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## Welney Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting of Welney Parish Council, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 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, Clerk M Hilton.

**Apologies:** Cllr Bombata, BCllr Rose, BCllr Spikings, CCllr Dawson (arrived at 8.10pm)

**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:** none received
4. **To approve the Minutes from the last meeting:** these were approved and signed by the Chair
5. **Public Forum (ten minutes only):** one parishioner was disappointed that nothing further had been discussed about the William Marshall Centre Building. Two statements were read by Cllrs Spears and Harvey directed at this parishioner. The parishioner said he would now deal with this in his own way. Another parishioner asked if the Council would issue the report of the building which was written (a few years ago) when he was a Councillor. The Council responded with the building meets all safety requirements. The parishioner said he would go to the press and stormed out of the meeting.
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 on Wash Road, this has been repaired
  - Finger post has been reported at Wisbech Road. this has been replaced
  - 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 now been marked out for repair
  - The Hives Main Street: the drain has been marked for repair.
7. **Reports from individual Councillors, Council Groups and Clerk**
  - i. **To approve planning applications:** no planning applications this month
  - ii. **To discuss becoming custodian trustees of the William Marshall Centre and Playing Field:**  
after a discussion, it was agreed not to change from Sole to custodian trustees.
  - iii. **To discuss the purchase of another defibrillator:** *Cllr Spears*  
one site considered was the garage over the suspension bridge side, however, the staff who run this do not own it. The other site is Tipps End and still no further forward with a suitable location there either.
  - iv. **To discuss the delegated agreement for the deployment of barriers:** *Cllr Goodger:*  
a draft document has been produced by Norfolk County Council; the Council agreed with this agreement. Cllrs Goodger and Spears will be the main people who will deploy the barriers and Mathew Barker will assist when required. The barriers will only be deployed when the Environmental Agency says so. The Clerk will inform the insurance regrading this.

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- 8. To note any Health and Safety issues:** the trod is very overgrown with neighbouring hedges. A list of addresses will be given to the Clerk to write to them and ask for them to cut them back. The Public Right of Way near Giles' is also overgrown: Cllr Spears will contact the land owner and ask for this to be cut.

### 9. Finance

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

Payments for July 2023 Authorisation					
Payee	Goods/Services	VAT	TOTAL	DD/EP electronic payment /direct debit	Supplier/Service
Melanie Hilton Salary	740.92	0.00	<b>740.92</b>	EP	52.5 Hours
Melanie Hilton Expenses	34.20	0.00	<b>34.20</b>	EP	Mileage for Parish Council meeting, and 56 miles to Norfolk records office
HMRC	215.77	0.00	<b>215.77</b>	EP	Month 3
Nest Pension scheme	29.94	0.00	<b>29.94</b>	DD	Clerks pension
Wisebch Payroll	119.49	0.00	<b>119.49</b>	EP	Payroll processing April - June 2023
Npower	84.77	4.24	<b>89.01</b>	DD	Street light energy May 2023
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,225.09</b>	<b>£4.24</b>	<b>£1,229.33</b>		

- ii. To note income and expenditure balances reconciled from the previous month: this was noted
- iii. To note the Quarterly Progress Against Budget: this was noted
- iv. To discuss streetlight maintenance contract: the Clerk ask for three quotes only two responded. K and M were chosen to take on the contract for one year from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023.

- 10. To propose any items for the next agenda:** none currently

- 11. To note the date of the next parish council meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.15pm at William Marshall Centre**

- 12. Close: the meeting closed at 8.25pm**

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

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