

**Minutes of the Meeting of Welney Parish Council,**  
**held at The William Marshall Centre on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 at 7.30 p.m,**

**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 extended a warm welcome to everyone present and thanked them for attending.

1. Apologies for absence  
Apologies from Cllr.Rainbird and C.Cllr.H.Humphrey.
  
- 2 Declaration of Interests  
None at this stage.
  
- 3 a. Public Participation – None    b. Comments from District/County Councillors - None
  
- 4 Minutes of the last meeting  
The minutes of the last meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2017 which had been circulated to all councillors were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting.
  
5. Matters Arising
  - a RUG and Sandgate Corner Meadow – Cllrs.Edmunds and Gardiner declared an interest as both are members of RUG. A copy of letter received from the Borough Council had been circulated to all councillors and following discussion it was proposed by Cllr.Cowles, seconded by Cllr.Lind and agreed that a letter should be sent to the Borough Council confirming that the Council would like to be offered a 20 year lease on the Sandgate Corner Meadow, but would not want the play area included. It was also agreed that confirmation would be required from RUG that there would be no expense whatsoever to the Parish Council and that if anything should go wrong that would entail expense from the Parish Council during the term of the Lease then the Council would hand the Meadow Field back to the Borough Council with immediate effect.
  
  - b. Better Broadband for Norfolk – Information had been received and circulated to councillors regarding the current state of play for Welney Village. It was still noted that some houses in the parish and in Lakes End would never be included in the plans for Better Broadband. Following discussion it was agreed to write to the organisation again (with copies to Elizabeth Truss MP) requesting clarification on this point.
  
  - c. Welney News – An email dated 31.1.17 had been circulated to all councillors on 2.2.17 asking for details of the individual councillors so that information could be printed over the next editions of the WN. A small questionnaire would be prepared so that information could be collated.
  
  - d. Litter - Concern was expressed regarding the amount of litter which is seen in and around the village. It was agreed to approach the Borough Council to see if they could supply equipment and bags so that a village litter pick could be arranged. Volunteers would be requested and possibly an article could appear in the next issue of the Welney News. It was also agreed to ask Highways if they could tidy up the depth markers on the Wash Road – as they are in a very poor state of repair.
  
6. Finance  
The invoice from Westcotec was passed for payment during February in the sum of £266.68 and forwarded to them. This action was taken because the February meeting was cancelled.

On the proposition of Cllr.Cowles. Seconded by Cllr. Edmunds and agreed, the following Invoices were passed and the cheques were signed.

Martin Reynolds Construction – Exterior floodlight on the building	690 . 00
Clerks Expenses	58 . 26

Paid by Direct Debit

1.2.17	Clerks Salary	255 . 68
1.3.17	Clerks Salary	255 . 68
11.2.17	E-On Street Lights	94 . 21
6.3.17	E-On Electric to WMC	162 . 84
11.3.17	E-On Street Lights	94 . 21

Income

E-On – Lead in Tariff for Solar Panels £32 . 52

Bank Statements for December and January had been circulated.

Cllr.Bombata raised the subject of how he wished to see the Accounts presented. The Chairman explained that the Clerk had been presenting them in the current format for a number of years and that they had always been considered satisfactory. If further discussion on the subject was required, it should be carried out outside the meeting.

7. Correspondence

- 4.1.17 Well Creek Poster Event 2.2.17
- 4.1.17 Police Connect – Weekly Crime Report
- 6.1.17 -do-
- 10.1.17 -do- Robbery at Outwell.
- 11.1.17 - do- Weekly Crime Report
- 13.1.17 Op.Randall Newsletter
- 13.1.17 Police Connect – Flood Warnings
- 18.1.17 Police Connect – Burglaries at King's Lynn
- 19.1.17 Police Connect – Results of Xmas Drink/Drive Campaign
- 20.1.17 N.C.C. - Additional Millions for road Improvements allocated to NCC
- 20.1.17 Op.Randall Newsletter
- 26.1.17 Norfolk Police – Meeting 30.1.17
- 31.1.17 NCC – Master Composters Team
- 1.2.17 Police Connect – Drug Messages
- 2.2.17 Op.Randall Newsletter
- 2.2.17 West Norfolk District Council – Statement of Involvement Consultation Code of Practice.
- 3.2.17 Call to Action – Plunkett Foundation (copy attached)
- 8.2.17 Police Connect – Weekly report
- 10.2.17 Op.Randall – Newsletter
- 17.2.17 -do-
- 17.2.17 Police Connect Newsletter
- 23.2.17 - do-
- 24.2.17 UKPower Networks – Preparations for Storm Doris.
- 24.2.17 OpRandall Newsletter
- 1.3.17 Police Connect.
- 4,3,17 Op Randall Newsletter
- 26.1.17 Steve Fryett, 38 Chestnut Avenue – Looking for allotment or land to rent to keep pigs, goats, sheep and chickens.  
Ben Barrett – Looking for an allotment in or near the village.  
Both requests had been acknowledged by the Clerk and both parties informed that there are no allotments in the village. If anything suitable becomes available their details will be passed on.
- 28.2.17** A hand delivered list of queries from Mrs.V.Pratley (some relating to the William Marshall Centre had been received and circulated to all Councillors. All points were dealt with at the meeting, and a written reply would be sent setting out the information.

