

**Minutes of the meeting of Welney Parish Council**  
**held in the Parish Hall, Welney on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Cllr.K.Goodger (Chairman) Cllrs. L.Bombata, T.Bray, S. Dobson, J.Elliott, R.Gilbert, V.Pratley and G.Rainbird, Dist.Cllr.D.Pope, 1 Resident and the Clerk.

**1. Apologies for absence** received from Cllr.A.Wardle, Dist.Cllr.V.Spikings, C.Cllr.H.Humphrey and P.C.S.O.

**2. Declarations of Interest** – None at this stage.

**3. Public Participation** The Chairman then adjourned the meeting for public participation.

Resident raised a question with regard to the siting of the netball hoop on the playing field. Chairman explained that Mr.John Loveday had donated the netball hoop and erected it and that he would ask him his reasons for the current siting. Cllr.Pratley read out a letter from Mr.Loveday with regard to the proposed new Pavilion. The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

**4. Minutes** – The minutes of the meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September and 23<sup>rd</sup> September, having been circulated to all councillors were signed by the Chairman as correct records of those meetings.

**5. Matters Arising**

a. Faster Broadband for Welney – Cllr.Wardle not present – leave in abeyance until next meeting.

b. Fund Raising - Council were reminded that for any fund raising event if food is available then someone with a full hygiene certificate must be in attendance at all times. The Parish Hall licence covers music under the Premises Licence. Previously advised that as long as the fund raising event is held in premises, or on land owned or managed by the Parish Council then the Council insurance covers the event. It was agreed to enquire of the Insurance Company what additional cover would be required for any fund raising events held at other premises and what the cost would be.

c. Training for Full Council – Agreed to book for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November with Luisa Cantera, the Training development Officer at Norfolk Association of Local Councils. Fee would be £250.00

d. Website – Following brief discussion, it was proposed by Cllr.Rainbird, seconded by Cllr.Gilbert and agreed with 7 votes in favour, that Cllr.Bombata should prepare a new website for the Parish Council. Cllr.Bombata also handed out a list of suggestions on how to improve communications regarding Press Release and Newsletter.

**6. Finance**

On the proposition of Cllr.Bray, seconded by Cllr.Dobson with all in favour the following cheques were signed in settlement of the invoices

Clerks Expenses	34 . 78
Welney Croft Cricket Club - 2 <sup>nd</sup> half years grass cutting	
£425.00 less 6 home matches at £25.00 - £150.00	275 . 00

Paid by Direct Debit

1.10.14	Clerks Salary	255 . 68
11.10.14	E-On – Electric for lights	62 . 19

**7. Items requested for inclusion on the Agenda.**

a. Sandgate Corner Field – Cllr.Gilbert requested this item as he considered the field to be an eyesore. Suggestion to turn the field into a village green in order to clean up the area. Chairman gave a brief history of the field and how it had been set up initially for allotments and a pocket park. Allotments had started out well and gradually dwindled to none and the pocket park had never materialised. Brief discussions – Proposed by Cllr.Bray, seconded by Cllr.Dobson and with 4 votes for the proposal and 4 against, the Chairman used his casting vote and the motion was passed that the field should be handed back to the Borough Council so that no expenses were levied on the Parish Council for any future work.

b. Notice Boards – Cllr.Gilbert produced a sample notice board which he had made and suggested that these could go in various locations around the village. However it was agreed to find out from the Planning Department if planning permission would be needed before taking the matter further.

c. Parish Council Newsletter – Cllr.Bombata confirmed that he would be prepared to put together a Newsletter for the Parish Council with help from other councillors. Proposed Cllr.Elliott, seconded Cllr.Dobson with all in favour that the first print out should be in black and white in order to see what kind of feedback there was. Cllr.Goodger agreed to print the Newsletter and Cllr.Bray would cover the postage. The draft Newsletter would be forwarded to the Clerk in order that it could be sent to all councillors with a request that the e-mail should be acknowledged and any amendments or alterations received back within a fixed period of time. It was proposed by Cllr.Goodger, seconded by Cllr.Elliott with all in favour, that all e-mails should be acknowledged as a matter of courtesy as well as confirmation of receipt.

## **8. Parish Hall**

The sum of £6 was removed from the electric meters

Clerk attended on 24<sup>th</sup> September when a new electric meter was fitted by E-on.

## **9. Proposed New Pavilion**

Confirmation that instructions had been given to Fraser Dawbarns to prepare the necessary lease but it was explained at the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> September that this would not be necessary because as Custodian Trustees of the Playing Field, the Parish Council are the legal owners of the land. At the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> September instructions had been given to the Solicitor to formally register the land with Land Registry and this had now been done.

