

## WELNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES

#### **Of the Extraordinary meeting of Welney Parish Council held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.00 p.m.**

##### 1/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Colin Rose.

All other Councillors were in attendance.

##### 2/21 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of Pecuniary Interests were declared.

##### 3/21 Public forum

Two members of the public joined the meeting.

A request was received from one member of the public that Members of the formally appointed 'Fraud Investigation Team' should still have access to the Councils Bank Account for ongoing investigation purposes.

##### 4/21 2021/22 Precept

The Clerk gave a short summary of the expenses listed within the budget. The budget was shared on screen. The budget for the 2021/22 totalled £28,152.56.

The Clerk confirmed that Councillor Barker had been of great assistance and that whilst the Councils 2020/21 Precept had been £16,573 the Council had used reserves throughout the year to supplement its income, this position was not sustainable.

Each Councillor was invited to comment on the budget itself, specific expenses, and any other observations.

All Councillors were mindful of the economic impact on individual households, particularly at the current time.

A resolution to accept the proposed precept of £28,152.56 was proposed, seconded, and was accepted by a vote of 6 in favour and 1 against. The resolution was granted.

##### 5/21 Banking & Accounts and removal & addition of signatories.

It was widely accepted that there are multiple frustrations with Barclays, however the ongoing Fraud Investigation meant that it would be prudent to retain Barclays services for the current time.

It was proposed that The Clerk would be added via mandate to enable access to view and amend items within the Banking and that Councillor Barker, Councillor Wardle and Councillor Lovejoy would be authorised to undertake online transactions.

All former Clerks, Councillors and parishioners would be removed.

Should the Fraud Investigation Team require copies of previous statements, a request to the Clerk should be made and would not be unreasonably withheld.

A resolution was proposed, seconded and all were in favour. The resolution was granted.

6/21 The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021

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The Clerk had in error proposed that the next ordinary meeting of the Council should take place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

It was confirmed that the Council normally meet on the first Tuesday of the month.

However, a resolution was proposed, seconded and carried with all in favour that the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 would be appropriate for the next meeting, in order to give the new Clerk more time to prepare.

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