
Welney Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Welney Parish Council, Tuesday 6th June 2023, 7.15pm at the William Marshall Centre

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

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

Apologies: BCllr Spikings, CClr Dawson

Public: three

MINUTES

1. **Welcome and Opening remarks:** the Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting
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:** Cllrs Lowry and Goodger for Marshalls Charity.
4. **To approve the Minutes from the last meeting:** these were approved and signed by the Chair
5. **Public Forum (ten minutes only):** two parishioners still have issues with a statement made by BCllr Rose in March 2022. The Welney Playing Field Charity will answer them both with a letter.
6. **To discuss and consider the Action Log from previous meetings:**
 - Missing Traffic sign Wash Road: Andy Wallace has stated this will be removed.
 - A BT box, highways have reported this to BT, but still nothing done on this.
 - Finger post has been reported at Wisbech Road. An email from David Mills said this should be installed by the end of June.
 - Post snapped off opposite the pub. This is still not repaired
 - Road at the top of Hurn drove has a hump in it: this has been reported several times and Andy Wallace did look at it in Feb 2023. This is still not repaired.
 - The Hives Main Street: the drain has been marked for repair.
 - Wash Road flashing flood sign, Cllr Goodger attended a meeting with Jay Moore, Mat Barker, Chris Dawson, and Karl Rands, it was agreed a camera will be installed to help with the flood issues. Also, all the signage will be looked at including this one which does not work. Norfolk County Council need to sign off the ability of the flood watch team opening and closing the barriers when necessary. Cllr Goodger will keep the Council informed of any updates on this, but for now, this item can be closed off the action log.
7. **Reports from individual Councillors, Council Groups and Clerk**
 - i. **To approve planning applications:** no planning applications this month
 - ii. **To discuss the purchase of a third Sam2 Camera: Cllr Gardiner.** Cllr Gardiner asked for this item to be withdrawn from the meeting agenda.
 - iii. **To discuss becoming custodian trustees of Welney Playing Field: Cllr Bombata:** Cllr Bombata wanted to discuss being custodian trustees instead of sole trustees. After a discussion it was agreed to think about this and have another discussion. The Clerk will find out some more details regarding this from Community Action Norfolk.
 - iv. **To receive an update regarding land rent for Sandgate Meadows: Clerk.** The Clerk has telephone Property Services at the Borough Council, she was told that because Cllr Gardiner had asked for a consideration of a

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reduction in the rent due to covid, and therefore could not fund raise, that this had put a hold on the invoice being sent out. The Clerk will contact Matthew Henry Head of Property services to discuss further.

- v. **To discuss proposal of building for the village from Lyod Homes: Cllrs Spears and Goodger.** The Councillors were approached by John Langley of Loyd Homes regarding the gift of a small modular building at the back of the new housing estate, maybe for a shop. Land rent would need to be paid for this. His idea is that this would be run by volunteers. It was decided that the Council did not wish to invest in this venture. Cllr Bombata said he would assist anyone who wanted to set this up as he had some experience of this, as he had tried to open a shop in the old village Hall.

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

9. Finance

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

Payments for June 2023 Authorisation					
Payee	Goods/Services	VAT	TOTAL	DD/EP <small>electronic payment /direct debit</small>	Supplier/Service
Melanie Hilton Salary	686.21	0.00	686.21	EP	48.5 Hours
Melanie Hilton Expenses	9.00	0.00	9.00	EP	Mileage for Parish Council meeting
HMRC	191.20	0.00	191.20	EP	Month 2
Nest Pension scheme	24.89	0.00	24.89	DD	Clerks pension
Welney Playing Field	20.00	0.00	20.00	EP	Hall Hire 6/6/23
Westcotec	6,555.00	1,311.00	7,866.00	EP	3 supply and install 5m lamp columns (DD wouldn't go through)
Westcotec	111.12	22.22	133.34	DD	Street Light Maintenance
Npower	90.82	4.54	95.36	DD	Street light energy April 2023
TOTAL	£7,688.24	£1,337.76	£9,026.00		

- ii. To note income and expenditure balances reconciled from the previous month: this was noted

10. To propose any items for the next agenda:

- to consider the Parish Council becoming custodian trustees of the William Marshall Centre and Playing Field

11. **To note the date of the next parish council meeting** – 4th July 2023 at 7.15pm at William Marshall Centre

12. **Close: the meeting closed at 8.27pm**

Signed by the Chairman Date

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