
Welney Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Welney Parish Council, Tuesday 3rd August 2021, 7pm at Welney Wetland Trust

Committee Members: Cllr. Harvey (Chair), Cllr. Barker, Cllr. Loveday, Cllr. Lowry, Cllr. Pratley, Cllr. Giles

Those Present: Cllr. Harvey, Cllr. Loveday, Cllr. Lowry, Cllr. Pratley, BCllr. Spikings, Clerk M Hilton.

Public: two

Apologies : CCllr. Dawson, Cllr. Giles, Cllr. Barker,

MINUTES

1. To consider and approve apologies for absence:

Apologies were approved.

2. To declare any conflicts and pecuniary interests on any items on this month's agenda:

None were given.

3. To approve the Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair

4. Public Forum:

- Mr. G. Steele, was introduced as he is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor.
- A Parishioner reported the dog bin still has not been installed at Sandbank. BCllr. Spikings will look into this.
- The roundels, white lines and slow signs still have not been completed along Main St to Delph Bridge. The Clerk informed the Council that Andy Wallace is on leave until the 9th August, but she will email him.
- Could the William Marshall Centre look again at installing CCTV?
- The Council was asked to purchase a new battery for the Sam 2 Camera and this was approved. Th Clerk will order this.

5. To discuss Action Log: The Clerk explained this was the previous Clerks Action Log and this will be continued to be used. New issues will be added each month as they arise and completed issues will be removed from the list.

- Councillor's Lowry and Harvey along with 2 members of the public are being trained this Thursday. The phone box in which the defibulator is located will have the books removed by Councillor Loveday
- The noticeboard has been repaired, many thanks to Mr. Gardiner.
- A parishioner asked to see the accounts, this has been completed.
- The current caretaker will be leaving on 12th August as the hall remains closed
- The Clerk has set up a new payroll provider, Advanced Payroll Services
- A member of the council will collect litter picking equipment from the Borough Council

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- Councillor Harvey has contacted the Diocese of Ely, but the Church still remains closed
 - The Clerk has registered with the Information Commissioners Office and the direct debit was agreed by Council which save £5 per annum
 - The Clerk has reported the streetlight outside The Old School house was not working, and has asked Councillor's to report if this has been completed.
- 6. To note list of meeting Dates:** The Clerk updated the list of meeting dates which are now on the website.
- 7. Reports from individual Councillor, Working Groups and Clerk:**
- No planning applications this month.
 - The Clerk reported from the minutes of the Finance working group meeting held on the 29th July. The minutes are on the website.
 - The Council discussed the issues along Bedford Bank. Parishioners are very concern. The road has been closed, so there is no access for emergency vehicles. There are issues with too much traffic, anti-social behaviour, with residents being abused. The Environmental Agency (EA) is looking into this. The Clerk and Councillor Harvey will write to the owners of the caravan park and ask for s site meeting with the Council. Councillor Lowry will forward the originally email onto the new Clerk for reference. Councillor Lowry also contacted the EA again today (3rd August)
- 8. Finance:**
- i. The outstanding payments were approved for payment.

All payments to be paid by the next working day.

Payments for August 2021 Authorisation

Payee	Goods/Services	VAT	TOTAL	DD/EP <small>electronic payment /direct debit</small>	Supplier/Service
Salaries	882.70	0.00	822.70		
Melanie Hilton Salary				EP	65 hours
Melanie Hilton Expenses	51.85	6.49	58.34	EP	Mileage meeting 6th July, filing @WMC 27th, Finance Meeting 29th folders, paper, ink for printer
HMRC	300.24	0.00	300.24	EP	
Nest Pension scheme	39.63	0.00	39.63	DD	employeee £22.65, Employer £16.98
Lee Davies Salary				EP	8 hours
Upwell Computer Repairs	60.00	0.00	60.00	EP	New USB board on laptop, visit Welney and carry out standard check on laptop
Eon	55.16	2.76	57.92	DD	Electricity supplied to WMC
Eon	133.26	6.66	139.92	DD	streetlights electricity
PlusNet	33.99	6.80	40.79	DD	Broadband WMC
TOTAL	£282.41	£22.71	£696.84		

agreed at Finance meeting, Eon, Plusnet to be paid by WMC

***salaries are shown together re data protection.**

- ii. **To note the cashbook:** this was noted
- iii. **New payroll provider:** this was noted
- iv. **To note new bank account with Unity Trust:** this was noted, all set up and working well.
- v. **Direct Debits have been set up for Westcotec and Information Commissioners Office.**

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9. Proposed Agenda items for next meeting: none were given

10. Parish Partnership Scheme (PPS).

- The Clerk asked for the council to give this some consideration. Initial thoughts were to install a new bus shelter. Councillor Harvey has a rough quote of £6000 from Westcotec, Councillor Loveday will also get a quote and Clerk will get a quote from Norse. Once the quotes have been received and approved the Clerk will apply to PPS
- Councillor Loveday will be ordering new goal keeping nets for the playing field and also reinstating the basketball hoop. This is being financed by money raised in 2004.

11. Next meeting date: 7th September 2021 Welney Wetland Centre 7pm

12. The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Signed by the Chairman **Date**

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