
Welney Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Meeting of Welney Parish Council, Tuesday 2nd July 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 Lowry, Cllr Gaylor, Cllr Clayden, Cllr Barker, BCllr Rose, Clerk M Hilton.

Apologies: Cllr Gardiner, Cllr Bombata, CCllr Dawson

Public: twelve

MINUTES

1. **Welcome and opening remarks**
2. **To receive apologies for absence:** these were approved.
3. **To declare any conflicts and pecuniary interests on any items on this month's Agenda:** none received
4. **To approve the Minutes from the last meeting:** these were approved and signed by the Chair
5. **Public Forum (ten minutes only):**
 - A parishioner asked if the Council had received communication regarding the Fens Reservoir. The Chair said he had as a parishioner but not as a Council. He also said this affects five properties in Tipps End including his own. He explained that this was not a compulsory purchase order but a compulsory order to cross owners land, and after the pipe has been laid the land owners will get the land back as the pipe is underground. The parishioner asked the Council to publish the consultation details and to contact AWA regarding communication. The Chair said he would discuss with the parishioner further after the meeting. Another parishioner also said about compulsory land purchase which as the Chair had explained was incorrect. The chair told the parishioner to talk to the agents with her concerns.
 - Another Parishioner said that broadband had been installed down Bedford Bank.
 - A third parishioner wants proof of insurance against subsidence on the William Marshall Centre. He also wished to discuss issues with statements from BCllr Rose. The Chair said any issues with BCllr Rose should be taken up with him directly.
 - The Chair then made a statement...'any issues the public have with the William Marshall Centre or the Playing Field will not be discussed at a Parish Council meeting. All issues/ concerns should be addressed by letter or email to williammarshallcentre@gmail.com'
6. **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. Cllr Gardner will chase this.
 - There is surface water near Sandgate Meadow. The Clerk has reported this.
 - Flash Flooding Sign near New Road. Cllr Goodger will inspect this when the weather is better.
 - Badly overgrown trod Wisbech Road, this has been reported
 - Over-grown verges and hedgerow at March Road by 30mph sign and village signs, this has been reported
 - Over-grown verges by Wisbech Road village sign, this has been reported

The Clerk was asked to write letters to Stockyard Farm, Westgate and Welney House regarding overgrown hedges.

7. Reports from individual Councillors, Council Groups and Clerk

- i To discuss any planning applications: *all*

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- 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 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.*
- 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.*
- ii To discuss bird/bat boxes: Cllr Gaylor said the Council needs to scope out areas in the village. The Clerk can advertise on Facebook and maybe send to Welney News. Owl boxes need more research. One Cllr said that Chestnut Ave houses have bat boxes.
- The Chair said the old houses at the bottom of Chestnut Ave are being rebuilt.

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

9. Finance

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

Payments for July 2024 Authorisation

Payee	Goods/Services	VAT	TOTAL	DD/EP electronic payment /direct debit	Supplier/Service
Melanie Hilton Salary	599.92	0.00	599.92	EP	40 hours
HMRC	152.40	0.00	152.95	EP	Month 3
Nest Pension scheme	16.94	0.00	16.94	DD	Clerks pension
Gallagher	1,561.09	0.00	1,561.09	EP	Insurance 2024/25
K and M Lighting Services	25.66	5.13	30.79	EP	Street light maintenance
Npower	123.31	6.17	129.48	DD	Street light energy
TOTAL	£2,479.32	£11.30	£2,491.17		

- ii. To note income and expenditure balances reconciled from the previous month: this was noted.
- iii. To note the Quarterly Progress Against Budget: this was noted
- iv. To discuss the grant application from RUG: Cllrs Spears, Clayden and Lowry declared an interest in this matter. It was noticed that some of the information was incorrect or missing. Cllr Spears informed the Council that Sandgate Meadow is a Community Asset. The Chair asked the remaining parishioners whether they agreed to give the grant to Rug and they agreed the Council should. After much discussion it was agreed the information will need to be updated and sent back to the Council for further discussion at the September meeting.
- v. Resurfacing Hurn Drove. Marshall's Charity has agreed to give a grant of £7K towards this. Although the Council agreed to pay £7K towards this the Council wish for the Clerk to apply for another CIL grant for this. The Council approved Cllr Spears to tell the contactor to start the works.

10. To propose any items for the next agenda: none given

11. To note the date of the next parish council meeting – 3rd September 2024 at 7.15pm at William Marshall Centre.

12. Close: the meeting closed at 20.10pm

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Signed by the Chairman Date