

Welton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 18 January 2022 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Thane (in the Chair), Banks, Boyle, Rockett, and Skinn
Also in attendance was the Clerk

Public Forum

None

Apologies

2254 Cllrs Gill, Peck and Ward Cllr Abraham

2255 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Skinn and Thane expressed a non-pecuniary interest in item 14 (minute 2267) as Trustees of the Memorial Hall. Cllr Thane also expressed a non-pecuniary interest in item 15 (minute 2268) as Editor of Welton, Melton and Wauldby News.

2256 Dispensation Requests

None had been received.

2257 East Riding of Yorkshire Councillor's Report

Melton Plot E – It was reported that condition 36 requires the developer to set up a liaison group to provide feedback and information to the local community during the construction phase. Prior to launching the liaison group, the developer will be required to submit a protocol to the local Planning Authority for written approval. Nominations will be sought for representatives from the local community and Parish Councils. Local residents and Parish Councils should also be consulted by the applicant on future plans for the 50m strip of public open space between the facility and Long Plantation.

Transwaste Liaison Group – The first meeting of the liaison group had taken place in December, minutes and presentation slides were available for interested parties.

Melton Underpass – Cllr Abraham had reported significant amounts of graffiti on the underpass walls which had since been removed.

Cllr Abraham had also raised her concerns at full Council regarding the safety of underpass users, a particular concern being the use by young people getting to and from school. It was noted that the route was currently considered to meet all national requirements as a safe route to school, a reassessment would not be undertaken until the completion of the Business Park. Reportedly many young people were choosing to travel over the top of the junction, crossing multiple lanes, which will become increasingly busy with future developments thereby increasing the risks.

Planning application by Lidl – Members' attention was drawn to a planning application by Lidl to construct a store on Welton Road in Brough. Given the potential implications on the flow of traffic, residential location and impact on the safety of local school children via this route, members asked that the Chairman and Clerk submit comments on behalf of the Parish Council.

2258 Approval of the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 14 December 2021
Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2021 were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr Rockett and seconded by Cllr Banks

2259 Finance

a. The following contractual payments were noted:

- i) £11.38 Mobile phone direct debit for January – EE
- ii) £10.00 bank charges December - HSBC

b. The following payments were approved:

- i) £498.36 Salary payment December - Staff
- ii) £84.20 PAYE December – HMRC

Resolved – that the payments be approved

Proposed by Cllr Rockett and seconded by Cllr Boyle

c. The following receipt was noted:

- i) £0.59 Savings interest December

2260 Planning

It was noted that no planning consultations had been received.

b) The following planning decisions were noted:

- i) Land east of Harrison Place, Welton (ref 21/00994/STPLF) – permission granted by ERC with conditions
- ii) Memorial Hall, 33 Cowgate, Welton (ref 21/00884/PLB) permission granted by ERC with conditions

c) The following appeal was noted:

- i) Land east of Calvmoor, 59 Common Lane, Welton (ref 21/00047/refuse)

2261 Clerk's Report

Street Lighting in the centre of Welton – Comments had been received from a resident in relation to the level of street lighting between The Green Dragon and Kidd Lane. The Clerk would contact ERC to request a survey and report back to the Parish Council.

Melton Pond – A site meeting had taken place on Sunday 16 January attended by Cllr Rockett and the Clerk. Volunteers had requested that the Parish Council engage the services of an environmental consultant to plan, manage and supervise volunteers to carry out improvement works at Melton Pond. Cllr Rockett would contact the co-ordinator to discuss and come up with a firm plan of works that need to be done and to ascertain potential ideas for future improvements.

2262 Correspondence

Members' attention was drawn to an online petition for local councils to have the future right to hold all meetings remotely for an indefinite period; members' views were sought as to whether they wished to support the petition.

Members considered a proposal from Cllr Terry Gill relating to the establishment of a working group to facilitate the development of a cycle/footpath between Brough and Melton Business Park.

Resolved – that (a) the online petition not be signed, (b) Cllr Thane be nominated to represent the Parish Council on the Brough/Melton Cycle / Footpath Working Group and (c) that the correspondence list be otherwise noted
Proposed by Cllr Skinn and seconded by Cllr Banks

2263 Town and Parish Council Charter

Resolved – that the ERY Town and Parish Council Charter be adopted by Welton Parish Council
Proposed by Cllr Rockett and seconded by Cllr Skinn

2264 Recruitment of new members

Cllr Thane informed members that Cllr Peck had written a piece for publication in the next edition of Welton, Melton and Wauldby News. The Clerk would also seek advice going forward from ERC Electoral Services.

2265 Maintenance of ponds and water course

A site meeting had taken place on 10 January between the Clerk and Clearway. The water course, pond and ditch adjacent to the A63 had been checked and quotations requested for the costs of cleaning all areas to maintain the flow of water and reduce the risk of flooding and would be reported at the next meeting.

Recent water levels in Beck Lane had almost reached the level of the footpath during December. The Clerk had contacted Highways England during 2020 and 2021 to request a maintenance visit and following an inspection by the Highways designated contractor; the Clerk had been notified that work to clean the drain was not considered to be necessary. Members' noted that the responsibility for the drain was jointly riparian between Highways England and adjacent landowners.

2266 Footpath Maintenance

Members noted that the footpath on Welton Road, adjacent to the safety railing required cleaning to remove a build up of leaf debris which had become compacted, making the surface slippery. A quotation had been requested from Clearway.

Resolved – that the Clerk be authorised to arrange the work, to a maximum sum of £1,500

Proposed by Cllr Boyle and seconded by Cllr Thane

2267 Report from the Memorial Hall Trustees

Cllr Thane reported that planning permission had been granted for alterations at the rear of the Hall behind the stage; quotations for work had been requested. It was noted that doors would be altered as part of the plan and external lighting added at the rear of the building. Works to the Hall had concluded with a new kitchen installed, painting completed and the Hall floor renovated. The scale of hire fees was due to be increased but still favorable when compared with other local venues. Acoustic clouds were now available to purchase as memorials for the sum of £250 and a memorial board would be installed in the Hall in the future.

2268 Welton, Melton and Wauldby News

Cllr Thane reported that the final draft was ready for printing and would be available at the end of January. Advertisers had been confirmed and a bank account set up with funds transferred.

2269 Coronavirus Contingency Planning

Resolved – that powers and duties previously delegated to the Clerk acting in consultation with the Chairman (minute 1991 (a) refers) continue in the event of the Parish Council not being quorate to meet, or unable to meet due to a lockdown, but be kept under review.

Proposed by Cllr Boyle and seconded by Cllr Skinn

To receive any other items for note or future agendas

Queen's Jubilee

Date and time of next meeting Tuesday 15 February 2022 at 7.00pm at St. Helen's Church

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm