
Welney Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Welney Parish Council, Tuesday 4th October 2022, 7.15pm at the William Marshall Centre

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

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

Apologies: BCllr Spikings, BCllr Rose, CCllr Dawson

Public: two

MINUTES

- 1. Welcome and opening remarks:** the chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 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 were given
- 4. To approve the Minutes from the last meeting:** these were approved and signed by the Chair
- 5. Public Forum (ten minutes only):** The Chair acknowledged a letter she received from a parishioner present at this meeting and said to the parishioner that his issues are with the William Marshall Centre and not the Parish Council, therefore the letter was not circulated to full Council. The chair also asked that the parishioner should only discuss matters for the Council. The parishioner talked for three minutes about the William Marshall Centre. Another parishioner also wanted to discuss the playing field, he was also made aware that this is for the William Marshall Centre and not Parish Council.
- 6. To discuss and consider the Action Log from previous meetings:**
 - Verge white lines, Highways have put in an order for this.
 - Overgrown trod between Sandgate and Stockyard farm, highways have agreed this can be sprayed, Cllr Goodger will be completing this very soon.
 - The loose railing near the phone box, this has been completed.
 - A traffic cone which is covering up the remains of an obsolete or missing traffic sign thought to be a triangular series of bends hazard sign. If it's not required it needs to be properly cut back by Highways team. Highways team will check this out.
 - Redundant post on corner of New Road/ Main Street. This has been reported to Highways, a white mark has been put on this so should be removed very soon.
 - Overgrown drains at Chestnut Ave: Cllr Spears will check if this has been completed.
 - Taymour Place pavements were programmed in for September 2022, the Highways department have emailed to say costs have gone from £12,500 to £31,120, unfortunately the Parish Council cannot raise the difference, therefore this project will no longer go ahead.

Clerk has also reported two further issues in September, a public footpath pointer laying on the ground near Giles Landscapes Wisbech Road, and fingerpost on the floor at March End, Back Drove.

Cllr Spears reported the dog waste bin at Hurn Drove has had the lid smashed. The Council are currently negotiating to move this nearer the playing field. Until the move of the bin has been decided the waste bin will remain without a lid.

Letters have been written to Barclays to close all the old bank accounts down.

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7. To discuss and review core documents

- Standing orders, this was approved
- Data protection policy, this was approved
- Risk management policy, the Clerk was asked to add in a section on risks with the laptop she has. Once this has been completed this is approved.

8. Reports from individual Councillors, Council Groups and Clerk

- i. To approve planning applications: *Cllr Barker non to report this month*
- ii. To discuss Christmas Lights Competition: Cllr Spears. This will be advertised on Facebook. The judges will make their decision on Friday 16th December 2022. Cllr Spears will get quotes for fairy lights for the Christmas tree to be sited at the church for November's meeting.
- iii. To discuss speed monitoring in the Parish of Welney: Cllr Gardiner. Some equipment has been donated to the Parish for speed watch to use. Cllr Gardiner will contact highways to see if this can be installed in the village.

9. To note any Health and Safety issues: a pot hole at Rutland House Wisbech Road needs reporting. The Clerk will do this.

10. Finance

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

Payments for October 2022 Authorisation

Payee	Goods/Services	VAT	TOTAL	DD/EP <small>electronic payment /direct debit</small>	Supplier/Service
Melanie Hilton Salary	701.12	0.00	701.12	EP	52.5 Hours
Melanie Hilton Expenses	30.15	0.00	30.15	EP	16 miles each way Meeting WMC for meeting, 47 miles Cossetessey NPTS Seminar
HMRC	199.64	0.00	199.64	EP	Month 6
Nest Pension scheme	26.27	0.00	26.27	DD	Clerks pension
NPTS	300.00	0.00	300.00	EP	Councillor training finance 12/9/22
Welney Playing Field Charity	80.00	0.00	80.00	EP	Hall Hire, July, Aug, Sept and Oct 22
Westcotec	111.12	22.22	133.34	DD	street Light Maintenance
Npower	76.93	3.85	80.78	DD	Street light energy August 2022
TOTAL	£1,525.23	£26.07	£1,551.30		

- 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 discussed with the Clerk and approved.
- iv. Purchase of a poppy wreath was approved.
- v. To replace the smashed glass panel in the bus shelter, it was approved to purchase Perspex replacement for this.

11. To propose any items for the next agenda: Parish Partnership Scheme,

12. To note the date of the next parish council meeting – 1st November 2022 at 7.15 pm at William Marshall Centre

13. Close: the meeting closed at 8.34pm

Signed by the Chairman Date

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