

Wellow Parish Council

BATHAVON SOUTH WARD, BATH & NORTH-EAST SOMERSET

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held on Monday 4 November 2019 at 19.30PM at the Wellow Village Hall, BA2 8PU

Present: The Chairman Patricia Caudle

Councillors: Vice-Chairman David Workman
Cllr Debbie Clarkson
Cllr Stuart Kotchie
Cllr Sue Chivers
Cllr Julia Handel
Cllr Jo Trafford
Cllr Shirley Betts

In Attendance: Olga Shepherd (Clerk), District Cllr Neil Butters and 12 residents.

Play Park

Rachel Kotchie presented the PC with the tendering process: The bidding closed on 16 October with no new tenders. Sutcliffe Play contractors have been approached by Play Park Team - price and design of the play park have been revised in order to align with the existing budget and specification. Currently the quote is £55,000, which is £9,000 over the budget.

Sutcliffe Play has agreed to 2 phase delivery – majority of works such as drainage and ground levelling to be done first and the second phase to be delivered when the remaining funds become available in next month or so. It consideration was given that the play equipment to be installed in separate areas to satisfy different age groups and for safety reasons. The works are planned to start in January with 6 weeks delivery period.

All Councillors have approved and voted in favour of Sutcliffe Play to be appointed as Contractor and thanked Rachel Kotchie for her efforts in managing and completing the tendering process.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Stewart Cole raised the following concerns: Community Bus being parked in not safe places. The Chairman of the Bus Committee will look into this. Two trailers have been parked in the car park for a long period of time. The Council will ask the owner to move them from the car park.
- A gritting box need to be put in layby in Farm Lane. The Council will be asked to arrange it.
- Hugh Prentice gave an update on the tree planting scheme to plant around 500 trees in various areas. All were invited to the Horticultural Society AGM, taking place on 21 November 2019. Further plans will be discussed on next WPC meeting.
- A question was asked by a member of the public as to why a Climate Emergency has not been declared by Wellow Parish Council. It was explained that the Lead Climate Change Councillor is appointed by the Council and practical and meaningful steps have been taken such as tree planting.

- *19/03970/FUL Parcel 6100 Dunkerton Hill, Dunkerton:* The Applicants made a presentation on design of the building proposed. The consultation period for this application has ended, however, questions were asked by member of the public about the purpose of the building, size and access.
- *19/04187/FUL Parcel 3573, Bath Hill, Wellow. Erection of farmhouse with agricultural tie:* Mr Lee Wright from the Wright Consult spoke on behalf of the applicants and updated the PC I that the original application for the tourist accommodation has been withdrawn and the new application with the agricultural tie has been submitted. Environmentally friendly heating will be used in the house.

19.133 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Nick Chapman and accepted

19.134 NTERESTS

None received

19.135 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 7 October 2019 are agreed and adopted as a correct record.

19.136 PLANNING

- **19/03970/FUL.** The Council supported the application
- **19/04118/TC5 tree work on land between St. Julian’s Church and March House, Bull’s Hill –** Cllr Sue Chivers has informed B&NES that the PC has no objection.
- **19/04030/TCA tree work Tumbledown Cottage, The Batch** No objection
- **10/04000/TCA tree work Windmill Cottage, Farm Lane** work already done. No objection from B&NES.
- **19/00537/UNDEV Hilltrough High Street, Wellow** - The alleged unauthorised change of use is in the hands of B&NES.
- **19/04187/FUL Parcel 3573, Bath Hill, Wellow** - The PC voted to support this application.
- **19/02167/FUL Parcel 2200, Norton Lane** –The Public Consultation is closed, the decision is due on 25 November. The PC has already expressed several concerns with this application before and voted to send further comments to B&NES .

To Note B&NES DECISIONS AND UPDATES

- **19/00772/FUL Parcel 4800 Bath Hill (now Land at entrance to Manor Farm, Bath Hill, Wellow, Erection of two storey detached dwelling)** the case has been withdrawn from Planning Committee for the time being. The Applicant is to provide more information. Curo (Housing Association) have been informed and responded.

19.137 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

- **Structural survey of the canal tunnel by the church** – B&NES have agreed to carry out the structural survey of the tunnel under the main road. Prior to that the bats survey is required.
- **Norton Lane** – the bottom end of the lane has now been resurfaced and the lane condition has significantly improved but further rsurfacing is still required.
- **Wellow Recreation** – Cllr Sue Chivers has kindly volunteered to become the Wellow Recreation Representative

19.138 CLIMATE CHANGE

Cllr Jo Trafford updated the PC about the meeting which took place on 16 October with Stemy and BWCE. Volunteers are wanted in the village for installing the new smart meters to measure the usage of the immersion and electric heaters in households in order to test the new equipment, which can help significantly save electricity, reduce carbon emission and potentially reduce bills. Ways of finding new volunteers and promote the project were discussed.

19.139 FINANCE

- The Council noted the Parish Council’s bank balance at 17 October 2019 at £24,902.61 and accepted the monthly bank reconciliation.
- The Clerk reported the following:
 1. A change of name of the Account Administrator (Clerk) in Natwest Bank has taken much longer due to current technical problems at Natwest and because of this a transfer of the Parish Council’s account from Natwest to Unity Trust Bank is delayed.
 2. The Clerk mentioned that the Budget has to be agreed by the Parish Council in December and a Precept for the following financial year needs to be applied for in January 2020.
 3. The Parish Council approved payments, totalling £2,526.38 for October 2019:

O. Shepherd Salary – October 2019	£ 309.66
S. Cole salary -October 2019	£ 262.72
Clerks expenses	£12.00 (home allowance)
Parish Council email hosting (billed annually at £20/month for 1 year, renewed 16/10/2020)	£ 240.00
Burial Board precept invoice	£ 262.00 (6 monthly)
Information Commission Office	£ 40.00 (paid)
Fee for Chairman’s training evening	£50.00
Greensward Sports Consultancy	
Quarterly Grounds Maintenance Charge-July, Aug, Sept	£972.00
Computer (purchased)	£ 378.00

19.140 Miscellaneous

- **75th Jubilee of VE DAY - 8th May.** The PC discussed the organisation of the celebrations in the Village. A message is to be sent in the Village Newsletter asking for volunteers to put together a working group to coordinate the event and involve children from St Julian’s School.
- **Village over 60s Lunch Club** the Club is looking for a volunteer to coordinate the organisation of lunches. The Club has 5 volunteers to prepare the lunches from the bank of tried and tested menus, collated by Marion over the years. However, the coordination is needed to ensure the continuity of

the group in 2020. Cllr Julie Handel has volunteered to help, but is looking for a second volunteer. The possibility of St. Julian's school children being involved is discussed. The Council have commended the efforts of this voluntary group, which is the longest serving voluntary group in Wellow, enhancing the community spirit.

- Sourcing of the Christmas tree for the square was discussed.
- It was noted that Carols singing will take place in the square on 18th December at 6.30pm
- Cllr David Workman was thanked for the great paint work he has done on the village telephone box.

19.141 Date of next meetings

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 2 December 2019, Wellow Village Hall at 19.30pm

21.15pm - END OF MEETING