



**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting**

held on 9th October 2023

[A] Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Howes, Somerset Councillor Wren, Parish Councillor Hill and Somerset Councillor Mansell. Four parishioners were also in attendance

[B] Issues raised by members of the public.

[i] Concern was expressed over the sale of the Holywell Inn, which has seen a number of changes in use and “development” over the years, but its future is very much at the heart of the local community. Planning permission would need to be sought for a change of use, but it may be sold as two separate units. The council was unanimous in its desire to defend local issues and it was agreed to contact Councillor Mansell to look if there have been similar issues in the county, and to help to look at possible sources of funding. However it was still agreed that the best outcome would be its continuation as a public house, with local support. The likelihood of a local petition was discussed, although there was no definite outcome. However canvassing the local population was suggested, and Councillor Frear reiterated the encouragement of local support at this time and in the future should it remain as an inn.

ACTION. Council to contact Councillors Mansell and Wren to investigate the “four year rule” and other local public houses

[ii] Mr Payne raised the issue of the installation of a self-closing gate on a footpath at Thorne St Margaret, which has been opposed by the local landowner on whose property the footpath lies

ACTION: Clerk to ascertain local situation

[iii] Mr Payne raised the issue of the speeding in Holywell Lake and the installation of a suitable speed recording device. The clerk, as Speedwatch coordinator in Ford Street, mentioned the extreme figures in that area, which are the highest in Somerset, and the possible installation of a Speed recording device. The latter issue seems to have been put in abeyance by those in authority. Councillor Howes still awaits a response from traffic engineer Kate Brown from Somerset Highways regarding the next steps towards the introduction of a 20mph speed limit.

ACTION: Clerk to pursue the SID installation and investigate other local support as above

ACTION: Await response from Kate Brown

[iv] It was agreed that the installation of a 50mph speed limit on the southern A38 from close to Wellington to near junction 27 of the M5 was to be welcomed. This may not occur until the spring of 2024, and may necessitate additional work such as tree trimming. The safety of the Holywell Lake/Beambridge junction was questioned and it was considered by a parishioner that it may be worth pursuing the construction of a traffic island. This may be returned to at a later meeting,

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**Item 1:** There were no disclosures of interest by members on agenda items

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Date:

Chairman

## Wellington Without Parish Council

**Item 2:** Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record

**Item 3:** There were no matters arising from the previous minutes

**Item 4:** Police Liaison. It was noted that WWPC Louse Fyne has retired and we are grateful to her for past work. Enjoy your retirement!

**Item 5:** Planning, Infrastructure and Development

[i] Apache Camp Site. Comments had been received from a local parishioner regarding continued development although it was noted that the footpath was now open. Any proposed changes to the site are well past schedule.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the local parishioner to ascertain the present situation and if necessary to contact the planning authority

[b] Holywell Inn: discussed above

[c] Speed radar at Ford Street: discussed above

[d] Cosmic website managers. The clerk discussed the recent changes initiated by a request for six-monthly invoicing. After some monthly payments and subsequent reimbursement it has now been agreed by Cosmic that the council will be invoiced twice annually

ACTION: Council to approve the invoice

OUTCOME: Agreed

[e] Ridge Farm planning application 44/23/0014. The chair will ascertain any local concerns and contact the clerk should it be necessary.

View at: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/Planning-West-Apps>

[f] Graffiti at Ford Street underpass. The clerk has pursued this with various local authorities who deny responsibility. A Ford Street resident has offered to provide machinery, cleaning fluid and manpower to carry this out, but on investigation there are hurdles such as road safety and insurance to clear first.

ACTION: County Councillor Mansell will be contacted for support

**Item 6:** Financial Issues

[a] Somerset Association of Local Councils Subscription for £195.58 was agreed and signed

ACTION: Clerk to arrange payment

DONE: October 10th

[b] Somerset Council "Burial" fund £1635 received. Some or all of this could be used presumably for the Churchyard grant which last year was £350

ACTION: Clerk to check if this could be paid directly

DONE: This has already been credited to the council's account

ACTION: Place on the November agenda

[c] Cosmic six monthly payment for £179.93 commencing 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023 invoice 21677

ACTION: Pay the invoice

DONE: October 10<sup>th</sup> 2023

[d] Consider next year's precept. It was agreed that a small percentage rise may be needed.

ACTION: Place on the November agenda

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**Item 7:** Somerset Council. There were no further issues

**Item 8:** Any other urgent business

[i] Councillor Frear reported a quick response to drainage issues after the recent heavy rains but unfortunately the detritus was not removed, a recipe for later issues.

[ii] Councillor Frear requested an update on planning and development at Burts Farm.

**ACTION:** Clerk to investigate

[iii] The chair reported a landslip on the path beside the Wellington Monument which the Council and the National Trust have agreed to remedy

Date of the next meeting:

7.00pm on Monday November 13th at the Beambridge Inn

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Date:

Chairman

## Wellington Without Parish Council

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Notes re 8[ii]

[Application number : 44/22/0003](#)

Registered : 25/04/2022

Wellington Without

**Case officer** :Denise Todd

**Correspondent** :TETRA TECH PLANNING

**Applicant** :MR R BAKER

Change of use of land to domestic curtilage and erection of an ancillary gym building for private use at Burts Farm, Ford Street, Wellington (retention of works already undertaken)

Decision of Refusal was made on 15/07/2022.

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