

WELNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MEMBERS OF WELNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Ordinary meeting of Welney Parish Council.

Held on Tuesday 1st June 2021 at 7.30 p.m at the Recreation Ground, Welney.

Draft Minutes

- 20/21 To receive apologies for absence
- Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Giles and Councillor Dawson of the County Council.
- In attendance: Councillor Harvey (Chairman), Councillor Loveday, Councillor Pratley, Councillor Lowry, Councillor Barker, Councillor Rose (Borough Council) and Councillor Spikings (Borough Council).
- 21/21 To approve minutes of the previous Ordinary Meeting, Annual Meeting of the Parish Council & Annual Parish Meeting
- The meetings of the previous Ordinary Meeting, Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting were proposed, seconded and resolved with all in favour.
- 22/21 To receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interest on Agenda items
- There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.
- 23/21 Public forum for electors to address the Council
- There were four members of the public present at the meeting. Questions were received from two members of the public;
1. A MOP raised the issue of the latest statement issued by the Welney Playing Field Charity and queried why alternative insurers were not being approached to insure the William Marshall Centre.
 2. A MOP confirmed that they would be contacting the Clerk to inspect the Accounts as was their right.
 3. A MOP asked for an update on the installation of the new dog poo bin.
 4. A MOP asked for an update with regards to the streetlight outside the old school and asked if this could be reinstated to working order.
 5. A MOP queried the formal complaint already submitted and added that responses received to date were not satisfactory.
- 24/21 Report on Items not the Agenda
- The Clerk confirmed that alongside Councillor Barker she had been working to resolve a Compliant raised by a MOP prior to the last Ordinary meeting.
- 25/21 Councillor Vacancies
- The Clerk confirmed that she had received the resignation of Councillor Wardle and that there had been no further interest in fulfilling the existing vacancy. The Monitoring Officer had been updated in respect of the resignation of Councillor Wardle.
- 26/21 Discuss any Planning Application in the Village
- Councillor Barker confirmed that two planning applications had been received.

- a) 21/00396/F Replacement dwelling with attached annexe at Long Acre, March Road, Welney, Norfolk, PE14 9SE.
- b) 21/00892/F Proposed barn conversion at Croft Barn, Wisbech Road, Tipps End, Welney, Wisbech, Norfolk

It was proposed, seconded and resolved with all in favour that a response of no observations be submitted to the Borough Council in respect of both applications.

27/21 Discuss any Finance Issues

- Approve AGAR

Approval of Part 2 of the AGAR Certificate of Exemption.

It was proposed, seconded and resolved with all in favour to sign the Certificate of Exemption on the AGAR.

Annual Internal Audit Report.

It was proposed, seconded and resolved with all in favour to sign with all in favour to accept the Internal Auditors Report contained within the AGAR.

Annual Governance Statement.

It was proposed, seconded and resolved with all in favour to sign the Governance Statements on the AGAR.

Accounting Statements.

It was proposed, seconded and resolved with all in favour to sign the Accounting Statements on the AGAR.

It was noted that Asset Register was approved at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May 2021.

- Banking Update

Due to time pressures this matter had not been progressed. It was proposed, seconded and resolved with all in favour to submitted revised bank mandates to Barclays and Unity Bank. This would be deferred until a new Clerk was in place.

- Approve Payments Schedule

It was proposed, seconded and resolved with all in favour to settle the payments listed on the attached payment schedule.

- Approve Quotations

Three quotations were sought from contractors to provide IT assistance to the Council. Only once response was received. It was proposed, seconded and resolved with all in favour to try and repair the current laptop, prior to the procurement of a new laptop. The Clerk reminded the Council that there was £1000 budgeted for IT expenses for this year, but this quote, potentially exceeded this figure.

28/21 Welney Playing Field Charity Update

- Recreation Ground

The Clerk confirmed that due to time pressures she had not progressed matters with regards to the recreation ground.

- William Marshall Centre

The Clerk read out the May 2021 statement issued by the Welney Playing Field Charity, a copy is attached herewith.

29/21 Staffing Issues

- Clerk

The Clerk confirmed that she had resigned and that her last working day would be the 14th of June 2021.

The reason for her resignation was the ongoing behaviour my two members of the public.

A vote of thanks was given to the Clerk for her efforts during her employment.

It was proposed, seconded and resolved with all in favour to attempt to procure the services of Clerk of a neighbouring village on a locum basis. Whilst a highly hourly rate had been requested, it was hoped that as this was a locum appointment, less hours maybe required.

- Caretaker

It was proposed, seconded and resolved with all in favour that the Caretaker be bought back to work on limited hours to assist with various responsibilities around the village.

30/21 Items for the Next Agenda

A full agenda would be prepared for the next meeting to include with Formal Complaint referred to above.

31/21 To agree the date of the next meeting to be held Tuesday 6th July 2021 at 7.30pm at the Welney Wetlands Centre.

The meeting finished at 8.20pm

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