

Minutes of the Extra Meeting of Welney Parish Council
Held at The Parish Hall, Welney on Tuesday 14th July, 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr.K.Goodger (Chairman) Cllrs.L.Bombata, H.Cowles, K.Cowles, P.Edmunds, J.Elliott, R.Gilbert, G.Rainbird, 11 Members of the Public and the Clerk.

Public Participation

None

1 To Ensure that necessary feedbacks are given to the Council and approvals are received from the Council before any decisions are made and to ensure that elected members who are members of the Action Team are given adequate notice of meetings.

Cllr.Rainbird reported the history of the Action Team and when they were formed and referred to the Terms of Reference. The Action Team were supposed to report to the Parish Council on a Monthly Basis but it was very difficult to get information. Grant applications and planning applications had been made in the name of the Parish Council and called Welney Replacement Pavilion. He then read out an e-mail which had appeared with the planning application where the representative of MRC had confirmed that a maximum of 6 events where music would be played would be more than sufficient.

Cllr.Bombata stated that he believed the Action Team had overstepped their mark by the fact that the letters regarding the planning application had been sent to the Architect rather than direct to the Parish Council. He also raised points relating to the application and especially the 6 music events on which the Parish Council had never been consulted. He felt it was imperative that the Borough Council should be made aware of the fact that the Parish Council did not agree to the number quoted.

Prior to the meeting, Councillors had all been forwarded a copy of the Planning Permission for the new building which had been received by e-mail from the Architect that afternoon.

Following further discussion the following proposals were made:

- a. Write to Mr.Chris Neill at MRC and ask who gave permission for the musical events to be set at 6 and that they must finish by 11 p.m. As the Parish Council were not aware of this and were never consulted. Proposed by Cllr.Bombata, seconded by Cllr. Rainbird, with 4 votes for the proposal (Cllrs. Rainbird, Gilbert, Bombata and K. Cowles)and 2 abstentions (Cllrs.Goodger and Elliott)
- b. It was also agreed to write to Mr.Wilkinson at the Planning Department confirming that the Parish Council are not happy with the Condition 6 – Stipulating 6 music events which must finish by 11 p.m., as we were never made aware of the condition nor consulted on it.

2. That a copy of the letter by the Chair of the Action Team sent to the Parish Council should be made available to the Chair of the R.U.G. Group since they were mentioned in the letter.

The Chairman asked if there was anyone who would like a copy of the letter referred above, and copies of the e-mails from 4 councillors. Mrs.Laws provided her e-mail address to enable her to receive a copy of the letter from the chairman of the Action Group.

3. To consider other matters relating to the Action Team including Declaration of Interests and non voting rights of certain councillors, the right to reply to letters and possible removal of the Action Team

Following lengthy discussion it was agreed to leave these matters for the time being until clarification could be obtained in writing from the powers that be, regarding the non voting rights of certain councillors as it appeared that separate parties had been given conflicting information regarding this point.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

SignedK.Goodger.....(Chairman)

Dated4th August, 2015.....