

Welton Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held 21st April 2015 at 7:00pm

Present were Councillors Peck (in the chair), Banks, Boyle, Gill, Hughes, Roberts, Rockett, Walker & Wood. Also in attendance was the Clerk and Ward Cllr. Abraham.

739. Public Forum

None

740. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Fairweather.

741. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

742. Dispensation Requests

None had been received.

743. To receive the police report

None had been received.

744. To receive the Ward Councillors report

Cllr. Abraham reported that the temporary primary school had been approved, as had the two wind turbines. The parish council would be contacted re community funding from the turbines.

745. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2015 are a true record.

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

746. To note the minutes of other meetings

- a. Personnel Committee Meeting held 17th March (draft)
- b. Planning Committee Meeting held March 26th (draft)
- c. Finance & Policy Working Group Meeting held April 14th (draft)

The minutes were noted. It was noted that the planning application at Welton Hall had been refused.

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

The Clerk reported that she had progressed barley straw in the Mill Dam – it should go in on the bank holiday weekend. The garden centre is kindly lending their Christmas tree netting machine to use to fill net with the straw and Omya has agreed to provide some flints for weighing them down.

The bale that was put in the Mill Dam was removed – the straw must be loosely packed in order to allow oxygen in and be effective. The Clerk confirmed that the debris taken from the pond is left to dry at the side and then removed for shredding.

It was noted that the Mill Dam appears to be leaking – the Clerk to get someone to take a look. She reported that the work on the Top Green is still scheduled to go ahead.

748. Finance

- a. To approve the asset register

Resolved – that the asset register be approved

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

- b. To approve the quarterly reports (reconciliation, report against budget and petty cash)

Resolved – that the quarterly reports be approved

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

- c. To agree the figures and timetable for the Annual Return and the responses in Section 2
Council agreed that all responses in Section 2 be answered ‘yes’ and that the figures and timetable be accepted.

Resolved – that Council agrees with the figures and timetable for the Annual Return and that the responses in Section 2 be all ‘yes’.

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

- d. To agree whether to appoint Dave Hickling to help with the Community Led Plan (proposed budget of £5k to progress plan with his help)
There had been an informal meeting with Dave Hickling to discuss how he might help with the community led plan – he cited how he had helped Cottingham with both a parish plan and now a neighbourhood plan. The group who had met him were all in favour of appointing him to review the data collected so far to drive out an independent view of the results. The stage after that would be how to move things forward by involving people within the community.

Resolved – that Dave Hickling be appointed to review all data collected so far as part of the Community Led Plan initiative and produce a report giving some analysis, recommendations and suggested ways forward.

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

- e. To approve the payments listed below:

i. £ 566.64	Helena Crutchley	Salary & allowance (Standing order)
ii. £ 11.96	Orange	Phone (Direct Debit)
iii. £ 639.81	ERNLLCA	Membership Fee
iv. £ 1120.46	HMRC	VAT Reclaim return (see below)
v. £ 1416.00	Wold Trees	Tree Maintenance

Resolved – that the payments be approved

The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Hughes and seconded by Cllr. Rockett.

- f. To approve the receipts listed below:

i. £ 3.23		Mar Interest (Savings account)
ii. £ 1120.46	HMRC	VAT Reclaim (for Welton in Northamptonshire)

The receipts were noted.

749. Planning – to agree a response to the following consultations:

- a. 15/00916/STVAR Land at Ings Lane and East of Skillings Lane Ings Lane
Variation of Condition 10 (provision of affordable housing) and removal of Condition 36 (requirement for 10% renewable energy) of Outline planning permission
11/04104/STOUTE

Resolved – that a response objecting to the variation be returned. The objection is on the grounds that providing some affordable housing is key to the viability of the development and a key aspect of its approval.

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

- b. 14/03621/PLF Land West of 7 Gibson Lane North Erection of 3 dwellings
(Amended)

Resolved – that a response recommending approval be returned. Council supports and welcomes the changes in light of its earlier comments.

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

- c. 14/02588/STPLF Melton Bridge Brickyard Lane
Erection of a replacement road bridge, replacement of sections of road and demolition of existing bridge

Resolved – that a response be returned expressing strong objections on the grounds that a) there was no perceived need b) there is a lack of information on the development of land south of the railway c) it would result in loss of open space and agricultural land

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

750. To agree the action plan

The action plan had been discussed by the Finance & Policy Working Group who recommended that the RAG status be removed from the plan for now. A couple of items were added: maintenance of the beck, footpaths and a possible 'trod' at Melton between the roundabout and the Wolds Way. It was agreed that each Councillor give each action a grading (1-5) to indicate importance and that the results be used to create a priority list for action. The Clerk to send out a spreadsheet for grading actions.

Resolved – that the amended action plan be agreed

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

751. To discuss advertising signs in Welton Village

It was agreed that the Clerk contact the enforcement officer regarding lights at the hairdressers on Church Street, a sign at the Skin Clinic and a sign at Welton Garth.

752. To review Council representation on the Memorial Hall Committee

In the absence of Cllr. Fairweather, it was agreed to think about nominations ahead of May when the matter will be on the agenda.

753. To discuss dog fouling legislation

A recent local article had suggested that common land was exempt from laws on clearing up after dogs. This is not the case and is out of date information – the dog orders in place mean that it is an offence to fail to clear up after your dog anywhere in the East Riding to which the public has access.

Cllr. Abraham left the meeting.

754. To note correspondence received

- a. Response re use of verges as paths
The response had suggested a 'trod' as a cheaper alternative to a footpath – the Clerk to talk to John Hannah about costs.
- b. Liaison Meetings
It was agreed to try and book Cllrs. Peck & Wood on the event at Beverley and Cllrs. Hughes and Roberts on the event at Goole.

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

The meeting with the Chair of the Review Group for the swimming pool will be attended by Cllrs. Walker and Gill and the Clerk. Cllr. Walker will present the view that the pool is a health benefit and ask that the school is creative with its thinking.

Noticeboards – the Clerk is still waiting to hear from the Highways Agency re land south of the A63

The woodland to the West of Melton pond belongs to the Secretary of State for Transport and is looked after by the Highways Agency – safeguarding the area to be put on the next agenda.

ERNLLCA Training – Councillors to let the Clerk know if they wish to attend any of the sessions.

756. To confirm the date of the next full Council meeting as May 19th.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:50pm