

Wellow Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
of the Parish Council (WPC) held on Monday 19 February 2018 at 20:00
at Wellow Village Hall BA2 8PU**

Present: Councillors H. Andrews, S. Betts, P. Caudle, S. Chivers, D. Clarkson (meeting chair), S. Kotchie

In attendance: Ward Councillor N. Butters, R. Campbell (Clerk), 10 members of the public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Stewart Cole had spoken to the motorbike speed officer and learned that the officer comes to Wellow approximately once a month
Mr Cole had observed a man taking notes about the church trees
Though broken kerbstones had been marked, they had not been repaired
The wall belonging to Curo at Hungerford Terrace needed repair
Stones on the path from Wellow Car Park to Canteen Lane, left over from building work, had still not been removed
He had been asked by a neighbouring resident not to clear the alleyway opposite the Church
- Mike Clarkson said installation of the Openreach fibre cabinet would now start on 26 February. There was no information about road closure.
- Jean and Rex Horler were not currently willing to facilitate the establishment of a revised footpath westwards from Wellow Playing Field

18.016 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received and ACCEPTED from Cllrs J. Handel and M. Hartigan (both unwell) and D. Wright (working).

18.017 Interests

There were no declarations of interests

18.018 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 15 January 2018 were APPROVED as a true record and signed by the Chair.

18.019 Clerk's report

Actions from previous meetings are noted under the relevant minute.

18.020 Planning

(a) Councillors considered the following applications:

18/00386/TCA RESOLVED (by Chair's casting vote) to leave the decision to the case officer without recommendation	Elmlea Railway Lane Wellow BA2 8QG	1x Leyland Cypress – remove Officer: Jane Brewer Cllr Chivers said that the tree was a red cedar, probably originally planted as part of a hedge. It was now 50' high, with a 25' girth and not in an ideal location.
17/02588/EFUL	Parcel 4234 Combe Hay Lane Combe Hay Bath (neighbouring parish)	Full planning permission for the erection of 171 residential units, open space, green infrastructure, landscaping and associated works including provision of vehicular access from Combe Hay Lane with revised/further information in relation to the Environmental Statement, amended description of development and further/revised information in

Standing orders were suspended to allow public comment on this application.

- Stuart McDowall said that the methodology of the traffic survey was limited by regulations and would have been adhered to carefully. However, it could be challenged if the scope was originally intended to include traffic turning left out of the development and coming down Combe Hay Lane and Bath Hill. Could WPC appoint a traffic consultant to do this, perhaps crowd-funded?
He asked if the impact on the school had been discussed
- Mike Clarkson suggested a copy of the WPC response be sent to Jacob Rees-Mogg M.P.
- Richard Holland suggested a one-way system, with traffic coming up Dunkerton Lane
- Ward Cllr Butters said that the Transport Assessment Addendum considered that traffic would queue for up to 2km from the Red Lion roundabout down the A367 towards Radstock

Standing orders were reinstated.

- It was agreed that no attention was paid in the Addendum to traffic turning left out of the development down Combe Hay Lane and Bath Hill
- The proposed single exit from the development onto Combe Hay Lane was not considered viable
- It was agreed there was not time to consider engaging a traffic consultant
- Cllr Caudle was congratulated on her (circulated) report; she would amend it slightly before it was submitted.

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Kotchie, 2nd Cllr Clarkson, unanimous) to object to the proposal on the grounds in the report.

An informative piece to be sent to Parish Post.

18/00547/TCA RESOLVED to support (proposed Cllr Chivers, 2 nd Cllr Betts, unanimous)	The Manor House High Street Wellow BA2 8QQ	(T1) Remove overhanging Limbs Conifer (T2) Fell.
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(b) The following decisions by B & NES were noted:

17/05956/FUL & 05957/LBA Church Farm House High Street Wellow BA2 8QS	Erection of single storey side extension following demolition of existing extension.	Permit & Consent 23.01.18
17/05885/ADCOU Parcel 7845 Wellow Road Wellow	Agriculture to Dwelling Prior Approval	Approve 24.01.18

17/00494/FUL & 17/00495/LBA Middle Twinhoe Farm, Upper Twinhoe, BA2 8QX	Erection of two storey extension to replace existing conservatory, installation of 2no windows and new roof lights to kitchen roof.	Permit/Consent 02.02.18
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(c) Enforcement B&NES to be asked to investigate whether caravans at Baggridge Farm are for seasonal workers and should be removed out of season.

