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## Welney Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting of Welney Parish Council, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022, 7.15pm at the William Marshall Centre

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

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

**Apologies:** CCllr Dawson

**Public:** two

#### MINUTES

1. **Welcome and opening remarks:** the Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. She advised the public only matters on the agenda would be discussed.
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:** Cllr Barker and Cllr Goodger, Marshall's Charity item.
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 has made a u turn on his accusations against BCllr Rose and has said he will no longer complain about the William Marshall Centre and of the issues with a former Clerk.
6. **To discuss and consider the Action Log from previous meetings:**
  - Verge white lines, this is still ongoing, Cllr Gardiner to meet Highways on site, this should have happened in November and hasn't the Clerk will chase Highways.
  - Overgrown trod between Sandgate and Stockyard farm, diaried for the spring
  - A traffic cone which is covering up the remains of an obsolete or missing traffic sign thought to be a triangular series of bends hazard sign. Still waiting for this to be sorted, apparently its on a BT box, highways have reported this to BT.
  - The tree covering the solar panel on Wash Road will be cut back soon by the Councillors
  - Two finger posts have been reported, one at Back Drove and one at Wisbech Rd.
  - A pothole at Rutland House Wisbech Road has been reported and now has a white line around it, so should be repaired soon.
  - Missing cats' eyes on Main Street, Mark Sharman from highways is meeting Cllr. Gardiner regarding the white lines so this will be reviewed at the same time.
7. **To consider a representative for Marshalls Charity:** after much discussion it was agreed to add this to February's agenda.
8. **To discuss response to Liz Truss regarding meeting with her and issues which are important to Welney, such as rebuilding the QE hospital and permanent solution to flooding of Welney Wash Road:** it was agreed that BCllr Spikings would contact her agent to arrange a meeting with the Council with BCllr Rose and Spikings in attendance
9. **Reports from individual Councillors, Council Groups and Clerk**
  - i. To approve planning applications: *none to report this month*

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- ii. To discuss the Christmas Lights Competition: judging will be 16<sup>th</sup> December between 5pm and 6pm. Judges are Greg Smith, Cllr Lowry, Cllr Harvey and Cllr Goodger.
- iii. To discuss Wash Road flooding with reference to signage, flood alerts, trigger level: Cllr Goodger: the water flowing across the road is the trigger, Cambs and Norfolk County Council deploy the signage. Next time the road floods the telemetry will be checked to see if this is working correctly. Flood watch has many followers and is used for updates on the flooding.

**10. To note any Health and Safety issues:** none to report.

### 11. Finance

- i. To note payments made since last meeting: these were approved

Payments for December 2022 Authorisation					
Payee	Goods/Services	VAT	TOTAL	DD/EP <small>electronic payment /direct debit</small>	Supplier/Service
Melanie Hilton Salary	1,012.82	0.00	<b>1,012.82</b>	EP	53 Hours, plus backdated pay
Melanie Hilton Expenses	18.00	0.00	<b>18.00</b>	EP	Mileage for Parish Council and Budget meetings.
HMRC	389.68	0.00	<b>389.68</b>	EP	Month 8
Nest Pension scheme	58.36	0.00	<b>58.36</b>	DD	Clerks pension
Glasdon	163.47	32.70	<b>196.17</b>	EP	New dog bin at playing field (replaces Hurn Drove)
NPTS	27.00	0.00	<b>27.00</b>	EP	Internal Auditor Course 20/1/23 (shared invoice with Upwell)
Littlethorpe	640.00	128.00	<b>768.00</b>	EP	Noticeboard in Bus Shelter
Westcotec	111.12	22.22	<b>133.34</b>	DD	street Light Maintenance
Npower	87.21	4.36	<b>91.57</b>	DD	Street light energy October 2022
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,507.66</b>	<b>£187.28</b>	<b>£2,694.94</b>		

- ii. To note income and expenditure balances reconciled from the previous month: this was noted
- iii. To approve the budget and precept for 2023-2024: this was approved

**12. To propose any items for the next agenda:** get these to the Clerk in good time.

**13. To note the date of the next parish council meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.15 pm at William Marshall Centre**

**14. Close: the meeting closed at 8.20pm**

Signed by the Chairman ..... Date .....

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