

# Welton Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2023

Present: Cllrs Thane (in the Chair), Gill, Paterson, Peck, Taylor, and Ward Cllr Abraham  
Also in attendance was the Clerk

**Public Forum** – Two members of the public were present as observers

**2468 Apologies** – Cllrs Banks, Boyle, Pengelly, Rockett, Skinn and Ward Cllr Corless

**2469 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests**

Cllr Thane expressed a non-pecuniary interest in items 11 (minute 2478) and 13 (minute 2480) as a Trustee of the Memorial Hall. Cllr Thane also expressed a non-pecuniary interest in item 12 (minute 2479) as Editor of Welton, Melton and Wauldby News.

**2470 Dispensation requests** – None received

**2471 East Riding of Yorkshire Councillor's report**

A decision on the planning application by Smith & Nephew was expected by March, no objections had been received by the Planning Authority.

It was anticipated that multiple applications by Transwaste would be placed before the Planning Committee for determination.

Revised plans for the open space at Plot E were still awaited.

**2472 Approval of the minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 17 January 2023** - Resolved – that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 17 January 2023 were agreed as a true record.  
Proposed by Cllr Paterson and seconded by Cllr Peck

**2473 Minutes of the Personnel Committee held on 13 February 2023** – the minutes were received and noted

**2474 Finance**

a. The following contractual payments were noted:

- i) £8.00 bank charges for January (Welton Bull) - HSBC
- ii) £11.00 bank charges for January (Parish Council) – HSBC
- iii) £12.43 Mobile phone direct debit for February – EE

b. The following payments were approved:

- i) £494.80 Salary payment January – staff
- ii) £84.40 PAYE January – HMRC
- iii) £40.00 Room hire – St. Helen's PCC
- iv) £20.00 Room hire heating – St. Helen's PCC

Resolved – that the payments be approved  
Proposed by Cllr Peck and seconded by Cllr Taylor

c. The following receipts were noted:

- i) £56.88 Savings interest
- ii) £419.69 HMRC VTR for the third quarter

## **2475 Planning**

a) To agree responses to the following planning consultations:

i) Welton Rise, Kidd Lane, Welton (ref 22/01214/PLF) REVISED PLANS Resolved – that the Parish Council strongly object to the revised plans and would reiterate their previous comments and those of the Conservation Officer. The Parish Council would wish to see the application referred to the Planning Committee  
Proposed by Cllr Peck and seconded by Cllr Gill.

ii) Transwaste Recycling and Aggregates Ltd, Gibson Lane South, Melton (ref 23/00069/CM)  
Resolved – that the Parish Council have no comment  
Proposed by Cllr Peck and seconded by Cllr Taylor

iii) Wastegate Waste Management Ltd, Gibson Lane South, Melton (ref 23/00135/CM)  
Resolved – that the Parish Council have no comment  
Proposed by Cllr Taylor and seconded by Cllr Paterson

iv) 9 Hall Walk, Welton (ref 23/00444/TCA)  
Resolved – that the Parish Council support the advice of the Tree Officer  
Proposed by Cllr Peck and seconded by Cllr Taylor

b) To note the following decisions:

- i) Barn House, 29 & 31 Cowgate, Welton (ref 22/03824/PLB) - planning permission granted by ERC with conditions
- ii) Land south east of Cara House, Beck Lane, Welton (ref 22/03476/VAR) – planning permission granted by ERC with conditions
- iii) Hill Top Lodge, Temple Lane, Welton (ref 22/03845/PLF) - planning permission granted by ERC with conditions
- iv) Transwaste Services Ltd, Heritage Landscape Centre, Gibson Lane South, Melton (ref 22/03414/PLF) - planning permission granted by ERC with conditions

## **2476 Clerk's report**

Update on minute 2472 (i) & (ii) - A service request had been made for the re-assessment of road marking and traffic signage within the Parish, including repositioning of the speed sign at the junction of Kidd Lane and Cowgate presently obscured.

Clarification had been obtained by the Clerk that the Police have the appropriate powers to issue penalties for vehicles parked dangerously, including vehicles left in restricted areas resulting in obstruction of the highway.

St. Helen's Clock - The annual service of the War Memorial Clock had been completed by the Cumbria Clock Company and no issues of concern identified.

Local elections 4 May 2023 - Election Notices would be published by ERC on 17 March 2023. Nomination forms are to be returned to County Hall not later than 4pm on 4 April 2023.

