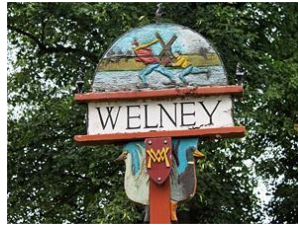


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MINUTES of the meeting of Welney Parish Council Held on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 7.15 pm in The William Marshall Centre, Hurn Drove, Welney, PE14 9SD

Present: Cllr P GARDINER (PG) - Chairman
Cllr M BARKER (MB) – Vice Chairman
Cllr G BOMBATA (LB)
Cllr K GOODGER (KG)
Cllr D LOWRY (DL)
Cllr J LOVEDAY (JL) – **Apologies**
Cllr B STEELE (BS)
Cllr D HARVEY (DH)

Also Present: Mrs S Field – Acting Clerk

Mr D Pope – Borough Councillor
Mrs V Spikings – Borough Councillor

2 members of the public

18/19.045 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The chairman welcomed councillors and members of the public.

18/19.046 APOLOGIES

Cllr J Loveday – apologies – accepted.

18/19.047 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None relating to this agenda.

18/19.048 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

[Reports not specifically related to the Parish of Welney].

VS – A large planning application had been recently refused which had pleased the residents of that particular village. Central Government would appear to be promoting a “pick’n’mix” option for self builds which is proving difficult for Planning Authorities to form constructive views on new developments insofar as it is not possible to envisage what a development will look like as the self builders can choose from numerous permutations of bricks, tiles, fenestration etc. The forthcoming Borough elections will see a reduction in the total number of Councillors by 7 seats.

DP – Relayed information about the current situation in respect of the KLIC Innovation Centre. Ultimately the Borough Council are owed approximately £5m and the situation with the debtor is currently under investigation.

18/19.049 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

No report, or apologies, received.

18/19.050 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2019 were duly signed by the Chairman as a true record.

18/19.051 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A successful litter pick had been undertaken around the village and a total of 9 bags of rubbish had been collected. Some fly tipping had been reported to the Borough Council.

Vince Ford had quoted approximately £1,000 for a new village sign and it was decided that this would need to be discussed at the next meeting.

Whilst the litter pick had taken place it had been noted that the Croft River was in a sorry state with rubbish and stagnant water. KG was asked (as Chair of the IDB) what plans were in place to clean up this area. KG confirmed that this stretch of Croft River through to Welney was not being maintained as often as the IDB would like. With the new regulations in force it was now proving a lot more expensive for maintenance and H&S requirements necessitated road closures etc and this was also an additional cost. It was also pointed out that the IDB were only responsible for one side, riparian responsibilities lay with the other landowners. The Clerks were requested to write to the IDB officially to register their concerns about the maintenance of this stretch of Croft River.

18/19.052 AGAR

The Acting Clerk updated those present concerning the internal audit that had been carried out by Mr J Alexander on the Parish Council accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2018.

She then took those present through the governance statements required to be inserted into the form before submission to external audit.

Once the forms were signed (by the Chairman and the Cllr Bombata who was the acting RFO at the 31st March 2018) these would be submitted to external audit along with the report from the internal auditor.

When received back from external audit the entire AGAR document would be published online for perusal by any resident.

PG updated the meeting on monies that had been transferred between the Parish Council account and the Playing Field Trust account following the internal audit report which had highlighted the identified issue of monies having been paid into incorrect accounts.

18/19.053 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

The Acting Clerks had sent the grass cutting specification for the three years 2019 to 2021 to three companies inviting them to provide quotes. Only two companies had returned quotations and these were discussed by those present.

Following discussion it was AGREED that the Clerks should write to the Cricket Club requesting them to clarify some issues which were not included within their tender documentation.

The Cricket Club would be requested to respond within 7 days to then enable the Parish Council to make a decision as to whom the contract should be awarded.

It was also AGREED that the contract would be issued for one year only in order for quality of cuts to be evaluated prior to a longer contract being awarded.

18/19.054 NOTICEBOARD LOCATION

Following discussions at the last meeting it was AGREED that the second noticeboard would be located at the Parish Church. The Clerk was instructed to write to the PCC and the IDB requesting permission for siting the board at this location.

055.1 Financial Statements

The Clerk provided those present with the Bank Reconciliation sheet showing the total amount at bank as at 31st March 2019.

The Chairman signed a copy of the Reconciliation to which is appended the expenditure and income spreadsheets. This information will be posted on the Parish Council website.

027.3 Confirm Payments from 5th March 2019

The following payments had now been reconciled to the bank statement:

11/03/2019	DD	EON		£ 130.60
11/03/2019	DD	BT		£ 47.04
11/03/2019	DD	Rentokil Initial		£ 47.81

27.4 Authorise signing of orders for payments

The follow cheques were presented to the Parish Council for signature:

Playing Field Trustees Account		
100014	Notice Board Company	£ 1,303.20
100016	P Gardiner (Fence Paint)	£ 24.00
100018	CGM	£ 96.90

Welney Parish Council Account		
101484	Westocotec	£ 133.34
101487	S & J Accountancy	£ 100.00
101488	Compleat Office (Stationery)	£ 48.42
101489	S Field - Salary & Expenses	£ 165.40
101490	V Austin - Salary & Expenses	£ 152.92

18/19.056 CLERKS FOLLOW UP DIARY

The Acting Clerk confirmed that the damaged give way sign at the junction of New Road and the A1101 along with the broken "March Road" sign at the junction with New Road had been reported to NCC via the online reporting tool. She also reminded all those present that any items like this must be reported online and not direct to any particular officer at NCC as online reporting ensured that everything was logged and tracked.

She reminded those present that nomination papers for the forthcoming election MUST be hand delivered (for checking and confirmation) to the Borough Council no later than 4pm on Wednesday 3rd April 2019. Notification will be sent to the Clerks on 4th April confirming whether or not the Parish is "contested".

18/19.057 PLANNING MATTERS

No applications received.

DATE OF NEXT FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO BE CONFIRMED

Wednesday 8th May 2019 following Parish Elections. This meeting will commence at 7.30pm.

Items for inclusion on the next agenda

Village Sign

Grass Cutting Contract

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed :
Chairman

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