8. Planning Matters

16/01913/F Extension etc. at Delph House – Forms duly returned recommending Council approval.  
16/02118/F Old Welney Hotel – Construction of dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling –  
Approved by the Borough Council 3.2.17

9 Highway Matters

Following the meeting with Andy Wallace of Highways held on 8<sup>th</sup> December and as detailed in the minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> January, the following items have been or are in the process of being attended to:  
Item 8 – Confirmation that new signs are being prepared but no time scale has been given and it is understood that these take some considerable time.

Item 11 – Esther Bortz investigated the cars parking outside the cottages at Lakes End.

She did not see any serious issues but is monitoring the situation and will let us know if anything happens. There do not seem to be so many vehicles on the roadside once it gets dark – they are all parked on the properties.!!!

Items 12 and 13 – Hopefully the work has been carried out to the potholes which were listed???

A copy of a letter which Mrs.Rayner from New Road sent direct to NCC Highways, regarding the footpath along New Road., was circulated to Councillors and it was agreed to send a copy to Mr.Andy Wallace at Highways. It was reported that the footpath was the subject of discussion some years ago and it was confirmed that it would be included in a maintenance programme by Highways.

An E-mail received from Mr.Tim Bennett dated 27<sup>th</sup> February regarding Rights of Way Maintenance in Welney was circulated to all councillors

At the request of the Chairman the Clerk had spoken to Andy Wallace at Highways to confirm one or two points in the e-mail. Mr.Wallace confirmed that the sum of £300 is correct for the allocation for Welney, and it covers a small area of Back Drove leading up to the river bank,

No work at all is carried out to Meadow Lane,  
and 3,4,5 and 6 are as stated.

However the contract for this seasons cutting - 2017/2018 -has already been issued and the contractor will also possibly have an option on the following two years. There is no possibility of taking this in house until at least 2018 and if the current contractor wishes to continue, then for a further two years after that. It was agreed to report this information back to Mr.Bennett.

10. Parish Council Website

Since the meeting in January the clerk confirmed that she had been onto the Parish Council website and reclassified some of the information so that it should be easier to find and is in its correct location. Additional information had been received from the website providers as to how to make the site more user friendly and attractive. Cllr.Barker has offered to help with this in the near future. Cllr.Bombata had prepared some information which had been circulated to Cllrs. Regarding websites, but it was agreed to leave the matter in abeyance until the current website had been updated.

With regard to the website and Transparency Code, Norfolk Association of Local Councils have a fund of grant money available for computers (up to £350) copiers/scanners/printers (up to £100) Payment for staffing costs to keep the site up to date – up to 3 hours per month up to £15.00 per hour and the Clerk handed out information sheets to cover thiis. She also explained that she has an application form to apply for the funding because Welney Parish have never applied in the past. After discussion it was agreed to apply to the Fund to see if Welney could be successful. It would also mean that the Parish Council would then have its own computer and printer etc. and the clerk confirmed this would be done immediately as the deadline for applications was only 2 days away.

11. Updating the Parish Emergency Plan

The Clerk had circulated all councillors with a copy of the Welney Emergency Plan last updated in 2014, together with a copy of the information which the Editors are intending to include in future issues of the Welney News. Council then went through each section of the Emergency Plan, and it would be updated in readiness for amendment and approval at the next meeting. Cllr.Bombata requested that a possible practice scenario should take place and other risks could be identified.

12. Items for the Next Agenda

None.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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

Dated .....4<sup>th</sup> April, 2017.....