

Welton Parish Council

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

Present were Councillors Peck (in the chair), Banks, Boyle, Fairweather, Gill, Roberts, Rockett, Walker and Wilde. Also in attendance was the Clerk, Ward Councillor Abraham and six members of the public.

874. Public Forum

Members of the 'Friends of South Hunsley Pool' expressed their regret at the decision by South Hunsley School to close the swimming pool; the decision has apparently been taken to turn the area of the pool into space for exams and a dining area. It was felt that this apparent change in reasons for closing the pool implied that there was never any intention to refurbish it. There was some discussion about whether the school needed planning permission to change the use of the area and whether the school will just continue to grow to accommodate however many pupils want to attend. The group were complimented on a good campaign.

Six members of the public left the meeting.

875. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Hughes

876. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

877. Dispensation Requests

None had been received.

878. To receive the police report

None received. It was noted that police reports will now be sent in line with calendar months.

879. To receive the Ward Councillors report

Cllr. Abraham reported that St Modwen are challenging the Secretary of State's decision regarding the development at Melton Fields and that there is a hearing in Leeds on 28-29th January.

East Riding Council are holding a budget conference on 26th Nov which is open to the public. There is a petition available to sign asking for fair funding for schools across the country – East Riding are the lowest funded authority.

South Hunsley School has announced that they are to close the swimming pool – Cllr. Abraham has asked the solicitor who handled the transfer from school to academy, to check whether the closure is legal. Five Councillors met with Chris Abbott and Jenifer Jewitt (Finance) as the decision was being published and discussed the reasons and how the process of making the decision had been handled. Although the cost of ongoing maintenance may be a factor, the primary reason for closure now appears to be the need for space within the school, particularly for use at lunchtimes and for exams. The cost of changing the use of the area is thought to be similar to the cost of refurbishing the pool. It was felt that this change in reason would reinforce the view in the community that the decision was a foregone conclusion. Councillors had, at the meeting, made it clear that they felt the process had been poorly handled with a lack of communication – the school put this down to not knowing how to react to the passion expressed by the community. The school are extending another building to provide more space but they are limited as the playing fields would be protected by Sport England. If planning permission is needed to change the pool area, Council will be consulted. It was agreed to write to the school expressing disappointment at the decision and noting that the lack of consultation had damaged relationships between the school and the community. It was also agreed that there might be scope for the school to rebuild relationships by attending the CLP workshop in January.

880. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2015 are a true record.
The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Banks and seconded by Cllr. Roberts.

881. To note the minutes of other meetings

- a. Planning Committee Meeting held 8th October 2015 (draft)
- b. Finance & Policy Working Group Meeting held 13th October 2015 (draft)

The minutes were noted.

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

Nothing to note.

883. To resolve to update Standing Orders and Financial Regulations at the next meeting

Resolved – that updates to Standing Orders and Financial Regulations will be considered at the next meeting.

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

884. Finance

- a. To note the annual return
The annual return was noted – it has been signed off by the external auditor without comment.
- b. To approve the quarterly reports ie account reconciliation, report against budget and petty cash

Resolved – that the reports be approved.

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

- c. To authorise attendance at training courses
It was agreed that the Clerk attend the course in Stoke on Contracts & Tenders and that Cllrs. Wilde and Hughes (if latter wishes) attend the Good Councillor courses.

Resolved – that the above courses be booked

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

- d. To approve the payments listed below:
 - i. £ 566.64 Helena Crutchley Salary & allowance (Standing order)
 - ii. £ 11.96 Orange Phone (Direct Debit)
 - iii. £ 240.00 PKF Littlejohn LLP Audit
 - iv. £ 56.63 Cash Petty Cash

Resolved – that the above payments be approved

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

- e. To approve the receipts listed below:
 - i. £ 3.34 September Interest (Savings account)
 - ii. £ 16,500.00 Half Precept

Resolved – that the above receipts be approved

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

885. Planning

- a. to agree a response to the following consultation:
 - i. 15/02745/PLF Hemingford House, 4 Church Street Erection of a children's play house

It was noted that the play house can be seen from a neighbouring house to the North, overlooking the garden in between. It was felt that the height was excessive – almost the same as the houses to the South East in St Anne’s Walk and that the house was on an adult scale rather than a play house. It was felt that, particularly in winter, the house was dominating and intrusive.

Resolved – that a response be returned objecting to the proposal on the grounds that it was dominating and intrusive, overlooking neighbouring gardens and houses.

The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Gill and seconded by Cllr. Roberts. A recorded vote was requested and the results were as follows:

For: Cllrs. Gill, Roberts, Boyle, Peck, Walker and Wilde.

Against: Cllrs. Fairweather and Rockett

Abstentions: Cllr. Banks

886. To receive a report on a meeting with the estate manager at St Anne’s School and to agree to work in partnership with St Anne’s to put together a proposal for the use of the land at the school

Cllrs. Roberts & Wilde reported on their meeting with Steve Rix and Sue Hosdell to discuss possible use of some land at St Anne’s School. The suggestion is to create allotments – some would be for student use and the rest for the community, with possible access off The Crescent. The school are keen to engage with the community, including the possible sale of produce on site, in return for the community helping out with the student allotments during the holidays. It was agreed that the suggestion sounded exciting and had all sorts of possibilities for community projects. It was agreed to engage with St Anne’s to put together a proposal.

