

Welton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2023

Present: Cllrs Thane (in the Chair), Hutchinson, Mills, Paterson, Peck, Pengelly, Skinn, Taylor and ward Cllrs Corless and Hopton
Also in attendance was the Clerk

Public Forum – Eight members of the public were present

Following the Annual Village meeting a volunteer group had been established and a plan put together. Volunteers would attend monthly meetings to give feedback and seek support.

The Chairman confirmed that he had received a copy of the presentation prepared by the group which he would ask the Clerk to circulate to members.

(In response to a question from a member of the public on co-option, the Clerk confirmed that an election notice would be published as required by statute. Should the required number of electors subsequently not request an election, the Parish Council would consider any applications for co-option).

2575 Apologies – none

2576 Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Cllrs Thane and Skinn expressed a non-pecuniary interest in item 11 (minute 2585) as Trustees of the Memorial Hall. Cllr Thane also expressed non-pecuniary interests in item 12 (minute 2586) as Editor of Welton News and item 14 (minute 8588) as a member of Welton Pantomime Group.
(The Clerk sought confirmation as to whether any other members wished to declare interests, no further declarations were made).

2577 Dispensation requests – None received

2578 East Riding of Yorkshire ward Cllrs report

A sponsor academy was being sought to run the new school planned at the former St. Anne's site, no further details were presently available.

It was anticipated that a report into the outcome of the recent boundary review in the ERY would be published later in the month.

Plans for the open space next to long plantation were yet to be submitted by Wykeland.

New telecom providers set to offer services in the ERY would be undertaking the installation of new infrastructure in the near future. .

2579 Approval of the minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 20 June 2023

Resolved – the minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 20 June 2023 were agreed as a true record
Proposed by Cllr Taylor and seconded by Cllr Peck

2580 Approval of the minutes of the Annual Village meeting held on 28 June 2023

Resolved – that the minutes of the Annual Village meeting held on 28 June 2023 be deferred to the September meeting

Proposed by Cllr Thane and seconded by Cllr Taylor

2581 Finance

a. The following contractual payments were noted:

- i) £8.00 bank charges for June (Welton Bull) - HSBC
- ii) £14.22 mobile phone direct debit for July – EE
- iii) £18.00 fee – Unity Trust Bank
- iv) £35.00 annual registration – Information Commissioners Office

b. The following payments were approved:

- i) £489.20 salary payment June – staff
- ii) £90.00 PAYE June – HMRC
- iii) £48.00 admin charge - Vision ICT
- iv) £86.47 petty cash top up
- v) £500.00 grant Welton Pantomime Group

Resolved – that the payments be approved

Proposed by Cllr Peck and seconded by Cllr Taylor

c. The following receipts were noted:

- i) £91.89 savings interest June
- ii) £47.46 COIF charity investment (Welton Bull)

2582 Planning

a) Responses to the following planning consultations were agreed:

- i) 17 St. James Road, Melton (ref 23/01432/PLF)

Resolved – that the Parish Council have no objections

Proposed by Cllr Peck and seconded by Cllr Hutchinson

- ii) 10 Hall Walk, Welton (ref 23/01779/TCA)

Resolved – that evidence has not been provided to justify the works and the Parish Council object to trees being cut down in the conservation area

Proposed by Cllr Peck and seconded by Cllr Hutchinson

- iii) Land north east of Railway Cottages, Common Lane, Welton (ref 23/00564/STPLF)

Resolved – that the Parish Council strongly object to the application on the grounds that the area is too large and unsuitable, more information is needed in terms of land drainage, the provision for parking is too limited and access along Common Lane is unsuitable, being too narrow, to support a significant increase in traffic.