At the last meeting the Council had been requested to confirm the amount of grant which they would be prepared to give towards the new building. The Clerk had been asked to find out from the Environment Agency whether the Parish Council would have to demolish the old Parish Hall and if so what kind of cost would be involved. The E.A. Had confirmed that the building is part of the current lease and therefore owned by them but the Parish Council will be responsible for any repairs that are beyond normal wear and tear. Council to advise E.A. In due course so that an inspection can be made. Also requested to find out the possible cost of an election in May 2015 should there be more than 8 nominations for the 8 vacancies. Advised that if election is held then the cost would be anywhere between £1,000 and £1,500. Following discussion two proposals were made and then withdrawn, and the final proposal from Cllr.Bombata, seconded by Cllr.Bray with all in favour was that the Parish Council should confirm a grant of £1,000.

Cllr.Pratley also explained the Income and Expenditure figures prepared by Mr.Fleming and one or two alterations were made to the figures. She also explained the proposed fees for the hiring of the new building.

Cllr.Pratley also confirmed that in due course a date would be set to consider the terms of reference for the proposed management committee.

## **10. Playing Field.**

Confirmation received from Mr.Carter that he had cut back the offending trees and put the branches etc on the playing field. The Chairman confirmed that as soon as work and weather permit he will remove them.

With regard to dog fouling on the field – there was no room in the most recent edition of the Welney News for the notice but the Editor had confirmed it would be included in the next edition. The Chairman agreed to look into proper signage for installing at the field and the Clerk would obtain some dog fouling notices from the Borough Council.

## **11. Correspondence**

1. Borough Council - Details of the New Collection service for glass etc that can be included in the green recycling bins with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October. Confirmation that the bottle banks will be removed during the two weeks commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> September and monitored for a further two weeks in case anyone leaves glass at the site.
2. Norfolk Association of Local Councils – Copy of Norfolk Link for each councillor.
3. Jessica Perry – Village and Pub Signs, Repair, Refurbishment and Repainting Service. [www.jessicaperry.co.uk](http://www.jessicaperry.co.uk)
4. Norfolk Rural Community Council – Copy of Signpost magazine
5. Kickstart – The Moped Loan People – Information if Council might be interested in setting up a hire scheme in

the parish.

6. Andrew Deptford, Sleaford – Community Access Defibrillator for his village. If Council should ever decide to purchase such equipment for the village – the cost varies from between £875 to £1,395 plus VAT
7. Norfolk County Council – Council's budget and priorities for 2015/18.
8. Norfolk County Council – Waste Matters in Norfolk Conference 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 at John Innes Centre, Norwich - 9.00 – 14.50
9. NCC Highways – Purchase of SAM speed Monitoring Equipment,

## **12. Planning Matters**

1. Contact had been made with planners regarding a complaint about premises in March Road. Confirmation received that the complaint was being investigated and Council would be updated in due course.
2. Letter from Borough Planning dated 8<sup>th</sup> September re: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use of 28 static holiday homes at Pisces Country Park, Bedford Bank – Application has been withdrawn.
3. Letter from Borough Planning Department dated 26<sup>th</sup> September regarding removal of BT payphones at various locations throughout the Borough. Three **payphones listed as being within Welney Parish** **1. KIOSK 217 opp Lamb and Flag Pub, Main Street** **2. KIOSK 259 opp Post Office, Lakes End** **3. KIOSK 261 Rutland Arms, Tipps End.** Application can be viewed at [www.west-norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk) Ref No. 14/01340/BT and comments made by 17.10.14

## **13. Highway Matters including Wash Road**

All councillors had received a copy of the letter from Norfolk County Council regarding A1101 Main Street, resurfacing and footway and kerbing works. Some work already carried out – resurfacing to take place when Wash Road is flooded.

Norfolk County Council - 26<sup>th</sup> September – Delivering local highway improvements in partnership with town and Parish Councils – NCC has £200,000 on a 50/50 basis to fund schemes put forward by local Councils. Closing date 30<sup>th</sup> January then assessed and decisions made in March, 2015.

E-mail from Matthew Barker recently moved to Chapel House, Wisbech Road, Tipps End and extremely concerned about the speeding traffic. Agreed to pass to Highways for any help and assistance.

Points for Highways attention: Dip outside Flights End is getting much worse – warning signs have been put up. Enquire regarding return of Wash Road flooded barrier on Delph Bridge.

## **14. Parish Action Plan**

Item to go on Agenda for November meeting.

## **15. Items for Next Agenda**

Team building exercise.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.55 p.m., and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed .....K.Goodger.....Chairman

Dated .....4<sup>th</sup> November, 2014.....