

Welton Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held 20th January 2015 at 7:00pm

Present were Councillors Peck (in the chair), Banks, Boyle, Fairweather, Gill, Roberts, Walker & Wood. Also in attendance was the Clerk, Ward Cllr. Abraham, a police representative and eleven members of the public.

678. Public Forum

Residents addressed the meeting to express their concern about the future of the swimming pool at South Hunsley School. It was built in the sixties (with help from funds raised by residents), it now needs major repairs and there is concern that the school may choose to close it. The pool is thought to cater for 1500 – 2000 swimmers a week and hosts a swimming club of 200, including a youngster ranked top in the UK. If the pool closed the club may fold as a result of being unable to be accommodated elsewhere. The residents feel that the pool is a valuable community asset and they urged parties to explore all avenues of funding in order to keep it open.

Councillors agreed to put the matter on the next agenda.

Nine members of the public left the meeting.

Two representatives from Mason Clark had been invited by a Councillor to discuss work to the Mill Dam. They stressed the need to look at the environmental impact of any silt removal. There are a number of issues to deal with and it is for the Council to decide priorities and objectives.

The two representatives left the meeting.

A Police representative arrived

679. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Rockett and Hughes.

680. Declarations of interest

Cllr. Gill declared a pecuniary interest in the item on the damage caused by the streetlight and left the meeting for the duration of that item (minute 688b).

681. Dispensation Requests

None had been received.

682. To receive the police report

The representative went through the eight crimes. He was asked about incidents in local supermarkets and informed the meeting that persons acting as a team to steal from supermarkets was rare and not for the public to be concerned about. Parking around St Anne's School was also raised – parking enforcement cannot act as there are no restrictions in the area. However obstruction and causing a danger are police matters; he will report back and monitor the situation.

The police representative left the meeting.

683. To receive the Ward Councillors report

Cllr. Abraham reported back on items raised previously – the planning application on Welton Low Road is still pending a decision. East Riding Council has assisted Brough Voluntary Action with a grant. Transwaste has been contacted after more problems with smell – they currently have contractors on site installing new equipment. The land between Holly Hill and Temple Close is private but not registered; the Clerk to follow up her request to the tree officer to assess the woodland.

684. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2014 are a true record.

The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Walker and seconded by Cllr. Banks.

685. To note the minutes of other meetings

- a. Planning Committee Meeting held 8th January (draft)
- b. Finance & Policy Working Group held 13th January (draft)

The minutes were noted.

686. Clerks Report – to receive the report and discuss any matters arising not otherwise on the agenda

There was a short discussion on the pros and cons of a box junction on the A63 slip road – the matter to be put on the next agenda.

687. To adopt and publish a publication scheme in line with the Freedom of Information Act

Council is legally required to adopt and publish such a scheme – since 2009 a standard scheme should have been in place. The scheme (which had been reviewed by the Finance & Policy Working Group) was accepted.

Resolved – that the publication scheme be adopted and published.

The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Boyle and seconded by Cllr. Roberts.

688. Finance

- a. To approve the quarterly reports i.e. reconciliation, report against budget and petty cash
The forecast is not equally 'smoothed out' across the year but tries to reflect actual payment timings – it was agreed that this was preferable. The reports were approved.

Resolved – that the quarterly financial reports be approved.

The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Wood

- b. To agree action on damage caused by streetlight

The Clerk reported that damage to a streetlight owned by the Parish Council had caused damage to the adjacent barn building. A quote had been received and it was agreed to get the work done rather than go through the insurance company.

Resolved – that the quote of £283 +VAT is accepted and the work is done

The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Walker and seconded by Cllr. Fairweather

- c. To approve the payments listed below:

i.	£ 566.64	Helena Crutchley	Salary & allowance (Standing order)
ii.	£ 11.96	Orange	Phone (Direct Debit)
iii.	£ 500.00	Brough Voluntary Group	Grant
iv.	£ 20.00	Michael Lee	Pond work

Resolved – that the payments be approved

The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Wood and seconded by Cllr. Roberts.

- d. To approve the receipts listed below:

- i. £ 3.23 Dec Interest (Savings account)

Resolved – that the receipts be approved

The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Boyle.

Ward Cllr. Abraham left the meeting.

689. To agree and adopt the Strategic & Action Plans

It was agreed to adopt and publish the strategic plan. The action plan will be put on the next Finance & Policy Working Party agenda for further updates e.g. to include RAG status on each action.

Resolved – that the strategic plan be adopted and published.

The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Walker and seconded by Cllr. Roberts.

690. Planning

- a. To discuss developments on the site opposite South Hunsley School
No further information had been received.
- b. To agree a response to the following consultation:
14/04075/TPO 30 Melton Old Road TPO - MELTON NO.1 - 2008 (REF.1169) -
Crown thin Beech tree by 20% removing small branches and epicormic growth to allow
more sunlight to pass through, Remove lowest limb on eastern and western sides
growing over driveways, Crown lift to approx 5m over road improving vehicle clearance
and Clear and free up 2 BT cables running throughout the tree.

Resolved – that a response of ‘Council will follow the advice of the tree officer’ be returned.
The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Gill and seconded by Cllr. Wood

691. To discuss progress on Mill Dam and agree action as necessary

The Clerk clarified that Council had not yet agreed to appoint a consultant and that the action from last time was to get quotes. She had contacted two companies who had not responded initially but who were now expressing interest. It has also been previously resolved that more information would be sought via a ‘request for information’ process and then a detailed tender sent out when the work required was understood and agreed.

After some discussion it was agreed to set up a working party that would have discussions with Mason Clark in order to draft out what was wanted and how to proceed. It was clarified that the initial discussions would not incur cost and that the working party would not create a solution specification – this would be done as part of the costed project. The working party will consist of Cllrs. Boyle, Fairweather, Gill, Walker and Wood.

Resolved – that a working party be set up to have initial discussions with Mason Clark to clarify the requirements. The group has no delegated authority and will therefore not incur costs or create a specification of work.

The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Boyle and seconded by Cllr. Fairweather.

692. To discuss an ongoing and regular Maintenance Program

It was agreed that there should be regular checks and maintenance on parish assets and that it might be beneficial to employ a handyman to regularly make checks and carry out small tasks such as painting or weed killing on footpaths. It was noted that employing someone direct creates problems e.g. with storing equipment. The Clerk to look into the matter and to look at getting tree experts to provide an ongoing programme of maintenance for the trees.

693. To note correspondence received

- a. To note Local Council Award Scheme
Noted
- b. Agree attendance if any at Flood Liaison Meeting
No-one will attend
- c. The Chairman of the Trustees of the Memorial Hall had written to formally give permission for the Hall to be used in an emergency.
- d. Kidd Lane will be closed for sewer connection work – the Clerk to write to ask that trees are suitably protected from damage during the work.

694. To receive any other items for note or future agendas

- a) It was agreed to discuss the future of the swimming pool at South Hunsley – the Clerk to write and ask for an update on the current position and for costs.
- b) The site opposite South Hunsley School

695. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be on February 17th at 7:00pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:10pm