

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELNEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE PARISH HALL, WELNEY, ON TUESDAY 2nd AUGUST, 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Cllr.K.Goodger (Chairman) Cllrs.T.Bennett, T. Bray, S.Dobson, C.Freer, V.Pratley, G. Rainbird and the Clerk

Also present: Dist.Cllr.D.Pope, Mrs. J. Elliott and PCSO Tracey Milburn (who arrived at 7.45 p.m.)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. T Eyles and Dist.Cllr.V.Spikings.

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Declaration of Interests

None at this stage.

4. Co-option to fill one vacancy

The Chairman then introduced Mrs. J.Elliott who had expressed an interest in the vacancy on the Parish Council. She confirmed that she was still interested in the position, and with everyone in agreement, she was formally co-opted onto the Parish Council. She was invited to join Councillors at the table, and was handed all the required paperwork for signature and for her information.

5 Minutes of Last Meetings

The minutes of the Meeting held on 12th July, 2011 having been circulated to all councillors were confirmed by all present and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

6. Matters Arising

1. Community Speed Watch – Cllr.Bennett confirmed that everything was in hand but he had nothing further to report at present.

2. Field to the North of Chestnut Avenue – Welney Allotments. No further allotments had been let, but it was confirmed that the current allotment holders had held a Social evening and barbeque on Thursday 15th July and were planning to hold a further meeting on 11th August, 2011. Grateful thanks were recorded to Cllr.Bennett for cutting all the grass on the field, and to Mr. Stuart who had commenced a clean up operation on the un-let area of the field. The growth had been cut down and in due course the area would be ploughed and power harrowed

3. Possible In-House Training – Christchurch had confirmed that there may be some of their Councillors interested in the proposed training but they had not confirmed numbers. It was noted that their meeting will be held next week, so it was agreed to leave it until the end of the next week. If no-one is interested then an approach would be made to Nordelph, and hopefully the training could be held late September or early October.

4. Possible Village Screening – Rural Touring Cinema Scheme. Following the last meeting, the Clerk had found out more details of this project relating to equipment hire, training, requirements in the hall for showing films and costs etc, Two local villages, Barton Bendish and Watlington, as well as Downham Market, have become involved with the scheme and Cllr.Bennett agreed to find out more information from the villages as what kind of response they had and whether it was a worthwhile venture possibly with a view to fund raising for the new Community Centre,

5. Review of the Parish Appraisal and Questionnaire for the New Community Centre – The Clerk confirmed that following the last meeting she had sent a notice for inclusion in the next issue of the Welney News advising residents that the questionnaire would be dropping through letterboxes in the near future,

6. Proposed Power and Recycling Centre at King's Lynn – Cllr. Bennett confirmed that he had attended the Development Control Meeting at King's Lynn regarding the proposed Power and Recycling Centre at King's Lynn. He confirmed that the Borough Council who called the meeting, had listed 12 points of objection to the application, and during the meeting itself a further point had been added. Additional information was given by Dist. Cllr. Pope. It was confirmed that the Borough Council are unanimous in rejecting the whole application. Cllr. Bennett also confirmed that the consultation period had been extended by a further two weeks. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Bennett, seconded by Cllr. Bray and agreed that we should write a letter in support of the Borough Council and copies should go to NCC, Caroline Spelman MP, Eric Pickles MP, Elizabeth Truss MP, and Henry Bellingham MP.

The Chairman then adjourned the meeting and introduced PCSO Tracy Milburn. She explained to the meeting that problems were still being experienced with the theft of scrap metal and fuel. She emphasised the fact that it is vitally important that any suspicious vehicles or activity are reported to the police so that immediate action can be taken. The problem with young persons (under age) riding motor bicycles around the village roads and lanes was mentioned, and she again emphasised the fact that a call must be made while the offence was actually being committed as otherwise the offenders were long gone before the police could attend. The Chairman thanked PCSO Milburn for attending, and then re-convened the meeting.

7. Localism Bill – All Councillors had been provided with either the web address to print off their own copy, or a hard copy of the Localism Bill, and this could be studied at Councillors convenience.

8. Welcome Pack for Newcomers – The Clerk provided a copy of the current Welcome Pack which is handed out to new residents moving into the Village. It was agreed to produce a copy for each councillor in readiness for the next meeting, and also to put a notice in the next edition of the Welney News asking residents to let the Clerk know of anyone new moving into their vicinity. Hopefully this would ensure that people were not missed out.

9. Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations – 2nd to 5th June, 2012. It was agreed that some form of celebration should be arranged for the Diamond Jubilee weekend. It was suggested that the arrangements could possibly be dealt with by the Parish Appraisal sub-committee and possibly incorporate some fund raising for the New Community Centre. However it was agreed that it would be a good idea to hold a Dance on the Saturday evening 2nd June (possibly on the Playing Field) and the Clerk was asked to enquire from Mr. Steve Kerr if his band would be available for the event. It was also agreed to enquire if the local disco would also be available for the same evening.

10. Possible First Aid Classes - Mr. Dave Moseley had confirmed that he was looking into the arrangements and requirements to hold First Aid Classes in the Parish Hall. Initially he will be putting a notice in the next Welney News to find out what level of interest there is in such a venture and depending on the outcome he would let the Council know his decision.

