

WELNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Welney Parish Council held at the William Marshall Centre, Hurn Drove, Welney on Tuesday 6 March 2018 at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Parish Councillors

Cllr G Rainbird (Chairman)
Cllr P Edmunds (Vice)
Cllr K Goodger
Cllr P Gardiner
Cllr D Denyer
Cllr L Bombata (acting Clerk)

District Councillors

Cllr D Pope
Cllr Spikings

County Councillors

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10 members of the Public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Humphries
Cllr M Barker

2. Declaration of Interests

Cllrs Gardiner & Edmunds declared an interest as members of RUG. Cllr Goodger as Chair of WMC, Cllr Denyer as Chair of Management Committee, Cllrs Rainbird, Edmunds and Bombata as board members of WMC,

3. (a) Public Participation

The following points were raised by members of the public:

- A member of the public read out a section of a letter received from the WPC about repeated requests about the WMC building and wondered why it was sent
- Another member of the public acknowledged receiving a similar letter and said that the WPC must have something to hide to invoke the section of the FOI act referred to in the letter.
- It was raised by another member of the public that the WPC made 'spurious and irrelevant allegations'
- A member of the public said the response received from a letter written to the WPC has not answered the point raised.

(b) Comments from District/County Councillors

none

4. Minutes of Last meeting

Cllrs Goodger and Gardiner indicated that since the minutes were received on the date of the meeting that they were not able to read it in time hence could not comment. It was agreed that decision on the accuracy of the minutes should be deferred to give councillors a chance to read and send consent to chair for the minutes be accepted as a true and correct representation of the meeting..

5. Matters Arising

(a) Sandgate Corner Meadow

Contract to be prepared and send to RUG for acceptance and signature.

Proposed by Cllr Goodger **seconded by** Cllr Denyer. Agreed Unanimously.

Action: Cllr Bombata to create Contract.

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- (b) **Councillors Email addresses.**
Email login information to be passed to councillors by acting Clerk.
- (c) **Parish Plan**
 - Cllr Gardiner, the lead, is still looking at ways to create a new plan.
 - Pdf version sent to all councillors by Cllr Bombata,
- (d) **Broadband/CCTV**
Broadband functioning well. Still awaiting identification of funds to enable installation of CCTV.

6. Finance

(a) Budgetary Statement

Cllr Bombata presented the budgetary statement.

{b} Payments

The following invoice was agreed for payment by cheque and/or Direct Debit

E,on – Street Lighting (Paid by DD)	£103.05
Work done at WMC	£127.71
Fence work done at WMC	£5700.00

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

Copy of Invoice for Fence work to be passed to WMC so that balance (£5700 less VAT) of funding for the Car Park work can be released to WPC

7. Correspondence

The schedule of correspondence.

- Letter from Pisces Holiday Chalet - Sheep on fencing on Riverside. WPC to see what can be done to resolve problem.
- Kickstart - Funding available for provision of subsidised moped for Rural Residents. **Action** – Post on WPC Website. Pass copy to Welney News.
- BCLWN - Official notice of Casual Vacancy. **Action** – Post on Notice board and put on What happens in Welney

8 Council Committees and Lead on Specific areas

Community Speed Watch

Speed watch

- Monitoring continuing. Undertaken at various times – weather permitting.

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- Installation of system set for Thursday 8th of March 2018

9. Planning Matters

Summary of discussion

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- Motion to Rescind the decision of having '**no objection**' to the proposed development off the high Road Welney by Loyd Homes taken at the WPC meeting of the 20th of February 2018. **Proposed** by Cllr Gardiner, **seconded** by Cllr Denyer. Votes: 2 for 4 Against 1 abstention. Not carried. Decision taken at meeting of 20th of February 2018 remains.
- What can be done about empty houses at Chestnut avenue? Cllr Pope suggested that Chief Executive of Three Bridge should be contacted.

10. Highways

Summary of discussion:

- Big machines messing up road
- Pavement on New Road needs looking at
- Cllr Goodger to contact highway.

11. Vacancy - Clerk

Summary of Discussion

- Put online and on notice board
- Put back on CALC.

12. Council Equipment

Summary of Discussion

- Mrs & Mrs Copeman have resigned from the wash group. Cllrs Goodger and Denyer now in charge of Wash group. Will arrange meeting with councillors

13. Communications Strategy

- Cllrs Rainbird, Edmunds and Barker to look at current communications Policy and come up with revised one

14. FOI / Data Protection Strategy

- Cllr Bombata to include FOI strategy into current WPC Standing Order and present to Councillors for adoption
- Cllrs Rainbird, Edmunds, Barker and Bombata to look at the new requirements of the Data Protection act and come up with a WPC policy for adoption before the new Data Protection Act becomes law in May 2018.

15. Items for next agenda

WPC Standing Order adoption
Communications strategy
Data Protection act

Meeting closed at 21.15

Signed Date.....