
Welney Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Welney Parish Council, Tuesday 5th March 2024, 7.39pm at the William Marshall Centre

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

Those Present: Cllr Goodger, Cllr Spears, Cllr Lowry, Cllr Bombata, Cllr Gaylor, BCllr Rose, CCllr Dawson, Clerk M Hilton.

Apologies: Cllr Gardiner, BCllr Spikings

Public: three

MINUTES

- 1. Welcome and Opening remarks:** the Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked the Council if item 10iv and 10v could be moved forward as CCllr Dawson needed to leave early, this was approved.
- 2. To receive apologies for absence:** these were approved.
- 3. To discuss Co-Option:** the Clerk had received two interests for becoming Councillors from Mathew Barker and Andrew Clayden. Although Mathew Barker was unable to attend this meeting both were voted onto the Council unanimously. The full number of Councillors has been reached. Andrew Clayden signed the Parish Council Register of Members Interest and Declaration of Acceptance Forms and was asked to join the table.
- 4. To declare any conflicts and pecuniary interests on any items on this month's Agenda:** none received
- 5. To approve the Minutes from the last meeting:** these were approved and signed by the Chair

Item 10iv: to receive an update on 100ft Bank seepage: Cllr Goodger had received photos regarding this issue from a parishioner. He emailed the Environmental Agency (EA) and their answer that came from the Response and Assets Team was, they are not concerned at this time. Highways have also checked the issue and agree with the EA. The Council will continue to monitor this issue.

Item 10v. to receive an update on Wash Road: Cllr Goodger said that this winter so far, the road had been flooded 81 days. Currently there is 27cm of water on the road and it continues to be closed. Cllr Gooder and CCllr Dawson will attend a meeting on the 11th March with Highways and the EA. CCllr Dawson said progress is frustratingly slow, he is trying to get implemented so the EA telemetry and the Comms to marry up. He is also fighting for improved signage from the B and Q roundabout in Wisbech to the Little Chef roundabout in Ely. There is also an environmental impact to be thought about when the road is closed, with vehicles making a drive around 20 miles more. CCllr Dawson thanked Cllr Goodger and Mat Barker for their continued support and hard work reporting daily when the road is closed and deployment of the barriers. A permanent solution is not completely off the cards but would be extremely expensive. Cllr Goodger will send a report of the meeting on Monday 11th March to the Council. CCllr Dawson left the meeting at 19.59pm.

6. Public Forum (ten minutes only):

A parishioner repeated what was said in the Parish Assembly regarding no path outside his house near Sandgate Corner.

7. To discuss and consider the Action Log from previous meetings:

- A 30pmh sign to be installed on the gateway into the village. Mr Leek is dealing with this. No yet completed.
- There is surface water near Sandgate Meadow. The Clerk has reported this. Nothing to report on this.
- Meadow Gate Lane sign is going to be replaced.

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- Flash Flooding Sign near New Road. Cllr Goodger will inspect this when the weather is better.
- Cllr Gardiner reported a pothole on the Wash Road towards Littleport, the Clerk will report this. Currently due to the flooding this cannot be repaired.
- Cllr Goodger reported a cover that has sunk in the road at March Road. Highways have checked and will not repair at this time.
- Cllr Gardiner asked the Clerk to ask when the Wash Road is due to be resurfaced. A response from Highways was received which said, at this moment in time there are no planned large scale resurfacing works planned for the wash. However, we will be inspecting and planning small scale patching where required in the near future.
- A pothole in Tipps End, this will be repaired.

8. **To update the Responsibility Matrix:** this was updated, but will be reviewed again at the next meeting when all new Councillors are in attendance.

9. **To approve the Assets Register:** this was approved.

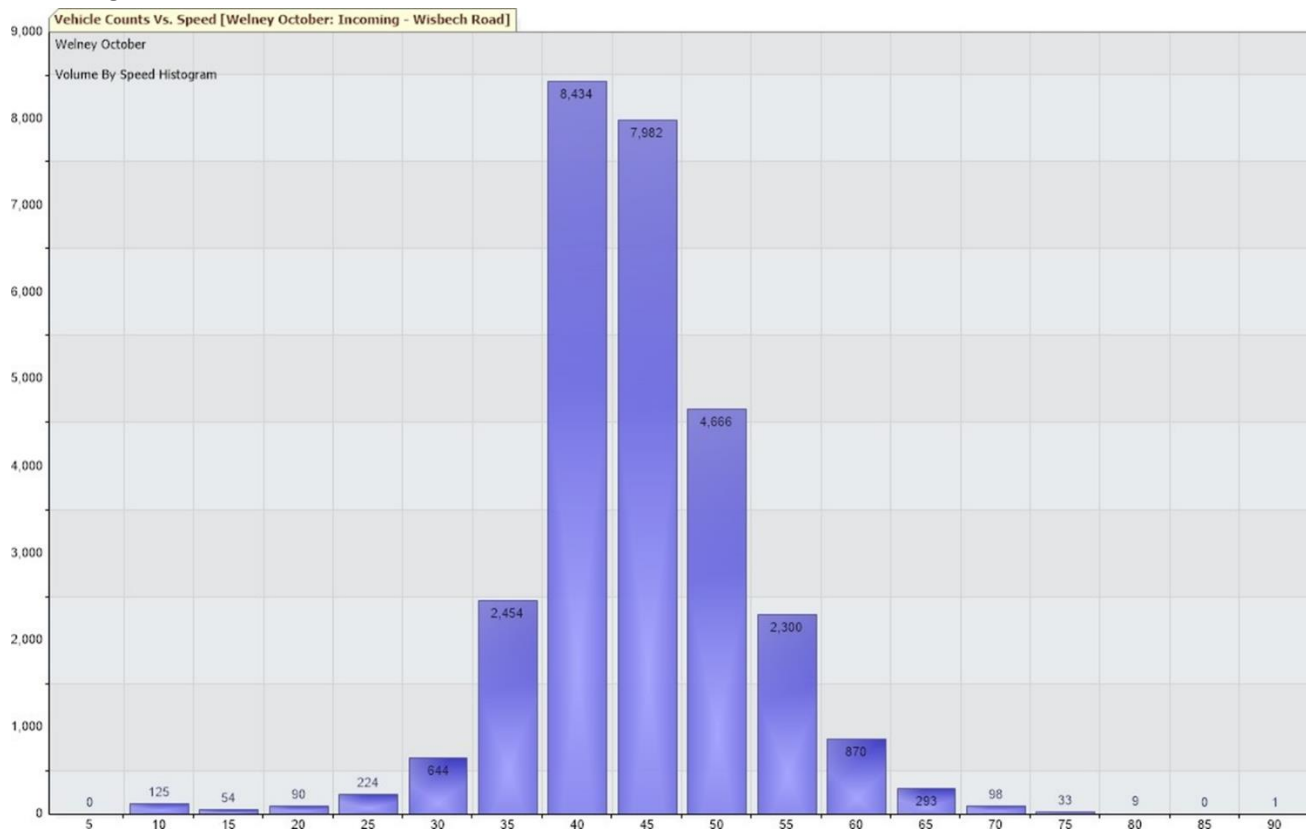
10. Reports from individual Councillors, Council Groups and Clerk

i No planning applications this month.

ii To discuss the emergency plan. Cllr Gardiner has updated the policy, however as this was received this week Councillors agreed to discuss further at the next meeting. The Clerk asked for members to fill in the question marks in the document ready for the next meeting.

Cllr Lowry left the meeting at 20.07pm.

iii To discuss the Sam2 data: Cllr Bombata produced a graph. The graph below is over a twenty-two-day period in October 2023 on Wisbech Road. The numbers on the columns are the number of vehicles travelling at that speed. All Councillors agreed some vehicles are travelling far too fast through the village.



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11. To note any Health and Safety issues: none reported

12. Finance

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

Payments for March 2024 Authorisation

Payee	Goods/Services	VAT	TOTAL	DD/EP electronic payment /direct debit	Supplier/Service
Melanie Hilton Salary	715.82	0.00	715.82	EP	48 hours
Melanie Hilton Expenses	12.20	0.80	13.00	EP	Milegae for Feb meeting and paper
HMRC	204.38	0.00	204.38	EP	Month 11
Nest Pension scheme	27.62	0.00	27.62	DD	Clerks pension
BCKLWN	150.00	0.00	150.00	EP	Annual Contribution Upwell Community Car Park
NPTS	298.65	0.00	298.65	EP	Subscription 2024_25
K and M Lighting Services	25.66	5.13	30.79	EP	Street light maintenance
Npower	167.18	8.36	175.54	DD	Street light energy
TOTAL	£1,601.51	£14.29	£1,615.80		

ii. To note income and expenditure balances reconciled from the previous month: this was noted.

13. To propose any items for the next agenda:

- To agree a date for Parish Council litter pick.
- To agree a location for a defibrillator in Tipps End and apply for funding.

14. To note the date of the next parish council meeting – 7th May 2024 at 7.15pm at William Marshall Centre.

15. Close: the meeting closed at 20.29pm

Signed by the Chairman Date