Proposed by Cllr Peck and seconded by Cllr Hutchinson

- iv) Welton Hall, Dale Road, Welton (ref 23/02009/TCA)

Resolved – that the Parish recommend the advice of the tree officer be followed

Proposed by Cllr Pengelly and seconded by Cllr Paterson

b) The following decisions were noted:

- i) 1 Temple Close, Welton (ref 22/01760/PLF) – planning permission granted by ERC with conditions
- ii) Welton Lodge, 2 Dale Road, Welton (ref 23/00742/PLF / 23/00991/PLB) - planning permission granted by ERC with conditions

2583 Clerk's report

Melton Pond (minute 2561) – As directed, the Clerk had contacted ERC for advice on the potential use of herbicide in the pond. The officer had recommended that the Parish Council engage the services of a licensed contractor to obtain appropriate product advice and application.

A quotation for the chipping and removal of branches had been obtained for the sum of £400 + VAT.

Resolved – that i) the Clerk requests a quotation for the supply of herbicide and treatment by a licensed contractor to be brought back to a future meeting and ii) that the quotation for the chipping and removal of branches be accepted, Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

Proposed by Cllr Taylor and seconded by Cllr Hutchinson

Items for note or future agenda (minute 2569) – National Highways had attended to cut back the overgrown verge impeding pedestrians on the south side of the A63, adjacent to the footbridge.

A service request had been submitted to ERC for the repair of pot holes in Temple Close.

The Chairman and Clerk had met with the Area Engineer on 17 July to discuss ongoing concerns regarding the failure of the drainage system in the centre of Welton. It was anticipated that works to the drains in Kidd Lane would be undertaken by ERC during the current financial year.

ERNLLCA whole Council Training (minute 2566) – The Clerk had circulated information on the scope of the training offered by ERNLLCA.

Resolved – that the Clerk makes the necessary arrangements for training during the autumn on a date to be confirmed, all members to attend.

Proposed by Cllr Thane and seconded by Cllr Peck

Bi-annual Village Taskforce visit by ERC – The meeting between ERC officers, the Chairman and Clerk had taken place on 17 July.

2584 Correspondence List

Resolved – that i) the Clerk be authorised to complete the National Highways Survey on behalf of the Parish Council and ii) the correspondence list be otherwise noted.

Proposed by Cllr Paterson and seconded by Cllr Taylor

2585 Report from the Memorial Hall Trustees – No report

2586 Welton, Melton and Wauldby News update and funding – The August edition would be published at the end of July. Funding received from the Parish Council would be used for printing costs.

2587 Welton Pond update – OGI Ground Water Specialists had been commissioned to produce an optioneering report, to be brought to a future meeting.

- 2588 Grant application**
Welton Pantomime Group update – As requested, additional information on costs had been submitted. The Parish Council had previously agreed a grant of £500.00 (minute 2562(ii))
Resolved – that the additional costs be agreed and a grant of £1,000.00 be awarded
Proposed by Cllr Taylor and seconded by Cllr Skinn
- 2589 Renewal of Parish Council Insurance Policy for 2023-24**
Resolved – that i) a three-year plan with Zurich Municipal be agreed and ii) payment of £706.04 for the first year be approved
Proposed by Cllr Thane and seconded by Cllr Taylor
- 2590 Coronation Bench** – The item was deferred to the September agenda, Clerk to consult Melton Pond Volunteers as to the potential location of the bench at the pond and report back.
- 2591 Re-wilding request from resident** – Item to be included on the action plan arising from the Annual Village meeting.
- 2592 To agree delegated authority during members' recess**
Resolved – that delegated authority be given to the Chairman and Clerk to deal with payments, planning consultations and emergencies during the period of August recess.
Proposed by Cllr Paterson and seconded by Cllr Skinn
- 2593 Items for note or future agenda**

Cllr Thane reported that he had attended the online Town and Parish Council Liaison meeting when some useful background information on Planning and updates on the Local Plan and the Levelling Up Bill had been shared. Notes and slides would follow when available.

During the meeting it had become apparent that a number of other East Riding villages had experienced issues with flooding.

Christmas Tree (October agenda)
External Auditors report 2022-23 (September)
Welton Volunteers (September)

Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 19 September 2023 at 7.00pm ordinary Parish Council meeting

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.52pm