

WELLOW PARISH COUNCIL

BATHAVON SOUTH WARD, BATH & NORTH-EAST SOMERSET

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held

on Monday 12 July 2021 at 19.30pm in the Village Hall.

Councillors present: Pat Caudle (Chairman), Dave Workman (Vice Chairman), Debbie Clarkson, Stuart Kotchie, Nick Chapman

In Attendance: Clerk Olga Shepherd and 4 residents.

1.07.21 Apologies received from Nigel Thomas, Sue Chivers and Julia Handel

2.07.21 No Interests were declared

3.07.21 Public Participation

- The Parish Sweeper mentioned that the CT Coach has been missing the pickup from Shoscombe; the trees have been trimmed back by the Church by BANES and the road is being patched by the pub. He also mentioned that harvest season began, and the village roads will be used regularly by farming machinery. A note will be put in the Parish Post to warn residents to park carefully on the High Street.
- The verge by the Church is in need of trimming. A request will be sent to BANES.
- A resident mentioned that poor parking by Canteen Lane continues.

4.07.21 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 21st June 2021: amendment made to Minute 8.6.21 (decision to create a sinking fund for the playpark). The Council APPROVED amended Minutes and the Chairman signed it as a true record.

5.07.21 Planning Applications

The following application was considered:

21/03042/LBA 21/03041/FUL	Church Farm House High Street	Council resolved to SUPPORT
21/03094/ADCOU	Barn At Upper Hayes Bath Hill	Insufficient data is available to make decision. It was suggested a full application is needed.

The following planning decisions by B&NES Council were NOTED:

21/02044/FUL	Crewcroft Barn Hinton Hill Hinton Charterhouse	Planning Committee overturned officer's recommendation and voted to SUPPORT under Chairman's Delegated Powers, subject to pre-commencement conditions re tree protection plan and wildlife protection and enhancement scheme.
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21/02367/FUL	Bath Hill House, Bath Hill	PERMIT
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6.7.21 Highways & Transport:

-Wellow Traffic Working Group (WTWG) provided a report on the meeting with BANES Traffic Representative on the 2 July. Extensive discussions took place about mitigating speeding problem in the village. BANES traffic improvement funds are limited and is allocated to those villages with the highest speed data. The proposal to extend the 20mph limit towards the Livery Stables in the East end is in BANES’s programme for this year. Although speeding data collected in Wellow in 2019 showed that there was no significant speeding problem, WTWG feel that since 2019 speeding has increased in Wellow and it is worth conducting another speed count to prove that there was a change. It is up to WPC to evidence, make proposal, gain consensus from residents and possibly provide finance. The detailed data from 2019 speed survey is to be reviewed by the WTWG.

- WTWG recommend that WPC funds a new traffic survey using an independent service provider. WPC has AGREED to consider quotes. BANES Councillor suggested to apply for some financial contribution from BANES. BANES will also be asked to refresh the existing road markings on the High Street.

- It was mentioned that Avon and Somerset Police Community Trust has the Road Safety funds and it was recommended once WPC obtain the most recent speeding data, WPC apply for Speed Indication Devices.

- New Community Speed Watch is to be organised by the PC, which will involve training of volunteers.

- WTWG and the Clerk will investigate how installation of speed cushions were achieved in Norton St Philip.

7.7.21 Play Park: New turf is laid. The new drain is being installed. The Action list following the playpark inspection is ongoing.

- Wellow Tennis Club has asked WPC if the pathway to the courts can be renewed at the cost of £9,024.77, which will be covered by Wellow Tennis Club. In principal the PC approve the refurbishment of the path, but discussions took place if other materials could be used. A Councillor will explore available options.

8.7.21 Parish Plan: No update received, but the Parish Plan Working Group is planning to restart the work shortly.

9.7.21 Climate and Nature: The Council has not supported the idea of ‘Declaring the Climate Emergency’, but is prepared to support and welcome environmental initiatives by residents. There is still a vacancy in the Parish Council for a Climate Change Councillor. Residents are encouraged to apply. It was suggested that environmental actions are included in the Parish Plan. Wellow residents and local environment experts can be invited to create a ‘Green Working Group’ to develop green initiatives.

10.7.21 Finance and Administration

- a) It was decided to defer the approval of the Publication Scheme to the next meeting, when the full Council is present and everyone able to comment.
- b) It was NOTED that No Freedom of Information requests received for 2020-21 accounts.
- c) The Council APPROVED to move the PC mailing system to Teams to enable the efficient document sharing system.

- d) Q1 Bank reconciliation (emailed to all members together with the bank statements) – APPROVED.
- e) The following payment schedule is APPROVED:

	Net	VAT	Total amount
Greensward Inv: SI-11864	£810.00	£162.00	£972.00
OPUS electricity	£8.40	£0.42	£8.82
Staff salaries – July			Payslips emailed to all Members
Staff salaries – August			Payslips to be emailed at end of August to all Members

11.7.21 Miscellaneous: Request came from a local farmer to remind horse riders and walkers to keep to the designated bridlepaths/footpaths and not roam over the fields. A note will be published in the Parish Post.

Meeting concluded at 20.45pm

NEXT MEETING: 6th September 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Date _____

Signature _____

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