
Welney Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Welney Parish Council, Tuesday 3rd October 2023, 7.15pm at the William Marshall Centre

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

Those Present: Cllr Harvey, Cllr Spears, Cllr Gardiner, Cllr Goodger, Cllr Lowry, Cllr Bombata, BCllr Rose, Clerk M Hilton.

Apologies: BCllr Spikings, CCllr Dawson

Public: three

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 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 read a letter he is going to send to the Monitoring Officer. He will forward an electronic copy to the Clerk for her to circulate. With regard to the letter Cllr Lowry explained that the Council had not stopped the legal action against a former Clerk the CPS did as there was insufficient evidence. Cllr Bombata, said the same issues are brought up very month, and asked if a subcommittee could be set up to talk with this resident and give them a final letter regarding the issues. The Chair said that a final letter had been sent to the resident but he kept bringing the same issues up. Another resident asked why a report that was commissioned when he was a Councillor had not been made public regarding the William Marshall Centre. This issue had been discussed the Playing Field Committee and the parishioner had been sent an email regarding this.
6. **To discuss and consider the Action Log from previous meetings:**
 - Stump of traffic sign, Wash Road: Andy Wallace has stated this will be removed.
 - The Hives Main Street: the drain has been marked for repair.
 - Invoice for Sandgate Meadow from the Borough Council: The Borough Council felt no covid relief would be applied to the outstanding invoices. BCllr Rose said he would ask the question personally.
 - 40mph speed sign near Welney House Farm A1101 has been damaged: still not repaired.
 - Rocking drain cover outside Mallard Rise, Highways have reported this does not need repair
 - Dip in the road outside Lindsey House: Highways have said this does not need repair. Cllr Gardiner will take the issue to CCllr Dawson.
7. **Reports from individual Councillors, Council Groups and Clerk**
 - i* **To approve planning applications:** To discuss planning applications if any
 - Planning Application Consultation 23/01378/F. Continued use of temporary enclosures for housing black-tailed godwits including 1 x portable cabin and 3 x pens at Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust Hundred Foot Bank Welney Norfolk PE14 9TN. Welney Parish Council supports this application.
 - ii* Christmas lights competition: *Cllr Spears*. Cllr Spears said he had missed the deadline to advertise this event in the Welney News. He will however, put posters up and advertise on Facebook. the judging will take place on the 15th December 2023.
8. **To note any Health and Safety issues:** none reported

Clerk to the Council; Melanie Hilton (CiLCA Qualified).

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9. Finance

i. To note payments made since last meeting:

Payments for October 2023 Authorisation					
Payee	Goods/Services	VAT	TOTAL	DD/EP <small>electronic payment / direct debit</small>	Supplier/Service
Melanie Hilton Salary	706.80	0.00	706.80	EP	50 Hours
Melanie Hilton Expenses	9.00	0.00	9.00	EP	Mileage for Parish Council meeting
HMRC	200.34	0.00	200.34	EP	Month 6
HMRC	53.21	0.00	53.21	EP	Month 5 2022
Nest Pension scheme	26.78	0.00	26.78	DD	Clerks pension
PKF Littlejohn	210.00	42.00	252.00	EP	External Audit 2022-23
Welney Playing Field Charity	60.00	0.00	60.00	EP	WMC hire 4/7 5/9 and 3/10
Community Heartbeat	100.00	20.00	120.00	EP	village Emergency Telephone System yr. 7
K and M Lighting Services	25.66	5.13	30.79	EP	Street light maintenance 13/9/23 to 12/10/23
Npower	76.52	3.83	80.35	DD	Street light energy August 2023
TOTAL	£1,468.31	£70.96	£1,539.27		

- 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. Cllr Bombata challenged the Clerk over the loan repayment made last month and asked which budget line did this come from. The Clerk said that as the defibrillators had not been purchased they had come from that budget line.
- iv. To discuss an additional SAM2 Camera post at the cost of £195 plus VAT. This was discussed and agreed, the position will be at 'What Three Words' Brains, found, rewriting. The Clerk will inform Westcotec to get this installed.

The Clerk said she has completed the draft budget; this will be discussed at next month's meeting.

10. To propose any items for the next agenda:

- budget
- discuss the purchase of a third SAM2 camera
- Marshalls Charity

BCllr Rose said that the first stage of Sandgate Meadow as a community asset had gone through.

11. To note the date of the next parish council meeting – 7th November 2023 at 7.15pm at William Marshall Centre

12. Close: the meeting closed at 20.17pm

Signed by the Chairman Date