



# Welton, Melton & Wauldby Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.00pm  
Welton Memorial Hall

# Parish council responsibilities, powers and duties

**Parish councils have a variety of powers and duties, all of which impact directly on the community. The following A to Z can all fall under the remit of local councils:**

- ▶ Allotments
- ▶ Burial Grounds, Cemeteries, Churchyards and Crematoria
- ▶ Bus Shelters
- ▶ Bye-laws – the power to make bye-laws concerning: baths and washhouses (swimming pools), cycle parks, mortuaries and pleasure grounds
- ▶ Clocks – public clocks can be provided and must be maintained
- ▶ Community Centres, Conference Centres, Halls, Public Buildings
- ▶ Drainage – of ditches and ponds
- ▶ Entertainment and the Arts
- ▶ Footpaths
- ▶ General Spending – parish councils can spend a limited amount of money on anything they deem of benefit to the community that is not covered by the other specific responsibilities described in this list
- ▶ Gifts – parish councils may accept gifts
- ▶ Highways – lighting, parking places, right to enter into discussions about new roads and road widening, consent of parish council required for diversion or discontinuation of highway, traffic signs and other notices, tree planting and verge maintenance



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- ▶ Land – acquisition and sale of
- ▶ Legal proceedings – power to prosecute and defend any legal proceedings in the interests of the community, power to take part in any public enquiry
- ▶ Litter – provision of litter–bins and support for any anti–litter campaigns
- ▶ Planning – parish councils must be notified of, and display for residents, any planning applications for the area. Any comments submitted to the planning authority by the parish council must be taken into account
- ▶ Postal and Telecommunication Facilities – power to pay a public telecommunications operator any loss sustained in providing services in that area
- ▶ Public conveniences – provision and maintenance of public toilets
- ▶ Recreation – provision of recreation grounds, public walkways, pleasure grounds, open spaces, village greens, gymnasiums, playing fields, holiday camps and boating ponds
- ▶ Rights of Way – footpath and bridleway maintenance
- ▶ Seats (public)
- ▶ Signs – danger signs, place names and bus stops signs
- ▶ Tourism – financial contributions to any local tourist organisations allowed
- ▶ Traffic Calming
- ▶ War Memorials
- ▶ Water Supply – power to utilise stream, well or spring water and to provide facilities for general use



# Annual Report – how did we fulfil our duties?

- ▶ Councillors and membership
  - Stable membership
  - Welcomed one new member
  - Still have vacancies
- ▶ Planning – Brough South, Manor Properties, wind turbines and smaller local applications
  - Alison Peck, Chair of Planning to report
- ▶ Speed management
  - Humps and resurfacing
  - Traffic calming signs
- ▶ Council Finances
  - Precept
  - Healthy surplus – ideas for investment in community amenities
  - Improved governance
  - Finance training for councillors
- ▶ Community planning
  - Ideas to improve amenities sought
  - Gareth Roberts to report
- ▶ Council relationships with the Memorial Hall, Social Club, Church, Schools, Community Police, local businesses and residents
- ▶ Maintenance of amenities
  - Bins, grit bins, street lighting, seats, ponds, church clock, Christmas lights...
  - Health and safety

