

Welton Parish Council
Annual Village Meeting held on 9 May 2025 at 7.00pm
in Welton Memorial Hall

Present: Cllrs Thane (in the Chair), Barnfather, Brownlee, Hutchinson, Paterson, Pengelly, Rockett, Rix, Skinn, Taylor and Young.

Also in attendance was the Clerk.

Ward Cllr Hopton and approximately 50 members of the public were in attendance.

2309 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mills

2310 Opening Address by Cllr Thane

Cllr Thane opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He provided information on what the meeting would cover and the parish boundaries were displayed.

2311 Meet your Councillors

Photographs were displayed and it was explained that Cllrs were volunteers and wanted to give something back into the community.

2312 What your Parish Council (PC) does

It was explained what the Parish Council did:

- The PC was responsible for the upkeep of some amenities such as Street lights, benches, noticeboards, bus shelter, Welton fountain, open spaces (Melton and Welton ponds)
- Support for local groups and organisations through the parish grant scheme, engagement with other organisation, specifically East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC). Examples of which were the Memorial Hall solar panels and roof repairs, Melton pond improvements and support for the TWITS.
- Planning applications were the responsibility of ERYC, the parish was a consultee for planning applications. An explanation of larger applications and the parties who were also consulted was given. Applications were received and the PC comments were placed on the ERYC planning portal, the final decision being made by ERYC. There had been three significant applications recently – OMYA in filling of the old quarry for which the PC had recorded a neutral stance at the moment pending further more detailed information. The application for change of use to a place of worship at 6 Common Lane, the PC had objected to the application due to the location. Transwaste construction of a waste incinerator had also been objected to due to emissions from the chimney.
- A voice for the local community meant that the PC represents residents and worked closely with ward councillors. Cllr Hopton explained the issues that he had been involved with on behalf of the PC.
Cllr Rix discussed the issues the PC had faced regarding the A63 night time closures and the concerns for public safety especially the increase in car traffic and the number of HGVs flouting the 7.5 tonne limit through the villages.

David Davies MP had also been approached to assist with the situation. The local policing team had also been involved.

2313 What has been achieved in the previous year

Much of the work undertaken has been work that had been supported by the vast majority of respondents to the residents' survey undertaken in 2024.

- Hanging baskets
- Bulb planting in Welton village
- Christmas lights

In addition the PC arranged for the major renovation of the fountain on Welton Green, which is a historic monument.

2314 Current projects

Many of the proposed projects the PV are currently working on were highly supported in the residents survey.

- No Mow May, a few areas had been selected be not be cut in May.
- Wild flower planting would be undertaken within the coming weeks and volunteers would be recruited to undertake the task on 19/20 May 2025.
- Melton pond improvements had been led by a team of volunteers supported by the PC. Contributions had been made by National Highways, who had supported the project with the ground works, which had already been undertaken.
- Welton pond improvements would be made with planting along the church wall side of the pond, which should be completed by mid June.
- Village signs had been requested through the resident survey and was on the PC agenda for the coming year. A design was yet to be agreed and residents' thoughts would be appreciated.
- Improving communication through the newly launched Facebook page and the parish website. Noticeboards and the parish magazine would also be utilised.

2315 Questions and Feedback

Could the parking outside South Hunsley School be improved?

Cllrs had raised the issue with the school on a number of occasions and also held a meeting at the school with ERYC Highways Department. A Sixth Form car park has been opened to try and alleviate the parking issues and there were plans to put 'boxes' along Dale Road East, which was not a simple task. The PC would continue to try to improve the situation.

Are National Highways and ERYC Highways different entities and do they communicate with each other regarding publishing information?

They are separate to each other and beyond the PC responsibility. They do communicate with each other to enable works to be undertaken.

Is there are further information on the proposed Melton Rail interchange?

This was still at the planning stage with national rail determining what they want to do as a result of a public consultation. It was likely to happen at some stage and ERYC planning would be responsible for making the final decision.

What is happening regarding the old quarry?

A planning application had been submitted and there were a number of consultees who have not submitted further detailed information as yet therefore no decision had been made.

Was it still a SSSI site?

It is classed as SSSI due to the geology of the site.

Who will be monitoring the site?

It was the responsibility of ERYC.

Could the Melton pond area be made into a play area?

There was not a requirement for a play area in Melton and the intention was for it to be kept as a natural area. There was also the fact that water near a play area posed a risk. If the parish were given some land there could be consideration given to utilise as a park.

Could The Hub site be utilised by the village?

The site was utilised at the moment and it was confirmed that the PC had engaged with ERYC previously regarding the use of the site. Final plans had not yet been made.

What could be done regarding Welton pond 'no paddling/fishing' and picking up ducklings.

Signage had been erected and pond fishing had been raised with the parish council previously and would be discussed again at the next PC meeting.

There was a road closure on Common lane and there would be no vehicle or foot access due to rail crossing closure?

A temporary road closure had been advertised with a diversion route through the new housing estate. A new pump track and children's play area was also planned as part of the housing development.

What was happening regarding the proposed mosque?

The PC had objected to the application and ERYC Planning Committee would be hearing the application on 13 May 2025.

Could residents attend the Planning Committee.

It was an online meeting, for which the Planning Committee members would be in attendance. ERYC would decide the outcome. Residents who did not have online access could write to ERYC to voice their opinions.

The Chair closed the meeting at 20.40pm