
Welney Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Welney Parish Council, Tuesday 7th March 2023, 7.40pm at the William Marshall Centre

Committee Members: Cllr Harvey (Chair), Cllr Barker, Cllr Lowry, Cllr Spears (Vice Chair), Cllr Gardiner, Cllr Goodger.

Those Present: Cllr Lowry, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Spears, Cllr Goodger, BCLlR Rose, BCLlR Spikings, Clerk M Hilton.

Apologies: Cllr Barker, Cllr Gardiner, CCllr Dawson,

Public: two

MINUTES

1. **Welcome and opening remarks:** the Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **To receive apologies for absence:** these were approved
3. **To declare any conflicts and pecuniary interests on any items on this month's Agenda:** Cllr Lowry and Goodger, for Marshalls Charity
4. **To approve the Minutes from the last meeting:** these were approved and signed by the Chair
5. **Public Forum (ten minutes only):** a parishioner complained regarding village hall matters. The Chair said this was not the place for this to be discussed.
6. **To discuss and consider the Action Log from previous meetings:** a meeting was held with Andy Wallace from Highways and Cllrs Goodger and Harvey in February 2023, Mr Wallace, visited the sites with issues and will report back/ issue works to be carried out.
7. **Reports from individual Councillors, Council Groups and Clerk**
 - i. **To approve planning applications:**
 - Planning Application Consultation 22/02153/F. Proposed Store/Workshop building at Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust Hundred Foot Bank Welney Norfolk PE14 9TN, *overall approval however, The Council would like to following to be taken in to consideration.*
 - *The plan is to build on 12 metre pilings, are we sure that these will not damage the sub structure of the river bank?*
 - *The site in question will be the initial view that visitors & commuters will see as they hit the brow of the bridge coming from Littleport. With this in mind would we be able to have some cottage like buildings (as per the two on main street opposite the Lamb & Flag)? This would have benefits to the village 1- They would match in with the initial surrounding properties i.e., the corner of Bedford Bank, the current building located on the bank, the Old Chapel, The Hives and of course the Pub, all of which are steeped in history.*
 - *The village already has an abundance of medium to high value properties within the village boundaries with the higher end being the new development at Old Croft Place, there is currently nothing in the village for first time buyer's starter homes other than social housing run by Freebridge.*
 - Planning Application Consultation 23/00179/O. OUTLINE APPLICATION Residential development (4 dwellings) at Former Three Tunns Public House Land N of Welney Parish Hall and E of Old Bedford Row Bedford Bank Welney Norfolk. *Welney Planning Group advises approval of this application.*

The Council approved the decisions made.
 - ii. **To discuss any celebration for the Kings Coronation:** *Cllr Harvey.* Prices and designs of Coronation mugs was discussed, also holding a street party at the William Marshal Centre. The Clerk will apply for the Borough Council Grant of £200 towards the cost. All other costs will come from the Playing Field Charity.

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- iii. **To discuss 1st Aid Course for parishioners:** *Cllr Harvey*. For a group of twelve parishioners the cost is £35 per person, after a discussion it was decided to not do this for now.
- iv. **To discuss Defibrillators for the parish:** *Clerk and Cllr Harvey*. The cost of two solar defibrillators would be well over £5000. Currently there is no where to install one in Tipps End with an electricity supply. It was decided to apply for the Borough Council grant and install one at The William Marshall Centre.
- v. **To discuss the Election in May and be reminded of Purdah:** *Clerk*. The Clerk had already issued the slide handouts of a meeting she attended last week. Timelines were included in this handout. The Clerk reminded the Council that Purdah starts on the 21st March 2023 until the 4th May 2023.

8. To note any Health and Safety issues: none to report.

9. Finance

- i. To note payments made since last meeting: these were approved

Payments for March 2023 Authorisation					
Payee	Goods/Services	VAT	TOTAL	DD/EP electronic payment /direct debit	Supplier/Service
Melanie Hilton Salary	679.34	0.00	679.34	EP	48 Hours
Melanie Hilton Expenses	9.00	0.00	9.00	EP	Mileage for Parish Council meeting
HMRC	437.95	0.00	437.95	EP	Month 11 plus overdue payments from month 5
NPTS	298.65	0.00	298.65	EP	Subscription 2023-24
BCKLWN	346.67	69.33	416.00	EP	Dog waste bin emptying for 4 dog bins
BCKLWN	150.00	0.00	150.00	EP	Annual contribution Upwell Community Car Park
Welney Playing Field Charity	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	EP	Grant application
Nest Pension scheme	24.26	0.00	24.26	DD	Clerks pension
Westcotec	111.12	22.22	133.34	DD	Street Light Maintenance
Npower	68.85	3.44	72.29	DD	Street light energy Jan 2023
TOTAL	£4,125.84	£94.99	£4,220.83		

- ii. To note income and expenditure balances reconciled from the previous month: this was noted
- iii. To discuss the grant application from the Welney Playing Field Charity, the Clerk read out the application and this was approved by the Council.

10. To propose any items for the next agenda: get these to the Clerk in good time.

11. To note the date of the next parish council meeting – 4th April 2023 at 7.15pm at William Marshall Centre

12. Close: the meeting closed at 8.32pm

Signed by the Chairman Date

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