
Welney Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Welney Parish Council, Tuesday 2nd August 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 Gardiner, BCllr Rose, Cllr Barker, Clerk M Hilton.

Apologies: Cllr Goodger, Cllr. Harvey, BCllr Spikings, Cllr Dawson

Public: two

MINUTES

- 1. Welcome and opening remarks:** Councillor Spears presided
- 2. To receive apologies for absence:** apologies were given and approved
- 3. To approve the Minutes from the last meeting:** these were approved and signed by the Chair
- 4. To declare any conflicts and pecuniary interests on any items on this month's Agenda:** Councillor Barker for Marshalls Charity
- 5. Public Forum (ten minutes only):** a parishioner questioned minutes from the Annual Assemble in March 2022 asking BCllr Rose questions about his report regarding the William Marshall Centre. The Chair asked him to put this in writing to BCllr Rose and the Clerk.

A second parishioner asked questions regarding the playing field at the William Marshall Centre he was reminded that this was a Parish Council meeting and the issues raised would be discussed at their next meeting.

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

- Verge white lines, Highways have put in an order for this.
- Overgrown trod between Sandgate and Stockyard farm, highways have agreed this can be sprayed
- Taymour Place pavements are programmed in for September 2022
- Investigate the old Barclays Bank accounts. Councillors Gardiner and Goodger are waiting for the Business Team to contact them.
- The loose railing near the phone box, highways have programmed this in.
- The loose curbs at Hale Drove are completed
- New sign saying Children's play area: the Clerk has reported this on the Highways portal.
- New sign saying Sandgate Meadow in Chestnut Ave. see agenda item number nine.
- Bells Drove streetlight, this is still ongoing with Westcotec
- 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. If it's not required it needs to be properly cut back by Highways team. Highways team will check this out.
- Redundant post on corner of New Road/ Main Street. This has been reported to Highways.
- Broken Perspex bus table sign. This has been replaced.
- overgrown drains at Chestnut Ave: Clerk has reported this and Highways say that locals would know that the drain is hidden in the foliage. Clerk will ask the Rangers to clear this.
- Overgrown trees at Tipps End, the Clerk has asked for addresses so these can be reported to Highways. Clerk has asked again for the addresses so this can be reported.

The Council asked the Clerk to report outstanding items to the Rangers which meet their remit.

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7. Reports from individual Councillors, Council Groups and Clerk

- i. To approve Planning applications: *Cllr Barker*
 - Planning Application Consultation 22/01193/F Single storey garage at Fenland New Road Welney Wisbech Norfolk PE14 9RA. *Welney Parish Council approves this application.*
- ii. To discuss plans for Welney Christmas Tree: *Cllr. Spears*. Councillor Spears quoted two prices from Fred Bassett for real Christmas trees a Norway Spruce £90 / Nordman £150. Make Welney Beautiful will pay for the tree and it was approved that the Parish Council would purchase the Christmas tree lights.

8. Update on application for streetlights and defibulators from CIL grants: The Clerk reported that extra points for the application came from BCLRs Spikings and Rose supporting the applications. Also, more points were added to the application from a recent survey carried out on Facebook. The Clerk is now waiting to hear from the CIL grant team to see if the grants have been awarded or not.

9. To discuss new signage around Sandgate Meadow Park: this item will be added to a wish list of the Parish Council and reviewed.

10. To discuss the letter from Marshalls Charity: Councillor Goodger reported that this letter would be coming at last month's meeting. Marshalls Charity are in the process of changing the governance of the charity. No points were raised regarding this.

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

12. Finance

i. To note payments made since last meeting. These were approved

Payments for August 2022 Authorisation

Payee	Goods/Services	VAT	TOTAL	DD/EP electronic payment /direct debit	Supplier/Service
Melanie Hilton Salary	694.54	0.00	694.54	EP	52 Hours
Melanie Hilton Expenses	9.00	0.00	9.00	EP	16 miles each way Meeting WMC for meeting
HMRC	196.75	0.00	196.75	EP	Month 5
Nest Pension scheme	25.66	0.00	25.66	DD	Clerks pension
Advanced Payroll Services	25.00	0.00	25.00	EP	Payroll services for June 2022
Paul Spears	9.16	1.83	10.99	EP	Padlock for new SAM2 camera
Marshalls Charity	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	EP	Footpath loan repayment initial loan £7000 repaid to date £4000
Westcotec	111.12	22.22	133.34	DD	Street light maintenance
Npower	75.81	3.79	79.60	DD	Street light energy June 2022
TOTAL	£2,147.04	£27.84	£2,174.88		

- ii. To note income and expenditure balances reconciled from the previous month. This was noted
- iii. Councillor Spears has received three quotes for a noticeboard at the new bus shelter. It was agreed to purchase one from Littlethorpe, the manufacturers of the bus shelter at a cost of £500.

13. To propose any items for the next agenda: the Clerk was asked to invite Monica Stonham from the Environmental Agency to the next meeting to give an update on the barrier works.

iv. **To note the date of the next parish council meeting** – 6th September 2022 at 7.15 pm at William Marshall Centre

14. Close: the meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed by the Chairman Date

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