

BATHAVON SOUTH WARD, BATH & NORTH-EAST SOMERSET

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Chairman: Patricia Caudle, 3 Henley View, Wellow, Bath, BA2 8 QZ

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

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held online via Zoom on Monday 1 June 2020 at 19.30PM

**Present:** The Chairman Patricia Caudle

**Councillors:** Councillors Dave Workman, Deborah Clarkson, Sue Chivers, Julia Handel, Jo Trafford, Stuart Kotchie, Nick Chapman, Shirley Betts

**In Attendance:** District Councillor Neil Butters, Agent to support Planning Application 20/01637/FUL, Olga Shepherd (Clerk) and 5 residents.

**1.6.20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** No apologies

**2.6.20 INTERESTS:** No interest declared

#### 3.6.20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- The Agent Mr William Drewett spoke in support of the applicant of Planning Application 20/01637/FUL to erect a single storey multi-purpose building providing parking and storage at Baggridge House.
- A question was asked by a resident if the overgrown grass along the pavement leading to the Church will be cut. Although the wildlife and flowers are encouraged in the village, the nettles are becoming a problem for elderly parishioners going to the Church or accessing the seat. As this area of grass cutting is the responsibility of BANES, the enquiry will be made.
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**4.6.20 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2020 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

#### 5.6.20 Planning

20/01637/FUL	Grange Cottage, Baggridge Hill, Wellow, Bath (Baggridge House)	OBJECT - by majority of votes on the basis that this application does not satisfy criteria of the Green Belt.
20/01535/FUL	Little Horse Croft Farm, Ford Road, Wellow, BA2 8QF	OBJECT- voted unanimously until more details are provided by the applicant about the purpose of the proposed building

#### 7.6.20 B&NES DECISIONS AND UPDATES NOTED:

20/01104/FUL, St Julian Church	Erection of single storey extension to church to provide WC and kitchen facilities.	WITHDRAWN
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#### 8.6.20 ENFORCEMENT: no updates

#### 9.6.20 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT:

The use of speed gun, speed detectors or road cushions were considered in order to tackle speeding problems in Wellow. Further investigations and enquiries to BANES will be carried out by the PC in order to establish the cost implications and viability of various solutions. This item will be discussed further when more details are available.

#### 10.6.20 PLAY PARK

The Play Park remains closed by the government. The final piece of equipment is still to be fixed. There was a problem with the establishment of the turf -some parts of which need to be replaced by the contractors. The Members of the PC and other volunteers were thanked for watering the turf during exceptionally dry weather and therefore saving about 80% of the new turf.

#### 11.5.20 WELLOW RECREATION

The installation of the new fencing in the playpark and west end of the recreation grounds is still an outstanding commitment. The PC has DECIDED that it will pay for the fencing now in view to recover some of this cost from other bodies if possible.

#### 12.5.20 CLIMATE CHANGE

No update.

#### 13.5.20 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a) The AGAR statements and the Internal Audit Report was REVIEWED and APPROVED, taking into account a few recommendations.
- b) RESOLVED- the Clerk to provide quarterly bank reconciliations, which will be signed off by a Finance Councillor, not involved in the payment authorisation.
- c) RESOLVED- PC's Natwest Account to be closed as all the funds are now transferred to Unity Trust Bank.
- d) RESOLVED- To purchase a rubber certification stamp for invoices in order to improve the internal control system.
- e) RESOLVED - To adjust Clerks remuneration to the correct spinal point on the revised scale of 1 April 2019.
- f) APPROVED - The Annual Governance Statement
- g) APPROVED - The Annual Accounting Statement
- h) Notification of Public Rights for the year to 31 March 2020 – AGREED that the Notice will be posted on the website by 31 August 2020

i) The following payments (full list at meeting) including :

	Net	VAT	Amount paid
ZOOM membership May , Inv-18068908	£11.99	£2.40	£14.39
Internal Audit Service	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00
OPUS electricity supply	£9.52	£0.48	£10.00
Clerk salary			At meeting
Clerk home allowance	£24		£24
Parish sweeper salary May			At meeting

**14.5.20 Miscellaneous:**

- The Council has acknowledged the problem with frequent overnight parking in the car park off Station Road. As the car park belongs to BANES, it was decided that the PC should notify BANES about “no overnight camping” sign being installed. The estimated cost of this sign is £60.
- The Council has CONSENTED to the offer of the parishioner to make the inscription on the trough to be legible.

15.5.20 The Council noted that the next meeting will take place 6 July 2020.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_