



## MINUTES OF WELNEY PARISH COUNCIL

**The meeting was a virtual meeting using the Zoom meeting platform and was held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 at 7.00 p.m.**

### MINUTES

#### 1/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Giles (Chairman) & Councillor Humphrey (NCC).

In attendance: Councillor Harvey, Councillor Barker, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Wardle, Councillor Lowry, Councillor Pratley.

Councillor Spikings (BC), Councillor Rose (BC), Jennifer Millard (Clerk).

Councillor Harvey wished Councillor Giles a speedy recovery from his recent ill health.

#### 2/21 Approval of minutes of an ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

The minutes were proposed and seconded with all in favour.

#### 3/21 To receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interest on agenda items

None received.

#### 4/21 Public forum for electors to address the Council

##### Mr Gardiner

Mr Gardiner would like the issue of Sandgate Meadow put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr Gardiner would like the item of the installation of dog waste bin on the next agenda.

Councillor Harvey confirmed that she had resubmitted the requested in respect of the installation of the new dog bin to the BC.

Mr Gardiner stated that he was of the opinion that energy cost savings arising from conversion of the streetlights from orange sodium to light LED should be being

received and that this matter required investigation. Mr Gardiner offered to assist the Clerk with any queries in this respect.

### Mr Bombata

Mr Bombata queried when the William Marshall Centre would be reopening and when the Cricket season would be commencing.

Councillor Loveday confirmed that the Cricket Club will not be operating for this forthcoming season due to the lack of facilities.

Mr Bombata queried the storage of Cricket equipment on the ground.

Councillor Loveday confirmed the equipment will be dismantled and removed.

### 5/21 Report on Items not the Agenda

No items bought.

### 6/21 Casual Councillor Vacancy

The Clerk confirmed that the Monitoring Office was aware that there was a Vacancy.

The Clerk confirmed that she had received no further nominations or interest in respect of the Vacancy.

### 7/21 Discuss any Planning Application in the Village

Councillor Barker confirmed that he had seen one item at Tipps End at Rotten Drove. Plans had been submitted to increase the footprint of the existing dwelling.

It was unclear if this fell into the Parish Boundary. The Clerk would seek confirmation.

### 8/21 Discuss any Highways Issues in the Village.

Several Councillors raised concerns that the flooding signage across Cambridgeshire and Norfolk are not sufficiently quick to respond when flooding clears, resulting in numerous issues.

Signage in different language would also be helpful (for foreign lorry drivers).

Clerk to contact Highways (Cambridgeshire & Norfolk) re flooding signage issues.

### 9/21 Reports on Training

The Clerk has confirmed has completed her ILCA Qualification (not to be confused with the CILCA) at her own expense.

### 10/21 Discuss any Finance Issues

The Clerk confirmed that in order to be added to the Barclays system, a clear note in the minutes was required for due diligence purposes.

It was proposed and seconded with all in favour that the Clerk be added to the Barclays Banking system.

## Payment Summary

### Bank Account Summary

Bank Account Summary (balances at 02/03/21)

Community Account (723)	£3,619.39
Business Premium Account (267)	£10,895.24
Business Premium Account (556)	£ 3733.40

Reference	Invoice Title	Method	Detail	Amount	VAT	Total
Payslip	Salary	To be authorised	February 2021 Clerk Salary	£796.32		
	Expenses	To be authorised	February 2021 Clerks Expenses	£8.22		
Payslip	Salary	To be authorised	January 2021 Caretaker Salary	£95.73		
Payslip	Salary	To be authorised	February 2021 Caretaker Salary	£86.46		
	Plusnet	To be authorised	Monthly Charge	£33.99	£6.80	£40.79
	NALC	To be authorised	NALC 'Good Councillors Guide'	£5.33		

The payments above were proposed and seconded with all in favour.

The Clerk expressed concern that Business Rates were payable on the William Marshall Centre but that his item had been added into the budget. The Clerk was seeking clarity regarding rate relief.

### 11/21 Communication Strategy/Policy

There were no further draft statements for approval.

### 12/21 Community Infrastructure Levy Grant

Councillor Harvey confirmed that she was seeking quotes for Playground Ground equipment.

Councillor Loveday confirmed that he was seeking Fencing quotes for the playing field.

The Clerk was commented that she mindful of the deadline for the CIL Grant deadline.

### 13/21 Grant Application Request from the Church

The 2021 £200 Grant to the Church for upkeep of the Graveyard was proposed, seconded and all were in favour.

The Clerk confirmed that she would draft a Grant Application Form and Grant Giving Covering Letter & Grant Policy for the April meeting.

### 14/21 Discuss the matter raised by Councillor Colin Rose regarding the Environment Agency track alongside the Bedford Bank West.

Councillor Rose wanted to understand whether the Council had any feedback regarding the right of way alongside Bedford Bank West owned by the Environment Agency.

There was debate over uses and users.

Councillor Rose invited feedback.

Councillor Barker confirmed that on Bedford Bank East there would be some upgrade to this right of way.

It was proposed and seconded with all in favour that the Council write to the Environment expressing their concerns regarding the surface and use of Bedford Bank West.

15/21 Discuss and Approve Model Standing Orders

The revised standing order were proposed & seconded and all were in favour.

16/21 William Marshall Centre Update

The Clerk confirmed that the insurers had confirmed that the building was closed on advice of the Councils / Charities insurers.

The Clerk confirmed that she had been liaising with the Borough Council in respect of the forthcoming elections.

17/21 Discuss Missing Post Box

Councillor Harvey confirmed that she had telephoned the Royal Mail.

Councillor Wardle confirmed that she had reported the issue via the Royal Mail website and received an acknowledgement.

The Clerk confirmed that she had written Royal Mail.

An update would be provided in due course.

18/12 Items for the Next Agenda

- RUG Grant
- Dog Waste Bin
- Reduction E-On Bills
- Hern Drove – Roadway Condition
- Flooding Signage
- Grant Application Form, Letter & Policy
- Code of Conduct & Financial Regulations
- Wash Road – Recreational Parking
- Highways Community Speedwatch Team – Village Signage.
- Village Noticeboard.

19/21 To agree the date of the next meeting to be held Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021

20/21 Resolve to exclude **public and press** in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted concerning staffing.

Meeting finished at 8.25pm

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