

mMINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELNEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE PARISH HALL, WELNEY, ON TUESDAY 6th NOVEMBER, 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Cllr.K. Goodger (Chairman) Cllrs T.Bennett, T.Bray, T. Eyles, , G.Rainbird and the Clerk. .

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S.Dobson, J.Eliott, C.Freer and V. Pratley, Dist.Cllrs. V.Spikings, and.D.Pope, C.Cllr.H.Humphrey., and PCSO Tracy Milburn.

2. Public Participation

None

3. Declaration of Interests

None at this stage.

4 Minutes of Last Meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October were confirmed by those present and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting.

5. Matters Arising

a. Holiday Home Regulations – Following the last meeting, the Clerk had written to the Planning Department of the Borough Council regarding holiday homes within the Parish. An e-mail had been received from the Enforcement Team confirming that they had visited Pisces where they had found one chalet occupied but the occupant had confirmed they were returning to London shortly. The Team had advised the site owner of the regulations. They had also made contact with the owners of the two chalets on Bedford Bank. Both owners confirmed that they had permanent homes elsewhere and the Team were waiting for written confirmation from them. One other property had yet to be visited.

b. Sandgate Corner Allotment Field. – The Clerk confirmed that the Borough Council are dealing with Parish Council's request to consider a reduced rental for the field as the uptake of allotments had not met expectations and the income did not now meet the rental. The current year's rental is paid until the end of June 2013 and according to the lease the rental would be looked at, at the end of the first five year period – June 2015. It was agreed to keep this matter in mind and the Chairman confirmed that he would be cutting the field to make it tidy as and when the weather allows. Cllr.Bennett also confirmed that when possible he will cut the grass path area.

c. Stopping the Incinerator at King's Lynn – Confirmation had now been received that the Public Enquiry will be held commencing 26th February 2013 at The Professional Development Centre, Kilhams Way, King's Lynn. It is expected that the hearing will last 20 days. An e-mail had also been received from Leziate Parish Council asking if Council would be prepared to actively participate at the Public Enquiry, as we had previously written with our objections and also to provide financial assistance to the cause. After discussion it was agreed to reply to Leziate and confirm that as the Parish Council are divided on their opinions regarding the Incinerator, we do not wish to be involved at this point in time. Cllr.Bennett gave brief details of a drop in he had attended at Downham Market when information was supplied of a rival compacting system. He produced leaflets explaining the system and the Clerk agreed to scan these and forward to all councillors so that the matter could be discussed further at the next meeting.

d. Vandalism and Traffic Parking. – Following the repair of the vandalised ramp and steps and the talk which the PCSO had given to the school children no other problems had been experienced in recent weeks. With regard to traffic parking on the frontage of the old chapel, the PCSO had confirmed that she would be speaking to the owners because this parking was blocking the visibility when exiting Bedford Bank. It was noted that on the night of the meeting both vehicles were parked on the Lamb and Flag Car park. It was agreed to watch the space and see what happens and to confirm the matter with PCSO Bortz when next speaking to her.

6. Finance

On the proposal of Cllr Bennett, seconded by Cllr.Bray and agreed, the following cheques were signed:

Mrs.P.Copeman – Clerks Expenses	25 . 78
Norfolk Parish Training Partnership – In house training	150 . 00
Westcotec – Sept & Oct..Lighting maintenance	115 . 78

The following payments are made by Direct Debit

1.11.12	Mrs.P.Copeman – Clerks Salary	255 . 68
10.11.12	E-On – Street Light Elect	62 . 19
15.11.12	E-On – Electric for Pavilion	34 . 64

An e-mail had been received from County Office confirming that Councillors must be given special dispensation for Budget/Precept setting, because Councillors have a Pecuniary Interest based on the fact that the Precept affects the Council Tax which they pay on their property. This was not thought of at the time the new Declaration of Interest forms were approved and signed by Councillors.

7. Welney Water Tower

This item was included on the Agenda at the request of Cllr.T.Eyles following various discussion and e- mails which he had had with the new owner of the Welney Water Tower. Cllr.Eyles gave a brief report on his talks with the owner. The Chairman declared an interest in this matter because he is a Trustee of Marshall's Charity who own the approach road to the Water Tower. After a brief discussion it was agreed that Cllr.Eyles would contact the owner and ask him to contact the Parish Council direct either by e-mail or letter, as until such time as a direct approach is received the Council cannot discuss the matter.