18.021 Highways & Transport

(a) Councillors noted the receipt of £270 from the B & NES Community Empowerment Fund towards planting roadside verges as traffic calming measures.

(b) Highways work requested and to be requested

- B & NES to be asked to colour-code the metre post at Wellow Ford to help motorists judge if the ford is safe to pass
- The Environment Agency to be asked to deal with a blockage upstream of Wellow Ford and a vehicle stranded 200 yds downstream.
- B&NES have agreed to spend £20K on a macadam surface for the track to Wellow Car Park

(c) Parish Councils Airport Association (PCCA)

Cllr Andrews said the expansion will go ahead, but not for a few years because of the need to get the infrastructure in place first.

It was reported that when Newcastle Airport's expansion it had a 'shocking effect' on villages 15 miles away.

Ward Cllr Butters was due to meet an executive from the airport and would report

It was agreed not to join the PCCA for the time being but wait to hear back from Cllr Butters

18.022 **Rights of way Footpath BA25/14** Councillors had read Cllr Caudle's report on a meeting with B&NES and Gary Horler.

Wendy Robbins, B&NES, will liaise with Gary Horler about a new, diverted path eastwards. The westerly path is separate issue.

18.023 Sports Pavilion

(a) Acceptance of the award of £10,000 by the LTA was AGREED, with thanks.

(b) Andy Smith was thanked for his comprehensive report and update, which had been circulated. Andy Smith, who was thanked. Mr Smith said that there continued to be good co-operation all round.

18.024 Wellow Playing Field & Playpark

(a) A report from Wellow Recreation which had been circulated was NOTED.

(b) Possible dates for a play equipment inspection to be circulated to see when a Councillor could attend.

(c) Given that the possibility of using the church to house a phone mast had come to nothing, Wellow Recreation will approach the company about their original suggestion to put one on the tennis court lighting mast.

18.025 Finance

(a) The Month 10 financial statement/reconciliation was noted.

(b) The budget was further reviewed. Grants to external bodies to be finalized at the March meeting, once Councillors have had the opportunity to review the accounts submitted by those bodies.

Consideration to be given to replacing the Playing Field fence over two years,

(c) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Chivers, 2nd Cllr Andrews, unanimous) that budgeted payments for the construction of the Sports Pavilion will be made as required to a schedule to be supplied by the Pavilion Working Group.

In reply to a question by Cllr Kotchie, Andy Smith said there was no retention

(d) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Clarkson, 2nd Cllr Caudle, unanimous) to pay

1986	B & NES Council – Pavilion building control fee, inc. VAT	709.60
1987	Mendip Toilet Hire 1/1/18 – 29/1/18, inc. VAT	96.00
1988	S. J. Cole – February 2018	240.00
1989	R.G. Campbell – February 2018	321.96
1990	Caloo Ltd – outdoor gym equipment inspection, inc. VAT	474.00

18.026 **Data protection**

(a) An update form ALCA on the General Data Protection Regulation had been circulated.

(b) WPC's registration as a data handler to be reviewed at the March meeting.

18.027 **Information**

(a) Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

- Cllrs Clarkson and Caudle will attend the Joint Spatial Plan/ Local Plan update session on 6 March at Midsomer

(b) Miscellaneous reports

- Cllr Betts said there would be a presentation by Truespeed on ultra-fast broadband on 17 March in Wellow Village Hall

18.028 **Meetings**

The next Wellow Parish Council meeting will be on 19 March at 20:00 in Wellow Village Hall

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 22:12.