

Minutes of the Meeting of the Welney Parish Council
held at the Parish Hall, Welney on Tuesday 5th August, 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr.K.Goodger (Chairman), Cllrs. T.Bray, S.Dobson, R.Gilbert, V.Pratley, G.Rainbird and A.Wardle, Dist.Cllr.D.Pope. Mr.J. Loveday, 2 members of the Public and the Clerk.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Dist.Cllr.V.Spikings

2. Declaration of Interests

None at this stage.

3. Casual Vacancies on the Parish Council.

No approaches have been received from anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor.

4. Public Participation.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public participation. One member of the public raised the question of access gates being padlocked on the River Banks at Suspension Bridge, and also the kissing gate on the Bridleway to Welney House Hotel, and it was agreed to ask the Environment Agency for their comments. The Chairman then re-convened the meeting.

5. Minutes of the last meeting.

Councillors had been supplied with a draft copy of the minutes of the last meeting on 8th July. Following a discussion about the minutes, Cllr.Gilbert left the meeting at 7.45 p.m. After further discussion it was agreed to delete the last but one line of Item No.6 and to amend the first line of Terms of Reference under Item No.9. These omissions and amendments were agreed initialled by the Chairman, and the minutes were signed as a correct record.

It was also proposed by Cllr. Bray, seconded by Cllr. Rainbird and agreed that the minutes should be shortened and not go into so much detail.

6. Matters Arising

- a. Houses in Chestnut Avenue – Nothing further has been heard. Two families have to move houses and then there will be two properties left to upgrade.
- b. Houses in Old Bedford Row – Nothing heard from anyone.
- c. Faster Broadband for Welney – Cllr.Wardle confirmed that she was arranging for a speaker to come to either the Sept or Nov. meetings and would confirm a date to the Clerk as soon as possible.

7. Finance

On the proposition of Cllr. Dobson, seconded by Cllr.Bray and agreed, the following cheque was drawn and signed

Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk

Purchase of 50 rolls of caddy bin liners at £1.60 per roll £80 . 00

Paid by Direct Debit

Mrs.P.Copeman, Clerks Salary 255 . 68

E-On Electric for street lights 62 . 19

8. Parish Hall

The sum of £9.00 was removed from the electricity meters.

The plumber had visited to mend the leaking pipe but could not find the outside stoptap. It was agreed to contact Anglian Water to ask for their assistance, so that the repair could be done.

9. Proposed New Pavilion.

The Chairman signed both copies of the Terms of Reference – one copy would be handed over to the secretary of the Action Team.

Cllr. Pratley gave a brief report on the meetings of the Action Team and how they were progressing.

She explained that the Team had been split into three subcommittees and matters were progressing well.

The Clerk confirmed that she had collected the Deeds of the Playing Field from the Solicitors that afternoon and would be making a copy of the papers in the envelope so that the copy could be passed to the Action Team.

10. Playing Field

An approach had been made from Mr.Loveday regarding a problem with rabbits on the playing field. A Control company had been along to inspect and offered three options for control. Mr.Loveday that he knew of who would come along at night and shoot the rabbits. The Chairman then asked for a show of and it was reluctantly agreed with 5 votes for and 1 against that this would be the course of action to take. As soon as Mr.Loveday confirmed the gents name the Clerk would write a letter to be forwarded to him giving Parish Council permission but requesting that he inform the Police and that he should not do any shooting if there were persons on the Playing Field. Mr.Loveday agreed to inform the local neighbours personally.

11. Correspondence

1. Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk – Registration process is changing and all households will be receiving a letter.
2. E-mail from the Welney News regarding their afternoon event on 16th August and requesting Parish Council and WASH to join the event. Full support was extended from the Council but due to the short notice no one was able to confirm attendance although some might be able to attend for a short time.

12. Planning Matters

None

13. Highway Matters including Wash Road.

- a. Footway from Alsmhouses up to the Bridge has been inspected but no work carried out as yet.
- b. Following the last meeting an e-mail was sent to the M.P.'s M.E.P., District and County Councilors regarding the new funding allocated to the New Anglian Local Enterprise Partnership. A reply was received from the manager Alastair Rhind and this was copied to councillors. After consideration it was agreed to reply with details of the quote from Elizabeth Truss MP printed in the latest edition of the News. It was agreed to send the letter to Cllr.Wardle initially and then copy to all councillors.
- c. Unanimously agreed to contact Westcotec to see if they might be prepared to install 2 or 3 street lights in March Road leading to the Playing Field.
- d. The flood gate on Delph Road has been broken off and uprooted and this has been reported to Highways.
- e. Pothole on March Road before Hurn Side coming into the village had been reported to Highways earlier in the year but nothing had been done. Requested to report again.
- f. The chairman confirmed that some dredging work had been carried out the Old Croft River by the Drainage Board.

14. Community Emergency Plan

All councillors had been provided with a copy of the updated Emergency Plan for Welney. Following discussion the Plan was agreed and adopted and signed and dated by the Chairman. Copies would be forwarded to all parties listed in the Plan and the amended and updated cascade telephone call out would be forwarded to councillors for information.

15. Items for Next Agenda

1. Improving the image of the Parish Council
2. Availability of correspondence to Councillors
3. In-House Training for Councillors (brought forward from July meeting)

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

SignedK.Goodger.....(Chairman) Dated2nd September, 2014.....