
Welney Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Welney Parish Council, Tuesday 7th June 2022, 7.15pm at the William Marshall Centre

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

Those Present: Cllr. Harvey, Cllr. Lowry, Cllr. Spears, Cllr Gardiner, Cllr Goodger, BCLlr Rose, Cllr Barker, CCLLR Dawson, BCLlr Spikings, Clerk M Hilton.

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MINUTES

1. **Welcome and opening remarks**
2. **To receive apologies for absence:** none were received.
3. **A minute's silence for former Councillor and Chairman Tim Bennett:**
A minutes silence was held for Tim Bennett
4. **To approve the Minutes from the last meeting:** these were approved and signed by the Chair
5. **To declare any conflicts and pecuniary interests on any items on this month's Agenda:** none were declared.
6. **Public Forum (ten minutes only):** a member of the public said the Queens Platinum Jubilee event was great.
7. **To answer question from member of the public at May 22 meeting. When was the money banked from the fraud case?** The Clerk informed the member of the public that two amounts were paid back in July and September 2017. Councillor Goodger told the member of the public that it was him that found the fraud had taken place. The member of the public was told yet again that the Police and the Crown Prosecution Service could find no case to answer, therefore the Police case is closed. This matter will not be discussed again.
8. **To discuss and consider the Action Log from previous meetings:**
 - Various Highways matters are still ongoing, missing white lines on Main Street, Taymour Place and Chestnut Ave pavements, overgrown trod at Sandgate Corner this has now been cut the Clerk will ask about getting this sprayed too, the new railings at the steps near the old phone box are loose, Back Drove signage, children's playground sign, Sandgate Meadow sign, missing traffic sign covered by a cone, solar panel depth of water issue. The Clerk has chased Highways and will make contact again.
 - Investigate the old Barclays Bank accounts. Councillor Gardiner visited the Ely branch and was told branches do not deal with business banks accounts. Barclays advised sending the letter again but with signed for postage, and a covering letter regarding the change of Clerk. Also, to use the former business address.
 - The loose curbs at Hale Drove have been marked by Highways ready to repair.
 - Bells Drove streetlight, this is still ongoing with Westcotec
 - The flood sign is still flashing has been dealt with.
9. **Reports from individual Councillors, Council Groups and Clerk**

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- To approve Planning applications: *Cllr Barker* none to report for May 22

10. To consider the casual vacancies: the Council currently has two vacancies.

11. To note the Clerks appraisal: the Clerk had an appraisal with Councillor's Harvey and Spears. All parties were very pleased. The Clerk will send a copy to all Councillors under the title of Strictly Confidential. This is not to be forwarded to anyone.

12. To note any Health and Safety issues: none to report

13. Finance

- i. To note payments made since last meeting. These were approved

Payments for June 2022 Authorisation

Payee	Goods/Services	VAT	TOTAL	DD/EP electronic payment /direct debit	Supplier/Service
Melanie Hilton Salary	744.91	0.00	744.91	EP	57.50 Hours
Melanie Hilton Expenses	65.27	11.26	76.53	EP	16 miles each way Meeting WMC litter pickers and hi vis vests
HMRC	250.52	0.00	250.52	EP	Month 3
Nest Pension scheme	32.23	0.00	32.23	DD	Clerks pension
Advanced Payroll Services	25.00	0.00	25.00	EP	Payroll services for April 2022
Paul Spears	15.00	0.00	15.00	EP	Post Crete for moving the noticeboard
BCKLWN	150.00	0.00	150.00	EP	Annual Contribution Upwell Community car park 1/4/22 - 31/3/2022
Westcotec	111.12	22.22	133.34	EP	Street light maintenance
Westcotec	59.50	11.90	71.40	EP	additional bracket and carriage for SAM camera
Npower	88.25	4.41	92.66	DD	Street light energy April 2022
TOTAL	£1,541.80	£49.79	£1,591.59		

- ii. To note income and expenditure balances reconciled from the previous month. This was noted
- iii. To discuss the insurance renewal with Hiscox Insurance Company. The Clerk was asked to add the new bus shelter, village gates and the Sam2 camera to the insurance policy. Once this has been done the Council approved for payment to be made under a three-year deal. This will mean the insurance amount will be the same for a three-year period (unless anything else is added).

14. To propose any items for the next agenda: a wish list for Parish Partnership Scheme and CIL and to discuss a defibrillator for Tipps End.

15. To note the date of the next parish council meeting – 5th July 2022 at 7.15 pm at William Marshall Centre

16. Close: the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed by the Chairman Date

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