

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Welney**  
**held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2016**  
**in the Parish Hall, Welney at 7 p.m.**

**Present:** Cllr.K.Goodger (Chairman) Cllrs.L.Bombata, H.Cowles, P.Edmunds, J.Elliott, G.Rainbird, 8 members of the Public and the Clerk.

**Apologies were received** from: Cllrs. K.Cowles, R.Gilbert and Dist.Cllrs. D.Pope, V.Spinkings.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting and showed photographs of the New Community Building and Replacement Pavilion, following a visit by members of the Parish Council to MRC at Barroway Drove the previous week.

**Public Participation** The Chairman then asked for any comments from those present:

Mr.T.Bennett raised the following queries:

- Demolition of the old pavilion – Was this work done correctly? Observations had been made that there was no safety fencing etc. in place. The Chairman confirmed that the building had been deconstructed and not demolished. All the work had been done by hand and there was no machinery used in the taking down of the building. In fact the company who deconstructed the building had taken the sections away to be used for another project.
- Is it necessary to take down all the trees along the frontage of the car park and had advice been taken about this. He was advised that a Health and Safety survey had been carried out by the tree surgeon who had recommended that the trees should be removed as they were unsafe.
- He had received reports that the flooring in the new building had been changed. Confirmed that the flooring had not been changed and would be non-slip vinyl throughout.
- Asked whether the roof is being constructed as per the planning permission as there was an indication at one stage that the roof would be tiled. Confirmed that the roof has been constructed fully in accordance with the planning permission - and that the tiled roof was an option which was not taken up.
- It was also confirmed that the roof pitch is as per the planning permission
- The pitch of the roof will not affect the solar panels which of course should make a considerable saving in the cost of the electricity used in the building.

Mrs.V.Pratley raised the following points:

- She advised the meeting that not everyone in the village received a copy of the Parish Council Newsletter and in order to keep the village fully informed of all developments as soon as they occur, it is essential that every residence should have a copy
- Fund Raising – Everything should be open and accountable with regard to fund raising

Mr.J. Loveday commented

- He had prepared a folder of information which he would be sending to his Solicitor, unless the allegations against him in 2015 were withdrawn and an apology received.

Mrs.A.Wardle asked

- Any update on the Better Broadband for Norfolk Campaign and if and when Welney would be covered. Advised that there was an update from Norfolk County Council included in the Parish Council correspondence, and it appeared that the majority of the village should be covered by the end of 2018.

**New Building** - The Chairman then confirmed that the base of the Old Pavilion will remain in situ as the Contractors consider that it will be possible to use the base for the new building.

Parish Council went along to MRC premises on Wednesday of last week to inspect the new building and were extremely delighted with the size of the building and the construction etc. Once the work is completed, the 6 sections will be delivered to site, joined together within a day and then connected to the services. A final decision has to be made with regard to connection to the mains sewer or whether to use the existing cesspit.

He also confirmed that the Management Team will take over the management, Fund Raising and Day to Day

running of the new building as soon as possible, and at the first meeting they will elect a chairman of the Committee.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7.29 p.m.

Signed .....K.Goodger.....(Chairman of the Parish Council)

Dated .....5<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.....