

Minutes of the meeting of the Welney Parish Council held at The William Marshall Centre, Hurn Drove, Welney on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr.K.Goodger (Chairman), Cllrs. M.Barker, P.Edmunds, J.Elliott and G.Rainbird, 2 members of the public and the Clerk.

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Cllr.Bombata and Dist.Cllr.V.Spikings

2. Declaration of Interests

None at this stage.

3. (a) Public Participation – Ms.A.Wardle raised the question of Sandgate Meadow and the chairman advised that this would be dealt with further on the Agenda.

(b) Comments from District/County Councillors - None

4. Casual Vacancy

The meeting was advised that Cllr.Kyle Cowles had tendered his resignation from the Parish Council due to work commitments. The Statutory Notices have been displayed around the village and if no election is requested, then the vacancy has to be filled by co-option after 7<sup>th</sup> December.

5. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November – Copies of the minutes had been circulated to all councillors and with everyone in favour, the Chairman signed them as a correct record of that meeting.

6. Matters Arising

a. R.UG. And Sandgate Corner Meadow – Following the last meeting and after approval by councillors a letter was sent to the Borough Council regarding the Parish Council taking over the Lease of Sandgate Meadow. A reply had been received from Mr.Ray Harding but nothing had been heard from Mr.Matthew Henry of the Borough. Cllr.Edmunds gave an up date with regard to the Play Equipment which is situated on a part of the field which has a 10 year lease.

An e-mail was received from Ms.A.Wardle which had been circulated to all councillors, but it was agreed to wait until the Borough comes back to Council with proposals before discussing the matter further. The meeting was also advised that RUG will be continuing to raise funds for the Meadow and that it would always ensure that funds were available to meet its expenses.

b. Possible meeting with Complainants – Following the last meeting and the draft e-mail sent to everyone, this was forwarded this to both Mr.Loveday and Mrs.Pratley but nothing at all has been heard.

c. Future Relationship with the Welney News – An e-mail was received from Ms.A. Wardle dated 15.11.16 in reply to our e-mail dated 11.11.16, addressed to the Welney News confirming that the Welney News Team would be prepared to let the Parish Council have details of any articles referring to the Council or Councillors so that a reply could be put together to appear in the same edition. This was circulated to everyone. Cllr.Rainbird felt that it would still be helpful to have a meeting with the Welney News Team, but after further discussion it was agreed to move forward with the new editorial team. Ms.Wardle had asked for a list of past, present and future bookings for the William Marshall Centre, for an article which she was writing and the information had been sent with a list of the regular users.

d. Old Parish Hall – Ms.Ann Wardle confirmed that she had received permission from the Environment Agency to remove the Old Parish Hall sign and this had now been done. Usual reminder – Notice Board, Cigarette Ash Holder, Pool Table and Basketball net still to be removed from the Hall. This would be done as soon as possible, and it was agreed to have a look and see if the Notice Board could be removed and renovated for use at the W.M.C.

7. Finance

Only Invoice for payment at the time of writing is

Clerks Expenses	Ink Cartridges	23 . 00	
	Postage	7 . 03	
	Telephone Calls	<u>18 . 06</u>	<u>48 . 09</u>

This invoice was passed for payment on the proposition of Cllr.Elliott, seconded by Cllr.Edmunds with all in favour.

Payment by Direct Debit:

Clerks Salary	255 . 68
E-On Street Lights	91 . 17
October Bank Statement circulated to Councillors – This shows two lots of income:	
Stack Waterhouse – Refund of Insurance for old Parish Hall	103 . 94
Half years V.A.T. 1.4.16 to 30.9.16.	928 . 35

November Bank Statement Circulated to Councillors – This shows two lots of income:

B.C.K.L.W.N. Refund of charge for emptying waste bin	97 . 37
Cash collected by Cllr.Edmunds for the Defibrillator.	797 . 66

A cheque for the same amount to the Heartbeat Trust, was drawn and signed on 29<sup>th</sup> November, and will appear on the December statement.

Annual Precept – At the January meeting Council will have to assess the requirements for income in order to apply to the Borough Council for the annual precept for the year 1.4.16 to 31.3.17. The Clerk confirmed that all the necessary paperwork will be prepared and circulated to Councillors in time for the January meeting.

#### 8. Correspondence

1. Police Connect 3.11.16
2. Op Randall Newsletter – 4.11.16
3. Police Connect 7.11.16
4. -do- 12.11.16
5. -do- 15.11.16
6. -do- 21.11.16
7. -do- 23.11.16
8. -do- 25.11.16
9. Cambs Acre Representative – Quite happy for the Chairman or Vice chairman to attend the last two meetings one on 14.12.16 and one on 14.3.17 If possible, would like an indication of who will be attending which meeting.
10. Marshalls Charity – Following the sad death of Sue Dobson a replacement nominative trustee has been requested. On the proposition of Cllr.Goodger, seconded by Cllr.Rainbird and agreed, Cllr.Edmunds was appointed to the position and Marshall's Charity would be advised accordingly.

Cllr.Barker asked whether it would be possible for the Police Messages to be circulated to a wider audience. At present these are received by the Clerk and forwarded to Councillors for their information. A notice could possibly be included in the Welney News advising interested parties how to receive the messages, and possibly they could be included in the Notice Boards and circulated via the Welney Database. This would be included as an Agenda item for the next meeting.

#### 9. Planning Matters

Ref No. 16/01943/F – Pisces Country Park – Use of Holiday Park with proposed increased units. Forwarded to all for information – Brief discussion – Everyone in favour, Form to be returned recommending approval.

#### 10. Highway Matters

Despite three reminders to Andy Wallace at Highways – copied to all councillors and C.Cllr.Humphrey, nothing has been heard regarding the points which we forwarded to him. The clerk was requested to contact Mr.Wallace and ask if the Parish Council could have a meeting with him to iron out all the outstanding matters. Clerk to advise councillors of date and time when arranged.

Additional items: Possible notice for Welney News asking if anyone would be interested in resurrecting Speed Watch – volunteers needed. Trees and Bushes overhanging the carriageway particularly in Tipps End; vehicles parked on the A.1101 outside Hartley ss Cottages at Lakes End, pothole going towards Tipps End Sign on the opposite side of the road; Breakup of the side of the main A.1101 from Sandgate Corner to Stockyard Farm; Vehicles speeding through the village and broken road sign at the bottom of New Road/March Road.

These additional items could be put to Mr.Wallace at the proposed meeting.

Cambridgeshire County Council notice of work and road closure, to Bates Drove Littleport – Advised of this by e-

mail which was circulated to all.

However further information received that the work had been postponed until the new year.

E-mail from Highways – Highway Rangers calling week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 – Anything Council require them to look at?

11. Notice Boards

This item was brought forward from the last meeting. Cllr.Elliott asked if it would be possible to have a notice board on Suspension Bridge as no facility was in place to keep residents informed in that part of the village. This would be looked into.

12. Parish Website

This item was raised by Cllr.Bombata, but in view of his not being able to attend, the matter would be carried over to the next meeting.

13. Items for Next Agenda

None

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Signed .....K.Goodger (Chairman).....

Dated .....3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2017.....