

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of the Parish Council (WPC) held on Monday 21 January 2019 at 20:00 at Wellow Village Hall BA2 8PU

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

In attendance: K. Griffiths (clerk,) 10 members of the public

MINUTES

18.116: **Apologies** were received and accepted from Cllrs Andrews and Hartigan

18.117: Interests

Cllr Handel disclosed an interest in item reference 18.122 (i) overhanging tree at the top of Bull's Hill

18.118 Public Participation

i. The council received a talk from Jez Ormand of Truespeed, who explained that Truespeed can deliver ultra - fast broadband to Wellow. Sessions are running locally in a bid to get the required number of people to sign up and 12-18 month contracts are being offered. It was stressed that it is not necessary to cancel current broadband subscriptions before signing up to Truespeed

ii. The Wednesday bus service is being reviewed in March. No one is being picked up from Shoscombe. The clerk is to contact the Shoscombe clerk and see if people are being picked up and where from. The 757 Wednesday morning bus route needs to be communicated to encourage take up.

iii. There is some water deterioration, plant growth and two ash saplings growing at the bottom of the retaining wall at the Station Master's House which is possibly going to cause damage Cllr Caudle to speak to the owner of the property and ask them to look at the wall and cut back the foliage.

iv. Box Bush Cottage growing too high. Cllr Wright responded that it is growing within the perimeters of consent but will take a look again at the diagram.

18.119 **Minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 17.12.18 were approved and signed by the Chair

18.120 **Clerk's report:** The clerk reported on the following matters:

- i. The final claim to Sports England has now been submitted and the council is awaiting funds. Once the funds are received the two outstanding invoices owing to Ecosolve will be paid.
- ii. ALCA have distributed a time frame leading up to the May elections which has been circulated.
- iii. An order has now been sent to Andrew at Church Clocks to undertake the maintenance

18.121 Planning

(a) The following planning applications were considered:

19/00047/ADCOU	Barn to the West of New Willow Farm, Wellow, Bath. The council noted that access is along a bridleway and may be risky if walking through chicanes. The council does not oppose the application however relevant comments around the issue of access will be submitted to BANES
18/05275/FUL	Leesons Cottage, Middle Twinhoe, Wellow, Bath, BA2 8QX Erection of a detached triple garage, with loft space above. The council noted that this property lies within the greenbelt. Given the nature and size of the proposal the council was unable to support this application, and will submit comments to BANES (Cllr. Clarkson Prop. Cllr Betts 2 nd .)
18/04789/FUL	18/04789/FUL The Water Mill, Mill Hill, Wellow, BA2 8QJ. The council supports this application (Cllr Kotchie Prop. Cllr Caudle 2 nd .)

(b) The following decision of BANES was noted:

18/04997 Upper Twinhoe Farm, BA2 8QX	Provision of new horse walker (resubmission)	The decision to permit was noted by the Council
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(c) **Enforcement** – no updates received

The council discussed the Old Works, in particular, the issue as to whether the inspector from BANES had actually been inside the building to assess it's safety. Cllr Wright has been in discussion with BANES about this building and will copy Cllr Kotchie into the relevant email exchanges.

18.122 Highways & Transport

(i) Cllr Handel left the room whilst the overhanging tree top of Bull's Hill was discussed. A tree surgeon may be required to give an opinion as to whether more than 1 tree should be felled. The Council would see if the Diocese should fund. The clerk is to contact Scott at Wildwood and arrange a quote.

(ii) Formal, proposed diversion to bridleway BA25/16 will be received in due course.

18.123 **Rights of way** - no updates received

18.124 **Wellow Playing Field & Play Park** – Cllr Clarkson explained that donations arising from Spanish lessons had been raised, with £120 being raised by the token scheme in store at Waitrose. Further grant applications will be made and CIL payments are expected. The football field is recovering, with Ecosolve set to cut twice more before April. The green gym is looking good and the council wishes to thank Audrey Gerber for keeping the area maintained and free from weeds.

Wellow recreation needs to negotiate new grass cutting contracts in February this year.

Cllr Kotchie raised the issue of the play park, in particular the regularity of the checks of the equipment by BANES. It is understood such checks are made quarterly with the last one being a few months ago. The condition of the fence is deteriorating.

18.125 **Village Hall** – There has been no further update from the insurer with regards the damage to the drain. There is to be a AGM on 13 February where the matter will be raised again. Cllr Betts will provide Cllr Kotchie with the contact details for the chair of the village hall in order that they can liaise.

18.126 **Welcome Pack** – the final version is now complete and will be updated throughout the year. Hard copies will go into the parlor shop and a few copies taken along to the lunch club. Cllr Handel will send a copy to Richard Holland and the same can be stored on the website. Approximately 20 copies are required and Cllr Handel will contact Fosseyway Press in Radstock regarding printing costs.

18.127 **Finance**

- (a) A current financial statement with reconciliation was provided
- (b) Grant requests will need to be submitted by February for consideration at the next meeting. The clerk will send an application form out to applicants
- (c) The precept was agreed at December's meeting, with an uplift of 9.75% applied to the forthcoming financial year
- (d) An order for services to repair St Julian's Clock, Wellow, has been submitted
- (e) Cllr Clarkson explained the accounts for the pavilion project needed to be signed off. The Chair to arrange a meeting with Cllr Hartigan and others to sign off

The following payments were approved:

	S. Cole – Salary Jan 19	250.56
	K. Griffiths – Salary Jan 19	201.60
	K Griffiths expenses Jan 19	36.48
	Duotech Services	390.66

18.128 **Information**

(a) Following the key dates relating to elections distributed by NALC the council explained that it would be useful to have an idea of who would be standing down. Councillors to apply individually and the clerk will distribute the relevant application papers.

(i) A member of the public addressed the council on the issue of climate change and asked that the council consider ways in which it can reduce CO2 emissions. The council considered all the representations made and would be prepared to consider appointing a councilor to focus on the issue of the environment, and climate change generally. However the council agreed that a motion to support would not be passed at this time.

Miscellaneous

(ii)

The matter of CIL payments was discussed with the council noting that the PC receives 15% of developmental income. A neighbourhood development plan would attract 25% however it was noted that such a plan would need to be well thought out and is time consuming. The parish council should have 1 or 2 CIL payments coming this year, details of which it was noted should be published on the website by 31 March.

The meeting concluded at 9.40pm and the Chair thanked all for attending.

18.129 **Meetings** The date of next WPC meeting: 18 February, Wellow Village Hall at 20:00pm