked the PC to investigate if more yellow lines can be put outside school as cars mounting the pavements outside the school at the end of school day.

10.0 Arrangements have been agreed that Dorothy House volunteers will come to the village to collect and recycle used Christmas trees in the community for the suggested donation of £10 per household.

9.20 PM- end of the meeting.

11.0 Next Meetings

11.1 To NOTE next meeting Monday 6 January 2020, Wellow Village Hall at 19.30pm