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- 26/27 - 99 **Present** - Cllrs Barnett (in the Chair), Hall, Pople, Salter and Thompson
- 26/27 - 100 **Also Present** - 20 members of the public.
- 26/27 - 101 **In Attendance** - The Clerk to the Council.
- 26/27 - 102 **Apologies for Absence** - None
- 26/27 - 103 **Declarations of Interest and Consideration of Any Dispensations Required** - Cllr Thompson declared an interest in the Wellfield planning based on proximity. The Chair invited him to remain in the room to assist with the projection of the plans. He took no part in the debate.
- 26/27 - 104 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** - were approved and signed.
- 26/27 - 105 **Highways - urgent matters only** - there were no urgent matters.
- 26/27 - 106 **Management of website** - The Clerk felt that one of the councillors should also be able to manage the website. This could relieve her of some work and also ensure that the website would remain operational if she is unavailable for any reason. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Thompson take on this role.
- 26/27 - 107 **Footpath tree** - the tree which had fallen across the School footpath has been cleared.
- 26/27 - 108 **Planning** -
- a. 14/26/00007 - Wellfield House, 19 Manor Road - change of use to residential and conversion into 5 dwellings - Several members of the public spoke on this. The Parish Council agreed that smaller homes in the village would be welcome but it was felt that there are flaws in the application. There are several concerns regarding parking as it was felt that there is insufficient space in the parking areas indicated for this to work satisfactorily, if at all. The area near the cottage is not large enough to accommodate two cars satisfactorily. There is even greater concern regarding the parking alongside King William Road. Even if Highways allowed this it would prove unsafe and difficult to use when allowing for opening car doors, especially on the road side and when manoeuvring. It is felt that if the application goes ahead there should be double yellow lines to safeguard not only residents accessing and using their cars but also general road users, particularly pedestrians, specially bearing in mind that children walk up and down King William Road on their way to and from school. Both parking areas would also require the re-siting and reinstalling of public waste bins - three in total. These bins belong to the parish. There is also a significant problem regarding potential damage to a neighbour's boundary wall on the South side of the site. Waste bins might not be in the best place for residents. The parish council had no problem regarding the change of use and would welcome some smaller homes in the village. However, the application would be improved with less density and more parking spaces provided. It is unfortunate that there is not a lot of vacant hard standing on the site. All members of the public were advised to write to Somerset Planning with their own concerns.
  - b. Any urgent planning matters that cannot wait until the next meeting - none.
- 26/27 - 109 **Finance**
- a. Cheques for signature - one cheque was approved for signature for the Clerk's pay and expenses (including replacement ext hard drive) - chq.757 £493.08.
- 26/27 - 110 **Date of next meeting** - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2026 at 7pm in Catcott School Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

Chairman .....

Date .....