
Welney Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance Working Group meeting of Welney Parish Council, Wednesday 20th October 2021, 6pm at William Marshall Centre

Committee Members: Cllr. Harvey (Chair), Cllr. Barker, Cllr. Lowry, Cllr. Spears, Cllr. Steele.

Those Present: Cllr. Harvey, Cllr. Barker, Cllr. Lowry, Cllr. Spears, P Gardiner, K Goodger, Clerk M Hilton.

Apologies from Cllr Steele.

MINUTES

- 1. To discuss the 2022-2023 budget.** The draft budget was explained by the Clerk to the Council. Each individual line was discussed and agreed upon.
 - Councillor Barker said a case should be collated to get the trod at Sandgate renewed, as a quote from highways for between £26700 and £30250 is expensive for a small parish to pay for.
 - A new Sam camera either a fixed one or a flashing one was discussed. The Council may apply to the Parish Partnership Scheme (PPS) or the Marshalls Charity for the purchase of this. Also, another pole is to be purchased for another location for the camera.
 - A new bus shelter was discussed. Councillor Harvey will enquire how many children get on the bus there each morning. A quote of £4000 for a wooden one has been quoted but this is without the concrete pad and an internal light. A metal and perspex one has been quoted at £8050 with the pad and an internal light powered by solar energy
 - The Council will look into purchasing some village entrance gates, as this is thought to slow the traffic down when entering a village.
 - It was agreed the Clerk would apply for a new bus shelter under the PPS and also a new streetlight at Chestnut Avenue when the quote has been received from Westcotec.
 - It was agreed to purchase and plant some wildflowers and maybe bulbs along the riverbank.
 - The Clerk suggested that if a piece of land became available in Welney the Council could consider purchasing this and use this for allotments. The Council would need to see if there was a need for this from the parishioners.
 - Councillor Barker explained that the William Marshall Centre needs over £4000 per annum to stay open. The WMC may apply for a grant from the Parish Council for some of this expenditure.
 - The Council have decided to the precept the same as last year.
 - Discussions to be added for next agenda, litter bins, dog waste bins, moving the noticeboard to another location.
- 2. To discuss changing the light bulb outside the old phone box to LED:** this was agreed by the Council that once this light has been reconnected a new LED bulb will be fitted by Westcotec for £215 + VAT.
- 3.** The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed by the Chairman **Date**

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