

Report of Annual Parish Meeting called by Welney Parish Council
on Tuesday 7th March, 2017 at 7 p.m.
And held at the William Marshall Centre Hurn Drove, Welney.

Present: Cllr.K.Goodger (Chairman) Cllrs. M.Barker, L.Bombata, H.Cowles, P.Edmunds, P.Gardiner, K.Lind, Dist.Cllrs. V.Spikings and D.Pope, 6 members of the public and the Clerk.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish meeting and explained that it was an open meeting where members of the public could raise any issues which they wished the Parish Council to deal with.

1. The Chairman opened the meeting by confirming that the next fund raising with regard to the William Marshall Centre would be for monies to complete the car park and disabled parking area. Quotes were being obtained from three sources for the work involved – an initial approach had been made to Marshall's Charity who had confirmed that they would be prepared to consider the matter once the necessary quotes were obtained. He also went on to explain that an exterior light had been installed on the end of the Centre, and instructions for this had been given between meetings, as a matter of Health and Safety. All the users of the Centre were very pleased with the light which illuminated the current parking area.
2. The new owners of the School Building (David and Sue) introduced themselves and asked for confirmation of the ownership of Meadow Lane.
3. There was a brief discussion regarding the Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership and the meetings which they held.
4. The question was raised with regard to the proposed SAM2 sign for which the Parish Council had applied to the Norfolk County Council for 50% of the cost under the Parish Partnership Scheme. The meeting was advised that if successful with the 50% funding, then it would be up to the village to fund raise for the remaining 50% which would amount to approximately £1,400. It was confirmed that no arrangements had been made for this to be paid from the precept monies, and details were also given as to what the SAM2 sign was and what it did.
5. A question was raised with regard to green strips which are left around the headlands of fields. The Chairman confirmed that these are called buffer strips and were left to encourage nature and wildlife.
6. Cllr.Barker confirmed that he very much enjoyed reading the Welney News and that current news events would be history in the future. He wondered if there was any information on current properties – eg what was the oldest house in the village etc. as this would make extremely interesting reading.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and for their in put and declared the meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

SignedK.Goodger.....

Dated4th April, 2017.....