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## Welney Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Meeting of Welney Parish Council, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 7.15pm at the William Marshall Centre

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

**Those Present:** Cllr Goodger, Cllr Gaylor, Cllr Clayden, Cllr Lowry, Cllr Barker, Cllr Gardiner, CCllr Dawson BCllr Rose, Clerk M Hilton. CCllr Dawson arrived at 19.21pm

**Apologies:** Cllr Spears, Cllr Bombata, BCllr Spikings,

**Public:** six

#### MINUTES

##### 1. Welcome and opening remarks

##### 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):

- A parishioner asked when Hurn Drove would be resurfaced. Cllr Spears had sent in a report to say this should be started early November.
- Another parishioner (a vexatious complainer) started to talk about a previous Clerk's actions regarding theft of monies. The Chair stopped him as this matter has been dealt with by the Police.
- BCllr Rose said the Chief Executive from the Borough Council will be visiting the area on the 12<sup>th</sup> December, he will be discussing Sandgate Meadow with her.

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

- To remove the 40mph road markings on the A1101 near the Welney Sign
- To consider signage on Wisbech Road Tipps End 'beware oncoming traffic' this is after an accident has taken place in the area. Clerk to email CCllr Dawson.

##### 7. To note the meeting dates for 2025\_26: these were noted

##### 8. Reports from individual Councillors, Council Groups and Clerk

- i* To discuss any planning applications: *no applications this time.*
- ii* To discuss bird/bat boxes: Cllr Gaylor has emailed for more information on this. CCllr Dawson has said he will fund between £150 to £200 per village to purchase these.
- iii* To note any Highways and Wash Rd updates:
  - thanks was given to Cllr Barker for covering the Facebook page regarding the flooding of the Wash. New flood signage should start to be installed mid-November.
  - Mud has been reported on the A1101, Cllr Goodger rang the farmer and asked him to clean the road, which he did do although a little late. CCllr Dawson said Police and Highways should have a meeting before next seasons harvest to discuss the issues of mud on the road. Member of the public need to report mud on the roads to the farmers/Police straight away. The landowner is responsible for keeping the highway clean.
- iv* To discuss Christmas Lights Competition 2024: judging will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024
- v* To discuss defibrillator training: CCllr Dawson said there has been nothing concrete come of this, he will email local Clerks and the Company that offered the training.

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**9. To note any Health and Safety issues:** no issues reported

### 10. Finance

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

#### Payments for November 2024 Authorisation

| Payee                     | Goods/Services   | VAT           | TOTAL            | DD/EP<br><small>electronic payment<br/>/direct debit</small> | Supplier/Service           |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Melanie Hilton Salary     | 672.36           | 0.00          | <b>672.36</b>    | EP   | 45 hours                   |
| Melanie Hilton Expenses   | 9.00             | 0.00          | <b>9.00</b>      | EP   | Mileage for budget meeting |
| HMRC                      | 185.10           | 0.00          | <b>185.10</b>    | EP   | Month 7                    |
| Nest Pension scheme       | 13.49            | 0.00          | <b>13.49</b>     | DD   | Clerks pension             |
| NALC                      | 120.00           | 24.00         | <b>144.00</b>    | EP   | Payroll services           |
| K and M Lighting Services | 26.96            | 5.39          | <b>32.35</b>     | EP   | Street light maintenance   |
| Npower                    | 121.91           | 6.10          | <b>128.01</b>    | DD   | Street light energy        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>£1,148.82</b> | <b>£35.49</b> | <b>£1,184.31</b> |  |                            |

- ii. To note income and expenditure balances reconciled from the previous month: this was noted.
- iii. To approve the budget and precept for 2025\_26: this was unanimously approved. There will be no rise in the precept for 25\_26.
- iv. To discuss the grant application from Welney Social Club for a pool table: Cllrs Gardiner and Clayden declared an interest. It was approved for the Council to purchase the pool table and it will remain the property of the Parish Council. Cllr Dawson said he would donate £200 towards the cost.
- v. To note purchase of Remembrance Sunday Wreath: Cllr Spears has purchased this.
- vi. To approve internal auditor for 24/25: Robin Goreman was approved to undertake the internal audit.

**11. To propose any items for the next agenda:** to discuss trimming around the village gateways

**12. To note the date of the next parish council meeting** – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7.15pm at William Marshall Centre.

**13. Close:** the meeting closed at 20.04pm.

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

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