
Welney Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Welney Parish Council, Tuesday 6th September 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, BCllr Rose, Cllr Barker, Cllr Goodger, Cllr. Harvey, BCllr Spikings, CCllr Dawson Clerk M Hilton.

Apologies: None

Public: four

MINUTES

- 1. Welcome and opening remarks:** the chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Liz Truss was congratulated on becoming our new Prime Minister.
- 2. To receive apologies for absence:** no apologies
- 3. To approve the Minutes from the last meeting:** these were approved and signed by the Chair
- 4. To receive an update on the barrier works from the Environmental Agency:** three members attended the Parish Council meeting. The road is now open although traffic lights will remain for a further 2-3 weeks. There are earth works that need completing and a new footpath. In October they will return to test the barrier and will close the road for this day only. Some fences are being installed near the A142. Some further work will take place near the railway bridge and a letter drop will inform those households concerned. There will be a completion event which the Environmental Agency will advertise.
- 5. To declare any conflicts and pecuniary interests on any items on this month's Agenda:** none were given
- 6. Public Forum (ten minutes only):** a parishioner talked about concerns he has with the William Marshall Centre.
- 7. 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.
 - Taymour Place pavements are programmed in for September 2022
 - The loose railing near the phone box, highways have programmed this in.
 - Bells Drove streetlight, this is 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: Clerk has reported this and Highways say that locals would know that the drain is hidden in the foliage. Clerk will ask the Rangers to clear this.
 - Overgrown Drains on the corner of March Rd/ New Rd have been cut back by the owner of the nearby property

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8. Reports from individual Councillors, Council Groups and Clerk

- i. To approve planning applications: *Cllr Barker non to report this month*
- ii. To discuss bench outside the church: *Cllr Harvey*. A new bench has been donated by 'the Make Welney Beautiful', many thanks to them for doing this.
- iii. To discuss the vandalism to the bus shelter: *Cllr Spears* This has been reported to the Police. Clerk to write to Freebridge Housing Association to report the anti- social behaviour.
- iv. To discuss the possibility of resurfacing Hurn Drove: *Cllr Spears and CCllr Dawson*. Cllr Spears to forward quotes to CCllr Dawson. CCllr Dawson will speak with Highways to see what can be done here. If the Parish Council resurface this they will also need to maintain it as Highways will only maintain to the standard it is now. Funding for this project would have to come from grants, possibly Parish Partnership Scheme and Marshalls Charity, three quotes will be required.
- v. To discuss waste bins: *Cllr Spears*. Both the Clerk and Councillor Spears have tried to get hold of Barry Blandford at the Borough Council to no avail. Cllr Spears will try again.
- vi. To discuss the installation of village gates: *Cllr Spears*. Andy Wallace has been on annual leave so no further forward with this. Cllr Spears to email CCllr Dawson regarding this.
- vii. To discuss the possibility of the cessation of mobile library: *Cllr Spears*. Cllr Spears asked CCllr Dawson regarding this. The library service looks like it will be ceased. The library has no records to show how many people use this service.

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

10. Finance

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

Payments for September 2022 Authorisation

Payee	Goods/Services	VAT	TOTAL	DD/EP <small>electronic payment /direct debit</small>	Supplier/Service
Melanie Hilton Salary	752.99	0.00	752.99	EP	56.5 Hours
Melanie Hilton Expenses	9.00	0.00	9.00	EP	16 miles each way Meeting WMC for meeting
HMRC	223.50	0.00	223.50	EP	Month 6
Nest Pension scheme	31.04	0.00	31.04	DD	Clerks pension
Advanced Payroll Services	25.00	0.00	25.00	EP	Payroll services for June 2022
PKF Littlejohn	200.00	40.00	240.00	EP	External Audit 2021-22
Community Heartbeat	100.00	20.00	120.00	EP	Defib emergency telephone system
NPTS	18.00	0.00	18.00	EP	Clerk training preparing for 2023 elections
Npower	76.96	3.85	80.81	DD	Street light energy July 2022
TOTAL	£1,436.49	£63.85	£1,500.34		

- ii. To note income and expenditure balances reconciled from the previous month: this was noted
- iii. To note conclusion of external audit: this was noted
- iv. To note the CIL grant applications, and to discuss locations for new streetlights. The location for the streetlights was approved by the Council using What Three Words as the locations. Cllr Harvey will inform the parishioners whose house are nearest to the locations. The Clerk will start the process of getting these installed.

A new piece of glass for the damaged bus shelter was costed at £168.00, a discussion took place as to whether Perspex would be better or to have toughened glass install on the complete shelter. Cllr Spears will get quotes for Perspex; he already had a quote for the toughened glass which was for £1860.00.

After a short discussion it was decided to close all the old Barclays Bank accounts down and transfer the very small amount of money to the Unity Trust Bank account. Cllr Barker will organise this.

11. To propose any items for the next agenda: apologies from BCllr Rose.

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12. To note the date of the next parish council meeting – 4th October 2022 at 7.15 pm at William Marshall Centre

13. Close: the meeting closed at 9.26pm

Signed by the Chairman Date

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