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## Welney Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Meeting of Welney Parish Council, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024, 7.15pm at the William Marshall Centre

**Committee Members:** Cllr Goodger (Chair), Cllr Spears (Vice Chair), Cllr Gardiner, Cllr Lowry, Cllr Bombata, Cllr Gaylor, Cllr Barker, Cllr Clayden.

**Those Present:** Cllr Goodger, Cllr Spears, Cllr Gaylor, Cllr Clayden, BCllr Rose, BCllr Spikings, Clerk M Hilton.

**Apologies:** Cllr Lowry, Cllr Barker, Cllr Gardiner, Cllr Bombata, CCllr Dawson

**Public:** three

#### MINUTES

1. **Welcome and opening remarks**
2. **To receive apologies for absence:** these were approved. (message left on answerphone from Cllr Bombata)
3. **To declare any conflicts and pecuniary interests on any items on this month's Agenda:** Cllrs Clayden and Spears RUG.
4. **To approve the Minutes from the last meeting:** these were approved and signed by the Chair
5. **Public Forum (ten minutes only):**
  - No one wished to speak.
6. **To discuss and consider the Action Log from previous meetings:**
  - A 30pmh sign to be installed on the gateway into the village. This has been completed.
  - Flash Flooding Sign near New Road. Cllr Goodger reported with the new digitally controlled signage that CCllr Dawson has been working on this can be removed from the Action Log. The new signage will hopefully also link in with Floodwatch.
  - Badly overgrown trod Wisbech Road, Highways have reported nothing will be done at this time.
  - Over-grown verges and hedgerow at March Road by 30mph sign and village signs, Highways have reported nothing will be done at this time.
  - Over-grown verges by Wisbech Road village sign, Highways have reported nothing will be done at this time.

The Clerk suggested that with a £6 million cut of funds at Highways that some of the issues be taken on by the Councillors or employ someone to complete the works. Whilst the Council were not happy that Highways seem not to be completing any works at the moment, it was agreed to look at this next month when setting the budget for 2025\_26.

7. **To note the Complaints Policy:** the was reviewed and noted

#### 8. Reports from individual Councillors, Council Groups and Clerk

i To discuss any planning applications: *all*

- Planning Application Consultation 24/01011/F. Rebuilding of the present building and extension to build a new house at Ruins at Formerly Known as Homeland Bedford Bank Welney. *Welney Parish Council supports this application.*
- Planning Application Consultation 24/00152/O. OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION WITH ALL MATTERS RESERVED - The erection of three detached houses at land N of 6 Hurn Drove Welney. *Welney Planning Group would like to point out that the application is within the Manea and Welney IDB 9 metre strip adjacent to a board drain that usually does not permit development on. Welney PC Chair has informed Manea and Welney IDB but feel we should point this out on the response as this will prevent any further proposals. If development were to be approved, we need to see a contribution from the developer to Hurn Drove road improvement. These are going to be 3 story buildings. These do not fit in with the surrounding area. The flood risk*

Clerk to the Council; Melanie Hilton (CiLCA Qualified).

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*assessment recommends (page 39) amongst other things that 'any external landscaping is designed to slope away from the proposed dwellings, where possible .....'. This means the surface water will be flowing away from the proposed developments towards the community centre and the residential building next to the community centre. This might be problematic unless a drain is created in front of the development for the water to flow into. It is also understood that the owner of the land is not the person applying for planning permission.*

- ii To discuss bird/bat boxes: Cllr Gaylor will discuss with CCllr Dawson regarding this.

### 9. To note any Health and Safety issues: none reported

### 10. Finance

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

#### Payments for September 2024 Authorisation

Payee	Goods/Services	VAT	TOTAL	DD/EP <small>electronic payment /direct debit</small>	Supplier/Service
Melanie Hilton Salary	599.92	0.00	599.92	EP	40 hours
HMRC	152.95	0.00	152.95	EP	Month 5
Nest Pension scheme	16.94	0.00	16.94	DD	Clerks pension
PKF Littlejohn	210.00	42.00	252.00	EP	External Audit 23/24
K and M Lighting Services	25.66	5.13	30.79	EP	Street light maintenance
Npower	112.37	5.62	117.99	DD	Street light energy
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,117.84</b>	<b>£52.75</b>	<b>£1,170.59</b>		

- ii. To note income and expenditure balances reconciled from the previous month: this was noted.
- iii. To discuss the grant application from RUG: this was approved by Cllrs Gaylor and Goodger. BCllr Rose stated he is still trying to obtain a figure for the purchase of Sandgate community facility from the Borough Council for a peppercorn amount. If this happens the Council wish to receive a refund on the rent. Cllr Clayden agreed with this.

### 11. To propose any items for the next agenda: to discuss the Wash Road and Highways issues at each meeting.

- The Chair informed the Council that Padgett's Road will be shut for seven weeks.
- Cllr Spears said the resurfacing works at Hurn Drove should start at the end of September. The rest of the plainings will be used to fill in patches further down the road.
- BCllr Rose said there is planning training available at the Borough Council.
- The Clerk was asked to report the verges white lines at the newly resurfaced Wash Road as these have been missed. This is a safety issue.

### 12. To note the date of the next parish council meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.15pm at William Marshall Centre.

### 13. Close: the meeting closed at 19.40pm.

Signed by the Chairman ..... Date .....