8. Review of Parish Action Plan

Following the last meeting the Clerk had prepared the review points for the Action Plan and these had been circulated to all Councillors. It was unanimously agreed that these were in order. It was agreed that the Parish Action Plan together with the updates should appear on the Parish Council website and also a brief article should appear in the Welney News as follows: ***In the interests of self regulation, the Parish Council has fully reviewed the Parish Action Plan, as this is a live working document. (The updates would then be listed) The Parish Council are always in touch with the NCC Highways Department, Environment Agency, Police, M.P. etc., in an ongoing programme to improve matters for the village, and meetings are held on a regular basis with adjoining Councils in order to raise the profile of Welney.***

9. Open Meeting

All Councillors were reminded that the Open Meeting would take place on Saturday 10th November at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Posters advertising the meeting had been displayed on the notice boards, the Parish Council website and various locations, as well as a notice appearing in the Welney News.

The following items would head up the morning:

1. Proposed New Community Centre and possible fund raising. The plans for the new building together with the quotations for the work would be available.
2. Possible Community Shop
3. Sandgate Corner Allotment field
4. Wash Road – Better Signage
5. Display of Wash Pictures
6. Any other topics which might be raised by members of the Public.

Tea and Coffee would be available during the morning and councillors would be provided with name badges for identification.

A formal meeting was then arranged for Tuesday 11th December, 2012 at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. An Agenda for this meeting would be arranged at the December Parish Council meeting, and the content of the Agenda would depend on the interest from the Open Meeting.

A notice of the Formal meeting would appear in the next Edition of the Welney News.

10. Parish Hall

The electricity meters had been checked before the meeting and a total of £32 was removed..

The replacement of the Perspex doors to the Notice Board is in hand but has not yet been completed. The Chairman confirmed that he would speak to his electrician to see about a time delay on the exterior light to give users a chance to get down the steps before the light went out.

11 Proposed New Community Centre

a. A letter has been received from Shell International thanking Council for their enquiry and advising that if we would like to be considered along with the thousands of applications they receive, then we can complete a sponsorship application form at www.shell.co.uk/sponsorshipanddonations

b. Delta Pilots Fund Raising Concert – The Concert has been booked for Saturday 22nd December 2012 in the Parish Hall, commencing at 7.30 p.m. After some discussion it was agreed that the ticket cost should be £8 if purchased in advance and £10 on the door, (subject to availability) It was agreed to ask the Lamb and Flag if they would be prepared to run a bar for the event and the question of refreshments would also be decided at the next meeting. The Clerk confirmed that she would pass the information to the Delta Pilots so that they could advertise the cost and complete the posters which they are going to prepare. A Notice would also be included in the Welney News and it was hoped that the event would be a great success.

c. Funding – 1. Norfolk Community Foundation – Next round of funding will be March 2013 and applications have to be done on line. An e-mail has to be sent which then gives you a link to continue with the application.

2. WREN – Again their next round of funding will not be until the New Year and we have to fill in the complete application form – with details of fixtures and fittings

3. Fens Adventurers Rural Development Programme –The Clerk confirmed that she had received a final full application form from them which has to be submitted by 22nd November in readiness for their meeting in December. They have increased their possible donation but all monies which will be covered by their grant have to be paid for first, before they will hand the money over. There are several strict requirements attached to this application as well as the above – They require a full list of current users and potential users together with income from them at present and also projected income in order to satisfy themselves that this would be a viable proposition. All building work must start in January and be completed by July 2013 in order to qualify. Following a lengthy discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk would speak to Mr.Carter at Fens Adventurers and advise him that we cannot meet all the criteria as set out, and we therefore cannot proceed with the application. The Clerk produced a list of users of the Hall and Pavilion which would be printed and available for future applications.

12. Playing Field

Nothing further had been heard about the van parked on the side of Hurn Drove which only seems to cause a problem when there is an event at the Pavilion and several vehicles are parked. It then makes turning and backing round very difficult. This problem would be carefully monitored.

The Clerk confirmed that the broken windows had been repaired in the Pavilion and the Chairman confirmed that he would make arrangements for the heater to be looked at and also the dog fouling notices to be put up.

13. Correspondence

1. BCKLWN – Change of Bin Service – Parish Council Information Meetings – Their representative is no longer coming to our meeting, but we are invited to attend a meeting – the closest one to us is on Wednesday 7th November at the Town Hall, Downham Market at 7 p.m.) Cllr.Bennett confirmed that he may attend.

