

Welton Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held 15th September 2015 at 7:00 pm

Present were Councillors Peck (in the chair), Banks, Fairweather, Gill, Roberts, Walker and Wilde. Also in attendance was the Clerk and four members of the public.

856. Public Forum

A member of the public spoke about their concern for the future of the swimming pool and sports centre at South Hunsley School. At the start of the school term, at very short notice and without consultation, the hours of the sports centre had been curtailed, resulting in no access during school hours and the pool no longer being open in the early morning, leaving many without the option to use it. He questioned whether the school is running down the facility so that less people attend and thereby giving a reason to close the centre. He asked the Council to endorse the letters of complaint written to the school by members of the public.

Three members of the public left the meeting

The applicant of the Welton Hall planning proposal spoke in support of it. He explained that the application was the same as the previous one that had been refused on the basis of the setting of the Hall but that now there was planting and screening between the Hall and the plot and the new dwelling would be invisible from the Hall and the public road. He also noted that the development would remove the scope for future larger development by investors and that he would be retaining ownership of part of the Hall.

857. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Boyle, Rockett and Hughes.

858. Declarations of interest

Councillor Gill declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning application at Forge Cottage as she is friends with the applicant.

Councillor Banks declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning application at 13 The Crescent as she lives in The Crescent.

859. Dispensation Requests

None had been received.

860. To receive the police report

None received.

861. To receive the Ward Councillors report

Ward Cllr. Walker reported back on the issue of HGVs in the village – the Highways Agency had come back to her and said that the current signage was standard but that there was scope for additional signs but that this is dependent on investigation and funding. It was suggested an additional sign on South Lawn Way would allow lorries to turn at the roundabout before entering Melton. The road markings near Church Street will be refreshed to make it more obvious that it is a one way street.

The streetcleaner machine is being repaired and will sweep the roads once done.

East Riding Council is considering how best to support refugees; it is currently waiting for numbers and timescales from the Home Office.

A query was raised about what is happening at the Stanley Jackson Way/slip road junction and a request that the verges are cut to give better visibility.

862. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th August 2015 are a true record.

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

863. To note the minutes of other meetings

- a. Annual Parish Meeting held 1st April (draft)

The minutes were noted.

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

It was reported that the concrete on the green has gone. A query was raised about noticeboards – there are currently none south of the A63. One is planned for the Melton Fields area but nothing for the new estate – Councillors to think about possible locations.

865. Community Led Plan - to review Dave Hickling’s report and agree whether to follow the recommendations (including setting a budget to produce a Plan)

The meeting discussed the report and how to move forward eg whether to pick a few topics to focus on. It was agreed to follow the recommendations in the report and split them into two – set up a working party and organise a workshop as the first stage; set up a Steering Group and give the group an initial budget to progress the plan as the second stage. It was agreed that the support of Dave Hickling would be beneficial for the first stage ie to prepare and attend the workshop. A budget was set to cover the costs of the workshop and Dave’s time in supporting it. Many Councillors put themselves forward for the working party, subject to availability, so it was agreed to send any information to everyone.

Resolved – that the recommendations in the report be accepted and progressed ie:

- (i) That the Parish Council sets up a working party to initiate work on the Community Plan;
- (ii) That the working party organizes a Community Planning Workshop with a view to commencing work on a Community Plan along the lines set out in in the report;
- (iii) Once a Steering Group has been established the working party will be disbanded with responsibility for the project being handed to the Steering Group, subject to regular scrutiny and final approval by the Parish Council;
- (iv) That the Parish Council allocates a budget to the Community Plan project and authorizes the Steering Group to seek appropriate sources of sponsorship for the finished document.

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

Resolved – that a budget of £3,000 be allocated from reserves to cover the costs of the workshop including the time of Dave Hickling

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

866. Finance

- a. To approve the payments listed below:

i. £ 566.64	Helena Crutchley	Salary & allowance (Standing order)
ii. £ 11.96	Orange	Phone (Direct Debit)
iii. £ 153.00	ERNLLCA	Conference places
iv. £ 454.80	Cherrywood AV LTD	Projector
v. £ 175.00	G. Latter	Website Maintenance
vi. £ 29.99	G. Latter	Website domain renewal
vii. £1270.80	The Planning Cooperative	CLP Report

Resolved – that the above payments be approved

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

- b. To approve the receipts listed below:

- i. £ 3.33 August Interest (Savings account)

The receipts were noted.

867. Planning

- a. To note that 15/00551/PLF has gone to appeal and agree any comments to be sent to the Inspectorate

It was noted that the application was rejected on the grounds of affecting the setting of a listed building and detracting from the listed building. The Council supported the application so it was agreed that no comment to the Inspectorate was necessary.

- b. to agree a response to the following consultations:
- i. 15/02304/PLF Land North East of Welton Hall, Dale Road Erection of dwelling with carport and associated works (re-submission of 15/00551/PLF - refused)

Resolved – that a response supporting the application and noting the improvements be returned.
The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Fairweather.

- ii. 15/02669/TCA Forge Cottage, Kidd Lane WELTON CONSERVATION AREA: Fell Sorbus and Prunus to develop existing hedges and create more space.

Resolved – that a response of ‘no comment’ be returned.
The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Walker and seconded by Cllr. Roberts.

- iii. 15/02255/PLF Home Farm 39a Melton Old Road Change of use of former agricultural buildings to offices (within class B1(a)), erection of 4m high acoustic fence and provision of parking area

Resolved – that a response supporting the application be returned.
The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Gill and seconded by Cllr. Fairweather.

- iv. 15/02277/PLF 13 The Crescent Erection of a two storey extension and installation of roof light to rear and construction of extension to existing dormer window at front

Resolved – that the following response be returned: ‘Objection. Council considers the extension to be too dominant and inappropriate to the size of the existing building and believes that it would result in a loss of light to neighbouring properties’.

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

- v. 15/02461/STPLF Land South West of Melton Waste Park, Gibson Lane South Realignment of site access tracks to wind turbine development (ref 14/01499/STPLFE & 14/03951/STPLFE)

Resolved – that a response of ‘no comment’ be returned.
The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Fairweather.

- c. To note the following decisions:
- i. 15/01965/PLF Kingston Building South Hunsley School & Sixth Form College, 41 East Dale Road Temporary use of tennis courts for the siting of 6 modular classrooms and as a car park
PC Response: No comment
East Riding Decision: Granted until 1st Sep 2016
 - ii. 15/02115/PAD SCA Timber Supply Ltd Units 1 & 2, Gibson Lane South Display of 2 non illuminated fascia signs
PC Response: No comment
East Riding Decision: Granted
 - iii. 15/02083/TELCOM Telecomms Mast Gibson Lane South Installation of a replacement 15m high (overall height 17.5m) slim line monopole supporting 3 antennas, 3 RRUs, 2 transmission dishes (0.3m dia) and ancillary development
PC Response: No comment
East Riding Decision: Approval not required

- 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
PC Response: Support
East Riding Decision: Granted with conditions
- v. 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
PC Response: Support
East Riding Decision: Granted

The decisions were noted.

868. Mill Dam - to agree which items of work will go into the tender and to agree a budget for the management of the tender process

The Clerk reported that she had met with Joe Clark from Mason Clark and Anne Chamberlain at East Riding Council; it had been agreed that Mason Clark would quote for producing the detailed specification for the tender and East Riding would quote for handling the tender process ie advertising it, sending it out and reviewing the responses.

Council agreed to keep the tender simple ie don't introduce additional considerations at this stage but include all items discussed on the basis that some could be delayed once all the costs were returned from the tender process. The tender will therefore include: the items in the Mason Clark report ie silt trap, aerator system and planting, the restoration of the structure of the pond and to mend any leaks, including making it 'duck friendly', the replacement of the grates at all outlets including the main weir, to check the inspection chamber near the Smootings, the refurbishment of the grass and gravel areas between the bridge and the old willow tree ie the seating area and project management.

The Clerk to write to the Trustees to ask about the use of the Memorial Hall car park for parking and skips. The Clerk to write to the Vicar to notify the PCC of the work, get any key dates for the church eg weddings and to ask about power from the streetlight.

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

869. To review the meeting with Memorial Hall Trustees and agree any action needed as a result.

A number of Councillors had accepted the invitation to attend the Trustees meeting where the matter of management of the Hall was discussed. It was felt that the general conclusion was that there are two groups (ie Trustees and Parish Council), both interested in keeping the Hall going, which are completely separate and trying to operate within the rules governing their existence. The Council cannot intervene in the management – it is for the Trustees to decide how they wish to progress. At the meeting the Trustees indicated that this was ideally having more Trustees with more time and specific skills (rather than a change in governance) but several Councillors believe that these potential Trustees do not exist and felt that this would not address the fundamental problem that the group needs to be a more effective decision making forum. It was felt that if the Trustees need expertise then they need to buy this in and could potentially apply to the Council for a grant to do this. It was agreed that it was for the Trustees to come back to the Council if needed but that it was important that the two parties keep talking.

870. South Hunsley Swimming Pool

- a. To discuss the change in hours which the public can use the sports centre and to agree whether to support the request of the 'Friends of the Pool' to endorse the letters of protest against the change in hours.

It was noted that there has been a dramatic change to the access which apparently had to be made at short notice and therefore without consultation. It is believed that the changes are due to concerns over safeguarding pupils – visitors to the sports centre were

walking through the school from Lowfield Lane. It was noted that the reduced fee is a price per month but that the school has a closure almost every month. It was agreed that rather than endorse letters already sent, that the Clerk write expressing disappointment at the lack of consultation on the changes and that the Council continues to be concerned for the long term future of the pool and hopes that it can remain open.

- b. To agree whether to support the request of the 'Friends of the Pool' to host a public meeting when the decision on the future of the pool is announced.

It was noted that people had spoken at the annual parish meeting in April but no actions resulted and perhaps some people had expected more. It was agreed that a meeting be supported in principle but that the Clerk write and ask for a stronger proposal with meeting structure and logistics.

871. To note correspondence received

- a. Estate Manager at St Anne's School. The estate manager has been in touch about an area within the school grounds that has been cleared and he is considering what to do with it, with the possibility of allotments for both school and community use. Cllr. Roberts to set up a meeting with him.

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

The Clerk to follow up on replanting at the skin clinic following tree felling.
Lighting beside the Mill Dam to be considered on a future agenda.

873. To confirm the date of the next full Council meeting as October 20th.

Agreed.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10:10pm.