

Minutes of the Meeting of the Welney Parish Council
held at The William Marshall Centre, Hurn Drove, Welney
on Tuesday 4th October, 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr.K.Goodger (Chairman) Cllrs.L..Bombata, H.Cowles, P.Edmunds, J.Elliott and G.Rainbird, Dist.Cllrs,D.Pope and V.Spikings and 9 members of the public and the Clerk.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the October meeting of the Parish Council.

1. Apologies for absence - Cllr.K.Cowles and C.Cllr.H. Humphrey

2. Declaration of Interests - None at this stage.

3. (a) Public Participation

The Chairman then addressed those present and explained that any points raised under Public Participation must relate to items on the Agenda for the Parish Council meeting. A letter setting out the matters to be raised must be received at least a week before the meeting and then it is up to the Chairman's discretion whether or not it is considered to be an Agenda item. All correspondence received will be included under the correspondence section of the agenda, and if necessary dealt with at the following meeting.

He went onto explain that the William Marshall Centre is no longer on the Agenda for the Parish Council as the Parish Council are the sole trustee of the Playing Field and The William Marshall Centre, and under the Charity Commission regulations the Trustee has to hold separate meetings which are private and not open to the public and the minutes of these meetings are also private.

The Chairman also confirmed that issues which were dealt with by the Monitoring Officer earlier in the year have been resolved and the Parish Council has been working together well. He also confirmed that he is aware of items which some parishioners are not happy about, and all effort would be made to try and resolve these issues.

(b) Comments from District Councillors.

Dist.Cllr.D.Pope commented briefly on changes which would be coming into effect in the near future relating to the Precept monies which the Parish Council applied for each year. More information in due course.

4. Casual Vacancy

It was confirmed to the meeting that Mr.Matt Barker from Tipps End had expressed an interest in joining the Council and it was agreed to ask him to attend the next meeting, but to ask for information about himself, his interests etc prior to the meeting so that this could be considered by Councillors.

5. Appointment to Management Committee

Following a brief discussion it was proposed by Cllr.Elliott, seconded by Cllr.Rainbird and unanimously agreed that Cllrs. Goodger and Edmunds would be the representatives on the Management Committee.

6. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th September, having been circulated to all councillors, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

7. Matters Arising

R.U.G. and Sandgate Corner Meadow – Cllr.Edmunds confirmed that the meeting with the Borough Council would not take place until 22nd October, and therefore the matter should be left in abeyance. He also confirmed that RUG were holding an Apple Crushing event on 8th October and would also be planting bulbs in the meadow in the near future. The Chairman confirmed that Mr.Fox would be provided with the surplus dog waste bin and Mr.Fox would erect this on Sandgate Meadow, and he would also be arranging for the emptying of the bin.

8. Finance

The following invoices have been received for payment and on the proposition of Cllr.Cowles, seconded by Cllr.Edmunds and agreed, the cheques were signed:

Welney Croft Cricket Club –		
Years grass cutting grant for the Playing Field	850 . 00	
Less cost of 11 Home Matches at £46 per match	<u>506 . 00</u>	£344 . 00
Clerks Expenses		£ 25 . 40
Paid by Direct Debit		
Clerks Salary	255 . 68	
E-On Lights	81 . 72	

Statement from E-On dated 21.9.16 confirmed that they have estimated the reading for the William Marshall Centre to be 001941 and this means that the account is £48.10 in credit.

9. Parish Hall

A building inspection team on behalf of the Environment Agency visited the Parish Hall on 27th September at 1 p.m. and were there for approximately one and half hours. They inspected everything including lifting the hatch in the floor and inspecting the foundations. They had no idea that the building was actually bought and paid for by residents when it was erected in 1929 but somehow it managed to be included on the Lease of the land when the Lease was reviewed in 1986. A meeting has been arranged for 10 a.m. on 11th October with a representative of the Environment Agency to hand over the keys and officially give back the building.

10. Correspondence

1.	Police Connect Message 8.9.16	Circulated to all
2.	BCKLWN – Council Tax Support Scheme 15.9.16	-do-
3.	Police Connect Message 21.9.16	-do-
4.	Police Connect Message 21.9.16	-do-
5.	Police Connect Message 22.9.16	-do-
6.	Op Randal Newsletter 23.9.16	-do-
7.	BCKLWN – Dog Orders 23.9.16	-do-
8.	Letter from Mrs.Pratley 26.9.16	-do-
9.	Letter from Mr.Loveday 26.9.16	-do-
10.	e-mail from Cllr.Rainbird 27.9.16	-do-

As the letters from Mrs.Pratley, & Mr.Loveday and the e-mail from Cllr.Rainbird all referred to the William Marshall Centre, it was agreed to pass these to the Trustee for consideration and unless the questions raised in the letters were specific, then the individuals should be asked to set out exactly what they wish to know.

11. Planning Matters

- a. Ref : 16/01539/F – Hobby Cottage, Hundred Foot Bank, Welney – Returned the forms on 13th September – recommending Parish Council approval.
- b. Neighbourhood Plan – Nothing further at present – Keep on Agenda for future meetings.
- c. Norfolk Association of Local Councils – e-mail 13.9.16 with letter from Gavin Barwell MP re Neighbourhood Planning Bill.

12. Highway Matters

A letter had been sent to Highways on 20th September setting out the points which were outstanding. No reply had been received but it was confirmed that work has been done to Hurn Drove to make the surface better – filling in holes etc, up to and beyond the new building and thanks were extended to Highways for improving the roadway. The school sign has now been removed from Main Street, but no response had been forthcoming regarding the road near Flights End, and the e-mails from Trevor Bray and Ian Shirley regarding flooding and traffic on Main Street. These points would be raised again, especially with regard to Hundred Foot Bank (near Flights End) which is now becoming extremely dangerous,

At the last meeting Mr. Bennett raised the question of the pollarding of the willow trees on the Wash Road. This matter was considered briefly and would be referred to Highways for their comments and information.

The question as to whether Highways ball park figure for a TROD on March Road included the filling in the dyke – had also been asked but no information had been received.

It was also agreed to ask Highways is an indicator board could be erected at the top of New Road showing where the new William Marshall Centre was. A pointer stating Community Centre (or similar) would be very helpful. It was also agreed to ask if a sign could be put up at the entrance to Chestnut Avenue asking people to drive carefully as there were children playing

13. Items for Next Agenda

- a. Consideration of a meeting with complainants to try and resolve all issues.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8 p.m.

SignedK.Goodger (Chairman).....

Dated1st November, 2016.....