Winter grit bins - Maintenance visits had been completed by ERC at St. Helen's Drive and Creyke Lane.

Silt trap maintenance – The next maintenance visit would take place on Wednesday 1 March.

- 2477 Correspondence List** - The correspondence list was noted.  
The Clerk would respond to the Street Trading and Collections Licensing Policy Review highlighting concerns regarding the single use of plastic bags for charity collections. Members wished to see the introduction of a requirement for a bio degradable alternative to the plastic bags currently in use.
- 2478 Report from the Memorial Hall Trustees**  
Cllr Thane reported that hire fees would be increased from 1 April. A number of events had been planned for 2023, to include a Coronation Event on 6 May, events had been well attended to date. Quotes were presently being obtained for roof repairs.
- 2479 Welton, Melton and Wauldby News**  
The February edition had been published. A number of new advertisers had been added and some new distributors had come forward.
- 2480 Grant Application Welton Memorial Hall**  
Resolved – that (i) a grant of £24,350.00 be awarded to the Trustees of Welton Memorial Hall to be used towards the costs of a new storage facility, (ii) payment of £24,350.00 be authorised and (iii) copies of all invoices in relation to the works be sent to the Clerk for Parish Council accounting records.  
Proposed by Cllr Taylor and seconded by Cllr Paterson
- 2481 Melton Underpass CCTV – update**  
Cllr Thane informed members that a grant of £25,000 had been offered to the Parish Council towards the costs of CCTV for Melton underpass. Members were reminded that the Parish Council had previously agreed to make of one-off contribution of £3,500 (minute 2405 refers) at the request of the Ward Cllr, to be matched by Swanland and North Ferriby Parish Councils, towards the purchase of CCTV equipment only, to be installed, monitored and maintained in its entirety by ERC. Members concluded that the draft legal agreement to be signed prior to release of the grant, had wide ranging implications for the Parish Council in the longer term and the role of Project Manager allocated to the Clerk by ERC was outside of the Clerk’s job profile.  
Resolved – that the draft legal agreement and grant be declined by the Parish Council.  
Proposed by Cllr Peck and seconded by Cllr Taylor
- 2482 Maintenance of the silt trap 2023-24**  
Resolved – that the contract for maintenance of the silt trap during 2023-24 be awarded to Clearway Environmental Services Ltd on the basis of the quote provided  
Proposed by Cllr Peck and seconded by Cllr Taylor
- 2483 King’s Coronation Working Group**  
Resolved – that Cllr Thane be nominated as the Parish Council representative on the King’s Coronation Working Group.  
Proposed by Cllr Taylor and seconded by Cllr Peck
- 2484 Brough Junction and A63**  
The Clerk had circulated information to members.

**2485 Community Governance Review**

Resolved – that the Clerk completes and submits the review on behalf of the Parish Council. Members indicated that they did not consider boundary changes or changes to the number of places on the Parish Council to be necessary.

Proposed by Cllr Thane and seconded by Cllr Gill

**2486 Watercourse update and rewilding (Cllr Paterson)**

Cllr Paterson reported that he had taken advice on the management of the water course. Members were informed that in relation to the impact of sediment, the silt trap captured the bed load only, defined as anything on the bed of the watercourse. Advice was that the most effective way to trap sediment was to let the system do its own thing, in other words let the water course re-naturalise, with sediment removed from the embankment during winter supplemented by flood deposit removal as necessary. Members were informed that vegetation acts in slowing water and would be beneficial to support wildlife in the future.

It was noted that enquiries had also been made as to the potential availability of land to purchase and plant trees. Giving seeds to local schools for pupils to cultivate was presented as another option to support re-wilding.

**2487 Items for note or future agenda**

None

**2488 PART 2 – Exempt Information**

The Parish Council was asked to consider excluding the press and public from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 22.

**Resolved** – that the public be excluded for consideration of agenda item 22 (minute 2489) on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. *(In making the decision the Parish Council confirmed that having regard to all the circumstances it was satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information)*

Proposed by Cllr Thane and seconded by Cllr Peck

**2489 Clerk's Annual Appraisal**

Resolved – that the Clerk's appraisal be accepted

Proposed by Cllr Taylor and seconded by Cllr Peck

**Date and time of next meeting**

Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 21 March 2023 at 7.00pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm