

Wellow Parish Council

BATHAVON SOUTH WARD, BATH & NORTH-EAST SOMERSET

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held
on Monday 25th May 2023 at 19.30pm
in the Village Hall, Wellow.**

Councillors present: Dave Workman; Nick Chapman; Mike Clarkson

In Attendance: Olga Shepherd (Clerk) and 4 residents

1.5.23 Election of Chairman

Council voted for Dave Workman be the Chairman.

2.5.23 Declaration of Acceptance of Office by the Chairman

Dave Workman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of the Chairman

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A resident raised an objection about the planned installation of a bench by the stream. Concerns raised about dangers of frequently changing water levels, traffic, parking and inadequate fencing to prevent a child falling into the stream.
- Another resident spoke about similar concerns. She expressed concerns for public safety and a private access to her property, which will be compromised if the bench is installed at the place where it has been marked out. She is also concerned that the bench will attract people with antisocial behaviour.
- The Parish Sweeper has reported that the grass around Henley View has been cut. He has also mentioned that the trees by the Church, which have been cut by BANES have sprouted.

3.5.23 Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

4.5.23 Cooption

Chris Cook has expressed an interest in becoming the Parish Councillor. The Clerk confirmed his eligibility for co-option. The Council voted for Chris Cook to become the Parish Councillor. The declaration of Acceptance of Office is to be signed at a later date. The Clerk will notify BANES about the new Member of the parish council.

5.5.23 Declaration of Interests

No Interests were declared

6.5.23 Election of Vice Chairman

The Council voted for Nick Chapman to be the Vice- Chairman.

7.5.23 Acceptance of Councillor Office

Nick Chapman and Mike Clarkson signed the Declarations of Acceptance of Councillor Office forms prior to this meeting.

8.5.23 Declaration of Interests

Councillors signed the Declaration of Interests forms.

9.5.23 Committees

The following Committees were appointed:

- Planning Committee – all. Advice will also be received from previous planning committee, Councilors Pat Caudle and Debbie Clarkson
- Finance – Dave Workman and Nick Chapman were appointed as a signatory for the Internet banking.

10.5.23 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 6th March 2023 were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman.

11.5.23 Planning Applications:

b. The following planning applications:

Planning Application number and address	Description of proposal	Parish Council Comment
22/02169/EOUT Parcel 4234, Combe Hay Lane, Combe Hay Consultation end on 17.06.23	Outline application for Phases 3 and 4 for up to 300 dwellings; landscaping; drainage; open space; footpaths and emergency access; all matters reserved, except access from Combe Hay Lane via the approved Phase 1 spine road (details of internal roads and footpaths reserved); (ii) Detailed application for the continuation of the spine road (from Phase 1), to and through Sulis Manor and associated works comprising: the demolition of existing dilapidated buildings and tree removal; drainage; landscaping; lighting; and boundary treatment; to enable construction of the spine road.	The Council will submit a response to BANES, outlining requirement for an extra exit from the development into Southstoke Rd and Midford to prevent future increased traffic going through Wellow.
23/01421/TCA; Winsford High Street	Conifer T1 - fell.	No objection
23/01681/TCA Honeysuckle Cottage , Bull's Hill,	Ash (T1) - fell to ground level.	No objection

c. The following planning decisions by B&NES Council since the last PC meeting were NOTED:

Planning Application number	Description of proposal	Decision by BANES
23/00616/FUL The Orchard, High Street	Erection of a two-storey and single storey side extension (Part demolition of dwelling house).	Permit

12.5.23 Highways and Transport

There was no update. The Community Speed Watch has taken a break.

13.5.23 Wellow and Shoscombe Cemetery

The Clerk updated the Council that communication is ongoing with the insurance company with regards to the claim for the damaged gate pillars and the quotes for the repairs are being obtained to ensure the competitive price.

14.5.23 Wellow Recreation

- The new Board of Trustees has been elected. A meeting is planned for the 12th June.

- Cricket coaching sessions is offered in Wellow. There will be a free taster session for children on the 7th June.
- The Flower Show is planned for the 2nd September and will be organised jointly between Wellow Rec and Horticultural Society with the intention of a complete takeover by WellowRec in the future.
- The Parish Council will participate on the organisation of the Flower Show.
- St Julian's Primary School will be using the playing field for the School's Sport's Day in June. The trees need to be inspected beforehand.

15.5.23 Community Infrastructure Levy:

- Councilors will visit the site, where the bench is intended to be installed in order to assess the risks, expressed by the residents earlier.
- The village noticeboard is currently undergoing renovation.
- Ideas on how to spend the CIL funds are to be reviewed. Councilors discussed the results of the resident's survey, which has been carried out previously.

16.5.23 Finance and Administration

- a) The Internal Audit Report and the recommendations were NOTED.
- b) The Council confirm that there are no Conflict of interests with the External Auditor BDO. The Chairman and Clerk will sign the auditors form.
- c) The Clerk was asked to enquire whether the Village Hall has a valid property insurance policy. Clerk will email the Village Hall secretary to enquire.
- d) The following schedule of payments was APPROVED

	Net	VAT	Total amount
PC Insurance 2023-24			£423.76

To NOTE payments made since the last meeting:

	Net	VAT	Total amount
IONOS invoice May			£6.60
Opus Electricity			£10.45
Staff pay – April 2023			Available to Council Members
Home office expenditure			£24/mnth

17.5.23 Open forum for Information only

No further discussions took place.

18.5.23 Future PC meeting dates: Monday 24th July, Monday 4th September

The meeting was closed at 19.30pm