

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WELNEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD AT THE WILLIAM MARSHALL CENTRE, HURN DROVE, WELNEY**  
**ON TUESDAY 6TH JUNE, 2017 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Present: Cllr.G.Rainbird (Chairman) Cllrs.M.Barker, P.Edmunds, P.Gardiner, K.Goodger and K.Lind, Dist.Cllrs.V.Spikings and D.Pope, C.Cllr.H.Humphrey, 10 members of the Public and the Clerk.

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Cllr.Bombata

2. Declaration of Interests

Cllr.Gardiner declared an interest in Item 5a, and Cllr.Rainbird declared an interest in item 8

3a. Public Participation

The following points were raised by members of the public:

Mr.R.Giles – Raised questions regarding the new building.

Mr.Paul Fox – raised questions with regard to traffic in the village and also broadband connection to the new building. He also asked for an update regarding Sandgate Meadow Park.

Ms.A.Wardle – Asked for Councillors to provide their profile details for inclusion in the Welney News.

3b. Comments from District/County Councillors.

None

4. To confirm Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, having been circulated to all councillors were proposed for adoption by Cllr.Goodger, seconded by Cllr.Barker with all in favour, and the Chairman signed the minutes as a correct record of that meeting.

5. Matters Arising

a. Sandgate Corner Meadow – Following the last meeting an e-mail was sent on 8.5.17 to the Borough Council setting out the terms, but at the time of writing nothing further has been heard.

b. Community Litter Pick – Cllr.Gardiner confirmed that the litter pick took place on 14.5.17 and 5/6 persons went around the main circular route of the village and collected 8 bags or rubbish. Grateful thanks were extended to those who helped and it is intended to repeat the litter pick in September.

c. Houses in Chestnut Avenue – Following the last meeting, an e-mail was sent to Freebridge regarding the demolition of the four houses in Chestnut Avenue and asking them what their proposals were for the site. At the time of writing nothing has been heard, but the meeting was advised that nothing could be done at present as the House Martins had returned.

6. Casual Vacancy

Following the resignation of Cllr.Cowles the vacancy is currently being advertised, as required by the Borough Council. If no application for an election is made to them by the 9<sup>th</sup> of June, then the Parish Council will be required to advertise and fill the vacancy by co-option.

7. New Parish Clerk

Councillors had been advised that two applications had been received for the position of Parish Clerk both of which had been forwarded for information. - Mrs.Shirley Johnson who lives in Welney and Ms.Liz Partlett who lives in Emneth. The position has been advertised on the Norfolk Association website and the Cambridgeshire Association. It has also been included on the Parish Council's own website and all the notice boards and had been circulated to all the adjoining Councils with a request for them to display the advertisement on their noticeboards. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr.Edmunds, seconded by



Cllr.Bombata Finance and Broadband  
Cllr.Lind Communications  
Other councillors could be added as and when the subject arose.

### 11. Planning Matters

16/01913/F – Delph House Care Home, Welney  
2 Storey and Single Storey Extension and alterations Application permitted 5.5.17

17/00229/F – Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, Welney  
Retention of temporary enclosures including portacabin and three pens  
Application permitted 24.5.17

17/00701/F – William Marshall School, Main Street, Welney  
Conversion to Retreat Centre – Circulated to all councillors,  
Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr.Goodger., seconded by Cllr.Edmunds with agreement by everyone, that the application should be recommended for approval, and the Borough Council informed accordingly.

### 12. Highway Matters

Nothing had been heard from Andy Wallace regarding a site visit to the village, but contact would be made again to try and arrange a visit.

The following items were raised for forwarding to Highways: Cllr.Goodger raised the question of trees overhanging the road at Tipps End and also on the A.1101 near Hartleys Cottages at Lakes End. They are extremely dangerous for road users and pedestrians. The meeting was advised that normally the Parish Council approach the land owners and if no action is taken to cut back the offending trees, then Highways can step in and do the work and charge the owners. Cllr.Goodger agreed to check the situation and possibly follow up with Highways. It was also agreed that Notice regarding this matter should be put in the next edition of the Welney News so that residents are aware of the situation.

Update regarding ideas for funding for the £1,400 50% share of the SAM2 equipment. A suggestion was made to ask for anonymous or private donations towards the cost with a notice in the Welney News. However the matter would be discussed again at the next meeting.

### 13. Items for Next Agenda

- a. Overtaking on Main Street
- b. Programme of works to the River Banks.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Signed .....Graham Rainbird.....(Chairman)

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