Resolved – that the Council works with St Anne’s School to explore the possibility of allotments on the school site.

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

Ward Cllr. Abraham left the meeting.

887. To note the following planning decisions:

- i. 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
PC Response: No Comment
East Riding Decision: Granted with conditions
- ii. 15/02190/PLF 11 Melton Bottom Erection of single storey extension to rear
PC Response: No comment
East Riding Decision: Granted
- iii. 15/002304/PLF Land North East of Welton Hall, Dale Road Erection of dwelling with carport and associated works (re-submission of 15/00551/PLF - refused)
PC Response: Support
East Riding Decision: Refused
- iv. 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
PC Response: Support
East Riding Decision: Granted with conditions
- v. 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
PC Response: 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
East Riding Decision: Granted

- vi. 15/02804/TCA The Coach House Kidd Lane WELTON CONSERVATION AREA - Remove Rowan tree due to outgrowing its current position and damaging the brickwork its contained in
PC Response: No Objections
East Riding Decision: No objections
- vii. 15/02539/PLF Temple Croft, Temple Lane Erection of first floor extension
PC Response: No comment
East Riding Decision: Granted

The decisions were noted.

888. To nominate Terry Hughes as a Memorial Hall Trustee

In the absence of Cllr. Hughes, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

889. To review progress on the Mill Dam project, review any quotes for design and handling of tender and agree any actions needed

Two quotes had been received – one from Mason Clark to produce the technical specification for the tender and one from East Riding Council to process the tender and evaluate responses. The Mason Clark information also contained estimated costs of the work to be done and a quote for project managing the work. A question was raised about how East Riding would evaluate and whether they had enough technical knowledge to do so. Another question was raised as to whether it was best to ask for fixed price or time & materials quotes. It was agreed that this and the project management would be considered once the specification was complete – this will be reviewed before going to East Riding. The quotes to produce the specification and process the tender were accepted.

Resolved – to go ahead with the quote from Mason Clark to produce the technical specification and to go ahead with the quote from East Riding to process the tender.

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

890. Community Led Plan – to agree January 20th as a date for the public workshop and any actions required to facilitate the workshop

The date was agreed; the hall is booked from 7pm but might be needed earlier, it should be available from 4pm. The Clerk to set up a meeting with Dave Hickling to talk through the scope and who to invite. Cllr. Roberts to put something in the next newsletter.

891. To consider whether to invest in more Grit Bins, Noticeboards or Litter Bins

It was felt that a litter bin was not needed near the head of the beck. It was agreed that a noticeboard in the new estate would be good but that the best position is probably outside the parish in Brough. The Clerk to write to Brough Town Council to ask whether Welton can put a noticeboard at the corner of Constable Way and Elloughtonthorpe Way. It was agreed that two grit bins be purchased – one for Main Road and one for the corner of St Anne’s Walk and Park Road.

892. To agree a response to the consultation on the governance arrangements for ERNLLCA

Cllr. Gill had attended the ERNLLCA district committee meeting where this consultation was discussed and she had been through and answered the questions. Some of her answers were discussed and it was agreed that her answers would be submitted by the Clerk on behalf of the Council. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Gill for her time.

Resolved – that the answers put together by Cllr. Gill be submitted on behalf of the Council.

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

893. To agree any action relating to land at Melton Pond

The Clerk has now had a response from A-one+ informing her that she needs to contact Highways England – she will write to them.

894. To discuss how to improve community engagement and support

In the absence of Cllr. Hughes, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

895. To consider whether to install lighting along the Mill Dam

It was suggested that a traditional light be installed near to the bridge over the brook as the area is quite dark. The argument against the proposal was that additional light would give the rural village a suburban feel and damage the setting of the church. A vote was taken and it was agreed not to investigate the option.

Proposed – that the option of a light near the footbridge over the brook be investigated.

The proposal was put forward by Cllr. Walker and seconded by Cllr. Fairweather but defeated by five votes to four.

896. To note correspondence received

- a. NALC Consultation – improvement strategy for parish councils – it was agreed not to respond.
- b. The Clerk noted that there is currently a consultation on libraries that the public can respond to although the Council had not been asked to respond as a Council.
- c. The Clerk had received a consultation from North Lincs on supplementary planning documents on solar installations and health and wellbeing – it was agreed not to respond.
- d. It was agreed not to nominate anyone to represent ERNLLCA on the NALC smaller councils committee.

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

It was reported that a handful of people visited the health check bus that came to Welton. Cllr. Rockett has had several responses in favour of a possible trod at Melton Bottom – to go on the next agenda.

It was noted that the fish & chip van has stopped visiting Welton.

898. To confirm the date of the next full Council meeting as November 17th.

Agreed.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.31 pm.