11. Joint Meeting of Local Councils – Confirmation had been received from Nordelph that the next meeting would be held at Nordelph Village Hall on Wednesday 7th September, 2011 at 7.30 p.m. It was confirmed that three or four Councillors from Welney would probably be attending and the following items were put forward for inclusion on the Agenda:

- a. Proposed Power and Recycling Centre at King's Lynn
- b. Volunteer Services to County Councils for Highway Work, cutting of rights of way etc .
- c. Localism Bill.

12. Dog Bins/Waste Bins – Cllr. Dobson asked for an update on this matter. The Clerk confirmed that following the Borough Council's confirmation that they would not be able to consider replacing the dog bin with a waste bin as this was on private property (the land belonging to the Environment Agency) a request had been made for the bin to be re-sited onto the area between the Bridges so that it would be available for those persons coming off the River Banks. Nothing further had been heard from the Borough Council and it was agreed to contact them again. The details would also be passed to Dist. Cllr. who confirmed that he would also take the matter up with Mr. Chris Bamfield.

7. Finance

On the proposition of Cllr. Bray, seconded by Cllr.Dobson, and agreed, the following invoice was approved and the cheque was signed:

Fenland Fire Appliance LLB – Service and repairs to
Fire extinguishers at Pavilion £79 . 86

Paid by Direct Debit

13.7.11 E-On Street Lighting 59 . 81

1.8.11 Mrs.P.Copeman – Salary 255 . 68

8. Parish Hall.

The electricity meters was checked before the start of the meeting but there were no monies

With regard to the Purchase and Sale of the hall Site there was nothing further to report at present but contact would be maintained with Elgoods to keep up to date with developments.

9 . Proposed New Community Centre

Following the last meeting details of where to apply for funding via Reaching Communities, BCKLWN, Wren and Fens Leader (European Funding) had been received from Lucinda Leonard of the NRCC. Details of these are also on file, and Ms. Leonard offered further assistance when quotations had been received and Council were ready to make funding applications.

Cllr. Bray offered to put together a list of possible companies who could be approached to see if they would assist with some funding for the New Community Centre. He would prepare a draft letter for approval.

Mr .Robin Briscoe (Architect) had forwarded a copy of the outline specifications for the new building and a copy had been forwarded to all councillors. Following a brief discussion to was proposed by Cllr.Pratley, seconded by Cllr. Freer and unanimously agreed that we confirm everything is in order and ask Mr.Briscoe to move matters on towards getting the quotations for the work required.

Dist.Cllr.Pope advised the meeting that the Borough Council will have some computers that they wish to dispose of. He understood that they were charging £25.00 each for them and if any villages or village organisations would find them useful, then contact could be made with the Borough Council. It was felt that this was something that might be useful for the Youth Club and Cllr.Freer agreed to mention this to them.

10. Playing Field

It was reported to the meeting that there is a small pane of glass broken at the front of the pavilion and it was agreed to ask Mr. Steve Kerr if he could repair this for us.

Football Goal for the Playing Field - .Following the discussion at the last meeting, the Clerk had obtained prices of various goals that might be suitable. It was agreed to contact Mr. Loveday again to see if he could let us have a price and the Chairman agreed to speak to Fenland Leisure Products to obtain a price on the equipment that they were offering.

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11 Correspondence

1. Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel meeting – Wednesday 3rd August 7 p.m. Downham Market Town Hall.
2. Glasdon Direct – Catalogue of goods available for Parish Councils 2011
3. Elizabeth Truss MP – Fourteenth monthly report.
4. BCKLWN – Agenda and Minutes of Council Meetings
5. Group – Annual Report 2010/11
6. Cambridgeshire County Council – Cambs and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework – Adoption of the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy, etc.
7. BCKLWN – Important E-coli Advice for business and premises where raw food might be handled.
8. Norfolk RCC – Copy of Signpost Magazine – July 2011.

9. Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk – Planning Core Strategy – Notice of Adoption and copy of the Book. (Cllrs, were provided with the website address so that they could view the book and it required run off their own copy)
10. Norfolk Constabulary – Copy of Police News
11. Fenland Communities Development Plan – Core Strategy and Statement of Community Involvement.
12. Latest Newsletter for Fields in Trust
13. Cambs Acre – Reaching out to Local Communities – Latest Information
14. Change of House Name Details from the Borough Council. Formerly known as New Bedford House, Hundred Foot Bank, the Property is now to be known as The Willows.

12. Plans and Planning Matters

The following decisions had been received:

Ref No. 11/00698/F

Mr. & Mrs. I. Cowell – Proposed single and two storey side extensions at White Cottage, Back Drove, Welney

Planning permission granted 4th July, 2011.

13 Highway Matters

Following the last meeting the Clerk had reported the items raised to Highways, but nothing had been heard regarding the trees encroaching onto the road at Tipps End and the requested update of the levelling of the lowest parts of Wash Road. Contact would be made with the Highways Engineer as he had promised to contact either the Clerk or the Chairman when he was next visiting Welney so that an inspection could be made of any problems.

It was also agreed to contact Highways again and say how disappointed the Council are at the lack of progress regarding the levelling on the Wash Road. It was further agreed to confirm that Council would be contacting the Environment Agency for a further meeting to obtain a full update of the current situation following the meeting in December 2010.

The following points were raised for Highways attention:

1. A serious hole in the road surface on the first bridge
2. The breaking up of the surface in Main Street is causing concern

14 Items for Next Agenda

Nothing.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

SignedK.Goodger..... (Chairman)

Dated.....6th September, 2010.....