

## WELNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Welney Parish Council meeting held via Zoom on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Present; Cllr Giles (Chair), Cllr Barker, Cllr Wardle, Cllr Lowry, Cllr Pratley, Cllr Loveday, Cllr Harvey.

Also present; Cllr Rose (Borough Councillor); 3 members of the public.

Minutes: Cllr Harvey

Meeting opened at 7.35pm

1.Chairman's announcement: Chairman, I would like to introduce Clerk, but think we need to vote on giving her the position first. Please could Jennifer leave the room. We will vote now, are councillors in favour of this, proposed by Cllr Wardle second Cllr Lowry, all agreed, no abstentions. We need to discuss the contract. Contract is the same as previous clerk, will be a three-month period, then will need to be renewed. Councillors all agreed. Cllr Rose; would we like him to announce new clerk to the Borough Council, this would be great thank you.

2.Apologies for absence; None received

3.Declarations of Pecuniary Interest; None declared

4.Public Forum; Member of public asked about SAM2 risk assessment, he says if traffic cones need to be used, he will no longer do it. Cllr Harvey; they were put on as a safety concern, but we can have a conversation about it. Member of public also asked about highways. Cllr Harvey; only emergency work being done. Member of public also asks if there is any news on dog bin. Cllr Harvey; photos have been sent to John Hussey, but she has not heard anything yet. Member of public; sick of hearing about the problem with the WMC, all these vindictive comments need to stop.

Cllr Harvey says scan has been done on ground for notice board, we need to stay towards front of old notice board. Cllr Loveday; will have to wait till lockdown has finished because of social distancing.

Member of public; Tim Bennett's article in the Welney News. Cllr Wardle says it will be discussed later in item 10.

5. Agree minutes of last meeting: All agreed Chairman to sign them.

6. Finance matters: Chairman; will have to look into these next week and hopefully sign off payments.

7. Most of these items already dealt with. Cllr Harvey said we do not want to lose members of public that do things to help the village as we really appreciate their help, I hope we can come to an arrangement.

8. Precept; Clerk says she has found the letter and we have only got till end of the month. Cllr Wardle asks if we can look at accounts. Cllr Loveday; might be a good idea to speak to Helen Carrier, as she helped previous clerk.

9. Charity Commission; Cllr Wardle says there has been no response on grants as of yet. There may be more grants available in a couple of weeks.

10. Article in Welney News: Cllr Wardle says Tim Bennett's article was not sanctioned by the council. Mr Bennett was no longer a council member. I propose we put a statement in the Welney News. Cllr Barker says some councillor's knew about the article. We should all be aware not to discuss matters without council approval. Cllr Pratley says she thought Tim had done it as a personal article, maybe it was a mistake by Editor. Cllr Wardle says she just wants a statement, making it clear it was not from the council. Chairman apologies as he knew about the article.

11. Action Plan: Cllr Wardle asks if we have had a chance to look at it, and will need to work with Clerk if that is ok.

Clerk says as a preliminary update:

Laptop very old may need a new one. Precept needs doing, will want to transfer calls to her line.

Meeting Closed at 8.20pm.