
Welney Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Welney Parish Council, Tuesday 6th May 2025, 7.15pm at the William Marshall Centre

Committee Members: Cllr Goodger (Chair), Cllr Gardiner, Cllr Lowry, Cllr Bombata, Cllr Gaylor, Cllr Barker, Cllr Clayden.

Those Present: Cllr Goodger, Cllr Gaylor, Cllr Barker, Cllr Lowry, Cllr Bombata, Cllr Gardiner, BCllr Rose, Clerk M Hilton.

Apologies: Cllr Clayden, BCllr Spikings, CCllr Dawson,

Public: six

MINUTES

1. Election of Chair for the coming year and sign the declaration of acceptance of office

Cllr Gaylor proposed and Cllr Lowry seconded Cllr Goodger for Chair, this was carried. Cllr Goodger signed his Acceptance of Office

2. Election of Vice Chair and sign the declaration of acceptance of office

Cllr Gardiner proposed and Cllr Lowry seconded Cllr Gaylor for Vice Chair, this was carried. Cllr Gaylor signed her Acceptance of Office

3. To receive apologies for absence: these were approved.

4. To declare any conflicts and pecuniary interests on any items on this month's Agenda: none received.

5. To approve the Minutes from the last meeting: these were approved and signed by the Chair

6. Public Forum (ten minutes only): a parishioner reported several speeding cars in the village. A topic to be discussed under Sam2 camera.

7. To discuss and consider the Action Log from previous meetings:

- To remove the 40mph road markings on the A1101 near the Welney Sign. This has not been completed.
- Leaning solar lamppost March Road: this has been repaired.
- Cllr Goodger reported a pothole between 2 and 4 Hurn Drove. Highways have reported this is not an issue. Cllr Goodger will take a photo and get a What Three Words location, and resubmit.

8. To discuss the casual vacancy: the Clerk explained the process, there is currently one vacancy.

D Harvey proposed by Cllr Goodger, seconded Cllr Lowry, four votes received

S Macey proposed by Cllr Bombata, seconded Cllr Barker, three votes received

G Jenkins proposed by Cllr Gaylor, seconded Cllr Lowry, four votes received.

The chair had the casting vote and D Harvey was announced as a Welney Parish Councillor. The Clerk handed D Harvey paperwork for her to fill in and return to the Clerk.

9. To update the Responsibility Matrix: it was agreed for D Harvey and Cllr Barker to be added to the Unity Trust Bank authorisation list.

10. Reports from individual Councillors, Council Groups and Clerk

i To discuss any planning applications: none this time

ii To note any Highways and Wash Road updates: Cllr Goodger said the camera to be sited on the Wash Road should be installed by the autumn. New signage has been installed around the area.

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- iii To discuss grass cutting of verges with in the Parish: a proposal has been put forward for the responsibility to be passed onto the Parish and a small reimbursement would be made. The Council agreed not to do this.
- iv To discuss additional streetlights in the Parish and the current streetlights: it was agreed to discuss in September. Also to discuss installation of new solar light at Chestnut Ave.
- v To discuss the Sam 2 camera: the following report was read by Cllr Gardiner

Following on from Cllr Paul Spears resignation. With Chair's agreement I have taken over responsibility for the Parish Council's SAM2 equipment with support from Cllr Bombata to download and interpret data recorded. SAM is not a camera as often referred to. It simply counts the numbers of vehicles passing through the village and records traffic speeds of those vehicles passing through. The units which we have simply record the speed with no smiley, angry or slow down faces.

Westcotec have produced new versions of the equipment with APNR recognition, but these have not received approval yet for use in Norfolk.

The maintenance of the units simply require that the batteries are changed every 10 days or so and the equipment we have is moved to different monitoring stations from time to time.

Initially the Police and Highways insisted the equipment was moved every 4 weeks. This was at a time when Parish Councils were led to believe that Norfolk Constabulary would act on data sent to them and provide additional enforcement where necessary as resources allowed.

I have been involved in traffic monitoring for the Parish for approximately 8 years now both with SAM and with Community Speed watch. During this period, I have had one car of mine written off due to a speeding motorist. Similarly, one of my close neighbours has been involved in two RTC incidents.

Following on from concerned Parishioners reporting on social media their concerns regarding vehicles speeding through the village myself and Cllr Bombata decided that we would monitor traffic through the village in both directions for about a month to see for ourselves what the current situation was. I did not comment on the FB post as I did not think it was appropriate for me to report on my personal opinions. Better to wait and discuss at our WPC meeting and communicate with the authorities if there is approval by WPC.

I am going to pass over to Cllr Bombata to report our findings...

Cllr Bombata handed round the following data

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SAM2 Data Welney

SAM Machine Data Analysis - Location: Main Street - Direction: Facing Wash Road – Limit: 30MPH

Period	Total Number			Highest Speed
	Vehicles	Speed >30 MPH	Speed >35 MPH	
Monday 21 st to Sunday 27 th April	12,944	11,002 (Appx. 85%)	6,244 (Appx. 48%)	Speed: 65MPH % over: 117 % Date: 23rd April Time: 11:35pm
Monday 28 th April to Sunday 4 th May	14,255	12,117 (Appx. 85%)	8,133 (Appx. 57%)	Speed: 70MPH % over: 133% Date: 2 nd May Time: 04:15am

Daily Volume

Day	From 21 April - 27 April	From 28 April – 4 May
Monday	1219	2099
Tuesday	2128	2141
Wednesday	2230	2254
Thursday	2367	2233
Friday	2410	2467
Saturday	1841	1760-
Sunday	749	-1301

Direction: Facing Wisbech Road

Period	Total Number			Highest Speed
	Vehicles	Speed >30 MPH	Speed >35 MPH	
Monday 21 st to Sunday 27 th April	8,889	7,556 (Appx. 85%)	5,223 (Appx. 59%)	Speed: 60MPH % over: 100 % Date: 21st April Time: 13:05pm
Monday 28 th April to Sunday 4 th May	12,022	10,219 (Appx. 85%)	7,481 (Appx. 62%)	Speed: 60MPH % over: 100% Date: 29 April Time: 13:05pm

Daily Volume

Day	From 21 April - 27 April	From 28 April – 4 May
Monday	2256	3133
Tuesday	2028	3090
Wednesday	1065	1372
Thursday	808	911
Friday	1078	1371
Saturday	1134	1544
Sunday	520	601

NOTE: Highest recorded speed could have been due to an emergency service vehicle

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Cllr Gaylor said the death reported was not due to speeding but because of a medical incident. She also asked if the machine were calibrated regularly to give accurate figures. Cllr Gardiner is considering resurrecting the Speed Watch team although he will then stand down from this once its established. Cllr Goodger did say a speed restriction was being introduced on Toll Rd.

The Clerk was asked if anything is available via Highways to reduce the speed. Cllr Gardiner will write something to go onto the Facebook page and ask for volunteers for Speed Watch. Clerk was asked to send the data to Terry Jermy MP and the Police.

11. To note any Health and Safety issues: none reported.

12. Finance

- i. To note payments made since last meeting: these were noted. Cllr Barker did mention the high rise in cost of dog waste collection. The Clerk reported it had increased by 40%.

Payments for May 2025 Authorisation

Payee	Goods/Services	VAT	TOTAL	DD/EP electronic payment /direct debit	Supplier/Service
Melanie Hilton Salary	648.49	0.00	648.49	EP	42 hours
HMRC	226.31	0.00	226.31	EP	Month 1
Nest Pension scheme	21.41	0.00	21.41	DD	Clerks pension
BCKLWN	878.80	175.76	1,054.56	EP	Dog waste collection
Community Heartbeat	121.95	24.39	146.34	EP	Defib adult pads
Robin Goreham	40.00	0.00	40.00	EP	Internal Audit
K and M Lighting Services	110.00	22.00	132.00	EP	to straighten solar lamp column
K and M Lighting Services	26.96	5.39	32.35	EP	Street light maintenance
TOTAL	£2,073.92	£227.54	£2,301.46		

- ii. To note income and expenditure balances reconciled from the previous month: this was noted.
- iii. To note the QPAB: this was noted
- iv. To discuss the insurance renewal including additional playground equipment: playground equipment should be installed before the school summer holidays. The insurance will then have the equipment added to the schedule and reimbursement sought from the William Marshall Centre for any additional charge.
- v. To approve **Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25 - the Annual Governance Statement** (part of the external audit document): this was noted and signed by the Chair
- vi. To approve **Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25 - the Accounting Statements**: this was noted and signed by the Chair

13. To propose any items for the next agenda: none

14. To note the date of the Annual Parish Meeting – 1st July 2025 at William Marshall Centre at 7.15 pm

15. Close: the meeting closed at 20.21pm.

Signed by the Chairman Date