## **Minutes of the meeting of Welney Parish Council, Tuesday 5th April 2022, 7.15pm at the William Marshall Centre**

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

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

**Public**: 6

**Apologies** : CCLLR Dawson

**MINUTES**

### **Welcome and opening remarks:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

### **To consider and approve apologies for absence:**

Apologies were approved

### **To approve the minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes for the last full Council meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.

### **To receive Declarations of Interest on the Agenda Items:** for Marshalls Charity item, Cllr Goodger and Cllr Barker declared.

1. **A minute’s silence for the late Paul Edmunds former Councillor and Chairman:** The Chair asked everyone to stand for a minute’s silence.
2. **To welcome the representative of the Environmental Agency:** Four representatives came to the meeting. They informed the Council that between the railway bridge and the pumping station was still to be completed. The barrier works are due to be completed between 20/7/22 to 25/8/2022 when the road will be closed. All goods will be transported in via the A10. From the 16/6/22 to 16/9/22 there will be traffic lights in use. In the next couple of weeks, the grass will be cut, then will be cut every six weeks thereafter. On the 23/4/22 there will be a drop in at the William Marshall Centre between the hours of 10am and 2pm for any queries about the road closure and barriers. The new demountable barrier will be kept in Ely. Once a week there will also be an Environmental Agency surgery in the Lamb and Flag pub. Notice for this will be put onto Facebook and the hours for this is 7.30am until 6pm.
3. **Public forum (10 minutes only):** a member of the public asked to see the minutes regarding the police case against a former Clerk. This was minuted in December 2021 minutes. He was also told there was no further case to answer to therefore the case is now closed. He also said he had contacted the insurance for the Parish Council and the William Marshall Centre (WMC) and was told he was not privy to any information from them. This is correct he is not a Councillor and only the Chair and the Clerk can speak the insurance company. He is concerned the WMC is not insured. He was told that firstly this is a charity matter and not a Parish Council issue and that the building is indeed insured.
4. **To discuss the Action Log:**

* The documents and laptop will be returned from the Police to the Chairs house this week.
* Money left in the Playing Field Charity account is £304.09 this may be purchased for a table tennis table or other play equipment at WMC.
* Bedford Bank, there is no further update on this.
* White lines at the side of Main Street and roundels are still to be completed.
* The Elderly Signpost at Sandgate has been replaced.
* The overgrown trod at Sandgate, the Clerk asked Highways if this could be sprayed, no answer as yet. The Clerk will chase.
* Paths at Taymour place and Chestnut Ave and Main Street are programmed in for this year.
* Barclays bank accounts issues, no response from the letter sent from the Clerk, she will chase.
* The new rails at the steps are still a little loose but not dangerous. Clerk will chase this with Highways.
* Back Drove signage still has been done or the loose kerb stone at Hale Drove, clerk will chase
* The traffic signs at March Road have been turned back round.
* A couple of chevon’s need replacing Councillor Gardiner will take photos and send to the Clerk
* Bells Drove streetlight Councillor Gardiner will telephone Westcotec and discuss this with them
* Signage for Sandgate Meadow and the Children’s playground, no update on these. The Clerk will chase.
* Fly tipped tyres on March Road have been removed

1. **To review Parish Council representation on the Marshalls Charity Committee:** at the May meeting the Council will choose two representatives for Marshall Charity. All previous representees should be removed by Marshalls Charity. This will now be done on an annual basis at the Annual Parish Meeting. If a Councillors leaves the Council, they will no longer be a representative on Marshalls Charity. This is per the Councils Standing Orders. Clerk to right to their secretary of the charity to explain this.
2. **To discuss organising a litter pick in Welney:** a parishioner is organising a litter pick along the riverbank. Clerk will contact the Clean Up Team and ask to borrow the litter picking equipment for the 7th and 8th May 2022. The Councillors will complete a litter pick on Sunday the 8th May starting at 10am, anyone can join in to help with this.
3. **Reports from Individual Councillor’s, Working Groups and Clerk:**

* To discuss planning applications Cllr Barker:

Planning Application Consultation 22/00187/F First floor extension and rear single storey extension, with internal alterations. at The Walnuts Wisbech Road Tipps End Welney Norfolk PE14 9SQ. *Welney Parish Council advises approval of this application*

1. **Finance**

* The outstanding payments to be approved for payment. These were approved.

Payments due for April 2022
 

* To note the cashbook: this was approved
* To note the QPAB: this was approved
* To discuss the NALC subscription cost £144.78: the Council decided not to renew this as we use Norfolk Parish Partnership Training and Support more than NALC.
* To discuss adding additional Councillors to view Unity Trust Bank transactions: it was agreed Councillor Spears, Gardiner and Goodger could have view access to the bank accounts.
* To discuss the Parish Partnership Scheme grants awarded for village gates and a new bus shelter, also consider future grant application for 2023-24: The purchase of the gates and bus shelter were approved, Councillor Spears and the Clerk will get these on order. The position of the gates is still an ongoing discussion, the Clerk has contacted Highways re the installation of the gates but has had no response. The Clerk will chase. The old bus shelter is being donated to RUG.

1. **Items for the Next Agenda**: the two Causal Vacancies
2. **The next meeting is The Annual Parish Meeting of the Council is to be held Tuesday 3rd May 2021 at 7.15pm followed by the ordinary meeting at 7.45pm.**
3. **To Close:** the meeting closed at 9.20pm

**Signed by the Chairman ……………………………………………………………………………………. Date ……………………………**