2. Jane Scarrott, Parish Liaison Officer for Norfolk Association of Local Councils will be attending our meeting on 8th January, weather permitting, to introduce herself and give a brief talk

3. Emneth Nursery School and Children's Centre – Invitation to next meeting on 22nd November

4. Norfolk RCC – Meeting at Colby and Banningham Village Hall – Friday 9th November regarding the potential of community bulk buying,
5. Norfolk RCC – Training Sessions – Introduction to Funding – 23rd November at Dereham £20.00 per member per session.
6. Norfolk Constabulary – Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel meeting – Wednesday 7th November, Assembly Room, Downham Market Town Hall
7. Elizabeth Truss MP – 27th Monthly report.
8. NSPCC – Looking to interest local people in forming support groups.
9. BXCKLWN – October 2012. Police and Crime Commissioner Elections 15th November, 2012
10. Game & Company – Autumn Parish Matters
11. BCKLWN – Details of the new Benefits Advice and Review Team Tel: 0800 731 2253
12. MAGPAS – The Emergency Medical Charity asking for financial support
13. NALC – Training Leaflets, Autumn Seminar 7th November 10 – 3 at Sandringham Visitor Centre Annual General Meeting 8th November at County Hall, Norwich, NALC Annual Report 2011/12
14. Landscape and Amenity – Product Update Sept/Oct.2012

14. Plans and Planning Matters

A letter was received from the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk regarding further training sessions on planning matters. Two daytime sessions are proposed in February 2013 and one evening session. It was agreed to keep a note of this on file in case any councillors wished to attend..

15 Highway Matters

1. Work to the Barriers at Suspension Bridge –This had again been reported to Andy Wallace at Highways and an e-mail from him dated 9th October stated that he was awaiting a quote from the contractor. As soon as this is received an urgent attention order will be issued for the work to be carried out.
2. Norfolk County Council Highways – Improvements to the on-line reporting of highway matters. Letter dated 18th October and a follow up e-mail dated 26th October
3. Norfolk County Council – Correspondence – Looking after Norfolk's footpaths dated 3rd October, signed by Bill Borrett. A copy of this was passed to Cllr.Bennett who attended the meeting at Leziate on 5th October called by the C.R.P.E. Cllr.Bennett reported that nothing further had been resolved regarding the upkeep of the footpaths and rights of way and he also reported that there was no money whatsoever for funding any work., Nothing had been resolved at present. Cllr.Bennett confirmed that he had also attended a meeting of the Norfolk access Forum at County Hall, Norwich on 23rd October.
4. The Highway Rangers should have visited Welney during the week commencing 29th October. but confirmation was received from Highways that the visit had been delayed and we would be advised when they were coming to the village..
5. Andy Wallace had been asked for an update of the points which were raised at the meeting with him on 20th September, but nothing had been heard from him.
6. Wash Road Meeting –The meeting has been arranged for Friday 16th November, 2012 at the Parish Hall, Welney at 2 p.m. The following persons have been invited to the meeting;

Andy Wallace, Norfolk Highways	Confirmed
Karl Rands, Norfolk Highways	
Dave Gillett, Environment Agency	Confirmed
Rob Bakewell, Environment Agency	Confirmed
David Pope, Dist. Councillor	Confirmed
Vivienne Spikings, Dist.Councillor	
Harry Humphrey, County Councillor	
Elizabeth Truss MP	
Norfolk Police	
PCSO Esther Bortz	Confirmed
Kevin Hall, Cambridgeshire Highways	Confirmed
Paul Butcher, Cambridgeshire Highways	Confirmed

All Parish Councillors

Copies of the report of the previous meeting held in December 2010 would be sent to Councillors prior to the meeting.

7. Two Road Closure Notices – Resurfacing Work

- a. 21st and 22nd November – Hundred Foot Bank C37 – From a point 120m south west of the junction with C37 Station Road, for a distance of 198m south west in the Parish of Welney.
- b. 22nd and 23rd November – Wisbech Road, Lakes End A1101 – A section of road somewhere in the area of Horsehead Drove.

16. Environmental Matters

1. Hundred Foot Bank – Concrete Access Road

Following the last meeting an e-mail was sent to Philip Gelsthorpe at the Environment Agency advising that the Parish Council would not be involved in any further negotiations but would leave the matter on the Agenda for any possible updates from the residents.

2. Parking Area at the Side of the Parish Hall.

Nothing at all had been done regarding the potholes in the area of the Parish Hall and nothing had been heard from the Environment Agency. It was agreed to point out the problem at the meeting on 16th November.

17. Items for Next Agenda

1. Precept Pre-discussion
2. Possible change of Bank Accounts.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Signed ... K.Goodger..... (Chairman) Dated ...4th December, 2012