

Welton Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held 18th August 2015 at 7:00 pm

Present were Councillors Peck (in the chair), Banks, Boyle, Fairweather, Gill, Hughes, Roberts, Rockett, Walker and Wilde. Also in attendance was the Clerk.

837. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ward Cllr. Abraham.

838. Declarations of interest

Councillor Peck declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning application at Melton Bottom as she is a neighbour.

Councillor Hughes declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item on the use of the village green as he is involved in the event organisation.

839. Dispensation Requests

None had been received.

840. To receive the police report

None received.

841. To receive the Ward Councillors report

Ward Cllr. Walker reported that the Ward Councillors had attended a meeting at Brough to discuss concerns that the CLP group had with traffic – the Clerk to forward an email with details of plans for the roads/junctions around Brough & Welton.

St Modwen has announced that they intend to appeal to the High Court; there has been no news on the site at Melton quarry. The work on the primary school site at South Hunsley is going to plan.

It was queried whether street cleaning is taking place – Cllr. Walker to look into claims that the sweeper is faulty with no plans for repair. She will also look into the matter raised by a resident of HGVs mistakenly coming into the village and then turning at the Top Green.

842. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 2015 are a true record.

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

843. To note the minutes of other meetings

a. Finance & Policy Working Group Meeting held August 11th (draft)

The minutes were noted.

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

The report was noted.

845. Finance

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

Resolved – that the quarterly reports be approved.

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

b. To agree to update the budget to incorporate separate budget heading for electricity

It was agreed to take £300 out of reserves

Resolved – that a budget line of £300 be added to the budget (taken from reserves) to cover electricity for the church clock and streetlights in the churchyard.

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

- c. To approve the payments listed below:
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| i. | £ | 566.64 | Helena Crutchley | Salary & allowance (Standing order) |
| ii. | £ | 11.96 | Orange | Phone (Direct Debit) |
| iii. | £ | 160.00 | Eileen Tucker | Cover for Clerk (agendas & minutes) |

Resolved – that the above payments be approved

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

- d. To approve the receipts listed below:
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| i. | £ | 3.33 | June Interest (Savings account) |
| ii. | £ | 3.23 | July Interest (Savings account) |

Resolved – that the receipts be approved

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

846. Planning

- a. To agree any response to the Consultation on the draft Supplementary Planning Document on Affordable Housing

It was noted that the requirements on developers have changed to include square footage so that the need to supply affordable housing cannot be avoided by building a few large houses. It was felt that the policy was needed and that the principle was good so it was agreed to write in support of the policy.

Resolved – that a response supporting the policy be returned.

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

- b. to agree a response to the following consultations:
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| i. | 15/15/02106/PLF | Needlers Limited, Reldeen House, Wyke Way | Insertion of windows in front and side elevation in connection with construction of mezzanine floor for internal first floor office extension |
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Resolved – that a response supporting the application be returned.

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

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| ii. | 15/02115/PAD | SCA Timber Supply Ltd Units 1 & 2, Gibson Lane South | Display of 2 non-illuminated fascia signs |
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Resolved – that a response of 'no comment' be returned.

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

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| iii. | 15/02190/PLF | 11 Melton Bottom | Erection of single storey extension to rear |
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Resolved – that a response of 'no comment' be returned.

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

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| iv. | 15/02142/VAR | Land West of 7 Gibson Lane North | Variation of condition 17 (approved plans for 14/03621/PLF - Erection of 3 dwellings) to allow for additional rooms in the roof space |
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Resolved – that a response supporting the application be returned.

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

- v. 15/02072/VAR Former Garden House, 10 Welton Old Road Variation of condition 7 (12/03038/PLF - Erection of dwelling) to allow an amended design

Resolved – that a response of ‘no comment’ be returned.

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

c. To note the following decisions:

- i. 15/01637/PLF Land East of Kirkthorpe Haven, Common Lane Erection of dwelling
PC Response: No comment
East Riding Decision: Granted with conditions
- ii. 15/01920/PLF Land North East of Little Wauldby Farm, Swanland Dale
Installation of ground mounted solar array
PC Response: No comment
East Riding Decision: Granted with conditions
- iii. 15/01475/PAD South Hunsley School and Sixth Form College, 41 East Dale Road, Display of 2 non illuminated hoarding signs
PC Response: No comment
East Riding Decision: Granted

The decisions were noted. It was also noted that the signs at the school were not painted the colours stated in the application. The meeting agreed not to pursue the matter.

847. To discuss the report on action for the Mill Dam

The report was discussed and it was agreed that the additional comments from Mason Clark clarified that a silt trap would be below the bed of the stream and would not be visible from a distance. There was some discussion on whether it would look out of place or slow the water enough to trap the majority of the silt. It was noted that the report had been commissioned to get expert advice and that the resulting report was recommending a combination of silt trap, aeration and planting to create a healthy pond, minimising the interlinked problems of silt and algae. It was agreed that requirements need to be built into the tender process to ensure eg that a grate over the silt trap would be strong enough to be stood on. It was agreed to go ahead with option 1 ie the combination of silt trap, aeration and planting. It was also agreed that assistance was needed with managing the tender process – the Clerk to get a quote from Mason Clark as soon as possible.

Resolved – that the Council go out to tender for work to install a silt trap, install an aeration system and planting and the renovation to the fabric of the pond/brook.

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

848. To agree whether to progress the possibility of a ‘trod’ at Melton Bottom

Having a trod of about half a mile along the road at Melton Bottom would link Melton (at the roundabout) with the Wolds Way, thereby creating two short circular routes for local people. It was agreed to put something in the newsletter to get a view of whether this would be well supported in the parish with feedback going to Cllr. Rockett.

849. To discuss training in the use of the defibrillator

The defibrillator was installed at the pub by the previous manager so it was queried whether the current staff are trained. However the unit is designed to be used by anyone whether trained or not. It was noted that the number on the box is smudged so the Clerk will try and find out who maintains the unit.

850. To discuss the parish footpaths and agree whether to enter the Parish Paths Partnership

The Council used to be in the partnership with Councillors checking all the paths. However the Council is not currently a member and joining would imply that, although East Riding has responsibility, there would be an expectation that the Parish Council would organise any upkeep (requiring a large group of volunteers). It was agreed not to join.

851. To appoint Memorial Hall Trustees

The Clerk had distributed some last minute notes from the Chairman of the Trustees which noted the Councils legal obligation to nominate Trustees and had set a deadline before the next meeting for action. The notes also suggested that the Council commit £6000 to a publicity campaign to attract more Trustees.

At the meeting the Chairman of the Trustees (Cllr. Fairweather) spoke of the seriousness of the situation, noting that there is a severe workload on the existing trustees and that the AGM had had to be postponed due to the lack of people attending meetings.

In the discussion that followed, many Councillors rejected what was considered an ultimatum and demand, noting that the governing document was not up to date, it did not obligate the Council to nominate and that it gave authority to the Trustees to act even if the full number were not appointed. It was also noted that funding could not be considered without it being on the agenda and that a campaign might not be effective anyway; it was felt that the current setup is not working and that a full review of the management of the Hall might be needed. It was recognised that, as custodian Trustee, the Council cannot step in without the agreement of the Trustees and that any changes would involve a lot of legal work. It was agreed to progress a meeting with the Trustees (as agreed in March) and to identify legal advisors who would be able to undertake a review if required. Cllrs. Peck and Fairweather to sort out a date for a meeting.

Resolved – to identify legal advisors who will be able to undertake a review if required and to progress a meeting between Councillors and Trustees.

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

852. To approve the use of the village green for the Social Club WW2 celebration Day on Sep 6th

This was agreed on condition that nothing is nailed to the trees or the trees damaged. The event organisers must provide liability insurance for the event.

853. To note correspondence received

- a. Hull Commission Report
Noted
- b. Dog Warden Training 7th Sep Walkington
Cllr. Peck will attend.
- c. NALC program of work survey
The Clerk to respond prioritising i) consultation of parish councils on S106 agreements ii) avoidance of inappropriate routing by satnavs iii) enforcement of 20mph speed limit in all parished areas iv) simplification of nomination process in elections
- d. HGVs and parking at Brookside
Taken up by Ward Cllr. Walker.

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

There is a report of vegetation overgrowing the pavements but the exact location not clear – Cllr. Hughes to clarify.

The noticeboard at Reynolds Close is falling apart so Clerk will progress a new one without waiting to sort out location of another one south of the main road.

The Clerk to try and get the concrete on the green removed.

855. To confirm the date of the next full Council meeting as September 15th.

Agreed.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:40pm.