

## WELNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Welney Parish Council held at the William Marshall Centre, Hurn Drove, Welney on Tuesday 4 July 2017 at 7.30 pm.

### Present:

#### Parish Councillors

Cllr G Rainbird (Chairman)  
Cllr M Barker  
Cllr L Bombata  
Cllr P Edmunds  
Cllr P Gardiner  
Cllr K Goodger  
Cllr K Lind

#### District Councillors

Cllr D Pope

#### County Councillors

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7 members of the Public  
Clerk

### ACTION

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

No apologies.

#### 2. Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest.

#### 3. Appointment of New Clerk

The appointment of the Mrs Liz Parlett as the new Clerk was confirmed.

#### 4. (a) Public Participation

The following points were raised by members of the public:

- (i) Management of the hall. The Chairman outlined the position with regard to the various committees and explained that the Parish Council, as sole trustees, are responsible for the playing field and hall.
- (ii) Welcome packs for new residents. The pack needs to be updated and this will be discussed at the next meeting.
- (iii) Concern was expressed that there was nothing on the agenda regarding the playing field. The Chairman explained that this will be discussed at the Trustees meeting.

#### 4. (b) Comments from District/County Councillors

There were no issues to raise.

#### 5. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Item 10, line 3 should read "... separate committees were not always necessary..."

Individual councillors taking the lead on specific subjects should read as follows:

Cllr Barker & Cllr Gardiner	Traffic and Community Speedwatch & SAM2
Cllr Edmunds	Defibrillator
Cllr Goodger	Flooding and the Environment Agency, Planning
Cllr Gardiner	Litter and Fly Tipping

**ACTION**

Subject to the above changes, the minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2017, having been circulated to all councillors, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting.

**6. Matters Arising****(a) Sandgate Corner Meadow**

The retiring Clerk reported that Heads of Terms for a new agreement had been sent and would be circulated. Clerk

**(b) Houses in Chestnut Avenue**

Freebridge Housing have indicated that the plan is to demolish the four houses in Chestnut Avenue. This issue will be discussed further at the next meeting.

**(c) Programme of Works to the River Banks – Environment Agency**

Work on Middle Bank is due to commence mid July. Concern was expressed regarding safety and damage to the roads, as a result of contractors' vehicles travelling through the village up to the bank. It was agreed to write to the Environment Agency expressing these concerns. Cllr Gardiner will draft a letter, to be agreed by all councillors, prior to sending.

PG / Clerk

**7. Casual Vacancy**

The casual vacancy is to be filled by co-option. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

**8. Finance**

The following invoices were agreed for payment by cheque:

Fenland Fire Services – Annual service of fire extinguishers at William Marshall Centre		41.42
Welney Croft Cricket Club – Half year's grant for cutting grass	500.00	
Less Contra: 6 home matches up to and including 2 July 2017 @ £46 per match	276.00	
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To be paid by direct debit:		
Clerk's salary		255.68
E-On Electric for lights		103.05
E-On Electric for WMC		98.56
Income: E-On Feed-In Tariff as at June 2017		205.69

Following discussion, it was agreed to set up a Finance Committee, with membership comprising Cllrs Bombata, Goodger and Lind. This was proposed by Cllr Gardiner, seconded by Cllr Edmunds and carried unanimously.

**9. Correspondence**

- (a) Various training information leaflets from Norfolk Association
- (b) Welney WI – Invitation to 1940s evening
- (c) Community Action Norfolk – AGM details and signpost magazine
- (d) BCKLWN – email 27.6.17 – Electoral Review of Warding Arrangements – Circulated to all councillors
- (e) Various Police Connect and OP Randall messages – circulated to all

**ACTION**  
Clerk

The training for councillors was discussed. Cllr Bombata proposed that this training for councillors be arranged as soon as possible, seconded by Cllr Lind and carried unanimously.

**10. Councillors Lead on Specific Subjects**

Consideration was given to the merits of setting up a planning committee. However, following discussion, it was felt that it would be better to continue with a lead councillor. Cllr Goodger was proposed as lead councillor for planning issues by Cllr Gardiner, seconded by Cllr Edmunds and carried unanimously.

**11. Planning Matters**

There were no planning matters to report.

Cllrs Barker and Goodger were unable to attend the meeting at the Borough Council on 22 June.

**12. Highway Matters**

**(a) Update re Fundraising for the £1,400 – 50% share for the cost of SAM2**

Consideration was given to various ways of raising the £1,400, which is the Council's 50% share for the cost of SAM2. Following discussion, it was agreed that letters would be sent to the contractor and the Environment Agency seeking sponsorship of the equipment. Also, letters will be sent to businesses and homes in the village requesting donations. Cllr Goodger proposed that Cllr Gardiner drafted letters to go to the contractor, Environment Agency, businesses and homes in Welney, seconded by Cllr Edmunds and carried unanimously.

PG to  
draft  
letters

Cllr Gardiner will be the lead councillor with Community Speedwatch. Initially six volunteers will be required. Cllrs Bombata, Barker and Gardiner volunteered to be involved, with Cllr Goodger if required. Cllr Bombata proposed that the Parish Council should support the setting up of the Community Speedwatch, seconded by Cllr Edmunds and carried unanimously.

**(c) Problems with Vehicles Overtaking on Main Street**

Issues regarding the state of the road surfaces, potholes and the need for additional speed limit signage were discussed. Cllr Barker will provide a list of issues to be addressed and the clerk will forward these to the Highways Department.

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Clerk

**13. Items for Next Agenda**

Playing field  
William Marshall Centre for Parish Council – for information  
Chestnut Avenue  
Parish Council Website  
Welcome Packs

**14. Clerk**

On behalf of the Council, the Chairman thanked Pat Copeman for all her work as Clerk over the last 21 years, and wished her a happy retirement.

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

Signed ..... Date .....