



Wellington Without Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on May 18th 2026

[A] There were no apologies and all councillors and Somerset Councillor Wren were in attendance

[B] There were no members of the public present

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

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

Item 3: Matters arising from the previous minutes

[a] Dog waste bin quote and frequency of emptying. It was agreed that at present the frequency of emptying remains at weekly. However the installation has proved so successful that it will be necessary to either increase the frequency to twice weekly soon, or to allocate sufficient funds for such to occur in the next financial year. Either course of action may necessitate an increase in the precept request.

Item 4: Police Liaison

There was no police report

Item 5: Planning, Infrastructure and Development.

[a] The planning at application at Oldway Road (44/25/0013) was refused permission on April 30th by Somerset Council. The applicants have the right to appeal against the decision or perhaps reapply. Councillor Wren led a discussion on the planning system, highlighting possible upcoming changes.

[b] Councillor Lane discussed the necessity of replacing the seat in the Millennium Wood. It was agreed to fund the replacement, possibly using recycled plastic.

ACTION: To be placed on the June agenda. Councillors to make suggestions.

Item 6: Financial Issues

[a] An annual review of financial regulations and internal financial controls policies has been undertaken

[b] AGAR documentation including the appropriate Certificate of Exemption was discussed, which will be forwarded to the appropriate authority.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange the transfer of the Certificate of Exemption

[c] VAT reclaim. The council has received a full refund of £1149.49 as a parish exempt from VAT payments.

[d] Confirmation of transaction E8 to the Blackdown Hills Association

DONE: Council has authorised transaction E8

[e] It was agreed to authorise transaction E9 to Somerset Association of Local Councils for £347.90

ACTION: Clerk to process the payment

[f] Annual Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Report. The clerk had forwarded a nil return to Somerset Council on April 28th

[g] The necessary pension redeclaration has been completed by the payroll officer.

[h] The Annual Governance Statement was discussed and signed by the chair as having been subject to an annual review.



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[i] The Annual Accounting Statements were discussed and signed as having been subject to an annual review.

Item 7: County, District and Unitary Authority Councillors

Somerset Councillor Wren highlighted the changes in the county wards and local boundary structure. This will not affect the boundaries of this parish.

Item 8: Any other urgent business

[a] Thanks were expressed to Councillor Olive for forwarding data collected by the speed indicator device at the top of Ford Street.

[b] Councillor Mansell expressed concern over potholes in the locality and poor repairs which have been undertaken. A meeting with the Highways Officer has been requested.

Date of the next meeting: June 8th at the Lang Room, Rockwell Green at 7.00pm