

WELNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Welney Parish Council held at the William Marshall Centre, Hurn Drove, Welney on Tuesday 5 December 2017 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Parish Councillors

Cllr G Rainbird (Chairman)
Cllr L Bombata
Cllr P Edmunds (Vice)
Cllr P Gardiner
Cllr K. Lind

District Councillors

Cllr D Pope
D/Cllr Spikings

County Councillors

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7 members of the Public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr K Goodger
Cllr M Barker

2. Declaration of Interests

Cllrs Gardiner & Edmunds declared an interest as members of RUG.

3. (a) Public Participation

The following points were raised by members of the public:

There had been constant power outages in some sections of the village. Has this been experienced by other villagers.

The Environment agency closure for the work carried out on the bank was draconian.
Could this be relaxed when they return to complete the work

The Report on the WMC commissioned by a parishioner was mentioned. What is the Council going to do about it? It will be passed to the Trustee for consideration
It was mentioned that the local MP had been informed and was considered a National issue.

The Council was told that it had the duty of care to the community and to check with Insurance company to ensure that the building cover will still be valid despite the report.

The council was informed by a member of the public that the issue of the building could cause problems, personal or otherwise for the Councillors if it was not dealt with.
A councillor asked if this was a threat.

(b) Comments from District/County Councillors

Summary of Comments

- The Parish Council need to set a Precept at the January Council meeting and submit to the Borough Council by the 11th of January

4. Minutes of Last meeting

The Chairman signed the minutes as a correct record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Edmunds and seconded by Cllr Gardiner. 7 for one abstention (Cllr Lind - not present at the meeting)

5. Matters Arising

(a) Sandgate Corner Meadow

Parish Council need to ascertain that RUG is prepared to pay the amount required by the Borough Council before the Parish Council will take on the lease. Cllr Edmunds to arrange a meeting with RUG.

(b) Programme of Works to the River Banks – Environment Agency

Summary of Report from Cllr Gardiner based on site visit with Ann Wardle

- Cllr Denyer attended the Environment Agency meeting held on Thursday 16 November 2017. Work in progress.
- Cllr Gardiner to get in touch with Monica to get an update

6. Finance

(a) Budgetary Statement

Cllr Bombata presented the budgetary statement for November, which was received and noted.

The following invoices were agreed for payment by cheque and/or Direct Debit

Westcote - Street Lighting maintenance	£133.34
NALC - Training	£180.00

Moved by Cllr Edmunds to pay, seconded by Cllr Bombata. Carried Unanimously.

7. Correspondence

The schedule of correspondence.

- Email from MRC acknowledging receipt of the privately commissioned survey report on the WMC forwarded by the Parish Council MRC will study the report and respond accordingly.
- Correspondence from WREN – to be responded to as soon as possible.

8 Council Committees and Lead on Specific areas

Community Speed Watch

Summary of Cllr Gardiners Report and discussion:

- Community Speed watch have had 5 sessions so far. 53 motorists reported.
- Consider getting Highways to add a 30mph speed limit notice sign on approach from wash Road.

Decision

- The 30mph sign considered a great idea

Action

- Cllr Gardiner get in touch with the necessary body to investigate

SAM2

- Funds still needed for the SAM2 speed monitoring equipment.
- Suggested by Cllr Gardiner that we should use the amount saved from a reduced insurance rate to fund the required amount of £1165
- Decision
- Proposed by Cllr Gardiner, seconded by Cllr Denyer. Carried Unanimously

Action

- Cllr Barker to draft the order letter to be sent out.

9. Planning Matters

Summary of discussion

- No objections to any planning application

10. Highways

Summary of discussion:

- Cllrs Gardiner and Edmunds consultation regarding footpath on March Road

Decision

- Consultation completed. Need to get application off to request form

Action

- Cllrs Gardiner to get form and bring to the next council meeting

11. Welcome Packs – to agree the final version

Welcome pack to be passed to Cllr Bombata to change the layout

12. Clerk Vacancy

Still not able to recruit a new clerk.

Summary of Discussion

- Check adverts and re-advertise if necessary.
- It will be necessary to increase the number of hours the clerk needs to work to be able to cover all the duties expected by the Parish Council
- Cllr Bombata should be made acting clerk, instead of just the minute taker.

Decision

Start to re-advertise in the new year.

Motion by to make Cllr Bombata acting clerk carried unanimously.

Action

- Cllr Bombata (the acting clerk) to look into re-advertising in the new year.

13. Council Website and Email / Equipment

(a) Website (Domain Name) and email address

Summary of Discussion

- New domain name www.welneypc.org.uk set up and linked to the current web site
- Email address for WPC clerk created. clerk@welneypc.org.uk
- It is suggested that email addresses at the new domain should be set up for all councillors.

Decision

All documents should show the new domain name and clerks email address

Agreed that all councillors should be set up with an email address at the new domain name.

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- Cllr Bombata to set up email addresses for councillors and inform at the next council meeting.

(b) Equipment

Summary of Discussion

- Waiting for Cllr Goodger to arrange a meeting with the wash group.

14. Training

Councillor to attend training especially the one with the CPD (Continuous Professional Development) certification

15. Items for next agenda

- 1 Frequency of meetings
- 2 Community Tidy up
- 3 Parish Plan
- 4 Best Practice Review
- 5 Communications Strategy
- 6 CCTV/Broadband for WMC
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Meeting closed at 21.40

Signed **Date**.....