

Welton Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held 17th February 2015 at 7:00pm

Present were Councillors Peck (in the chair), Banks, Boyle, Fairweather, Gill, Hughes, Roberts, Rockett & Walker. Also in attendance was the Clerk, a police representative and six members of the public.

696. Public Forum

One person spoke in favour of the application 14/03621/PLF. It is for three compact two-bed units with gardens and car parking for six cars. There will be a barrier by the A63 to provide noise protection and additional planting.

Two members of the public left the meeting

One resident spoke to give Council an update on his communication with governors about the South Hunsley swimming pool. He asked about consultation when the school became an academy and it was noted that the Parish Council were not involved and therefore not consulted. He suggested that the Parish Council might like to meet the Trustees to discuss this community asset.

697. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Wood and Ward Cllr. Abraham.

698. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

699. Dispensation Requests

None had been received.

700. To receive the police report

The police report was noted (see minute 702).

701. To discuss the possible future of the swimming pool at South Hunsley School and agree any action as required

There was a discussion which concluded that the Parish Council should be involved in efforts to keep the pool, as it had been built through a huge community effort. It was also concluded that not much was known about the school's obligations and what would happen to the pool for example if the school decided not to refurbish it.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Head to ask for a fact finding meeting with a small number of Councillors. It was also agreed to ask to be considered a 'key group' scheduled to meet the working party in April.

Resolved – that the Clerk write to the Head to ask for a meeting

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

The police representative arrived.

Three members of the public left the meeting.

702. Police report

Two crimes this month – theft of some fencing at the school and theft of a refrigerated trailer.

The representative was asked about a possible scam involving people calling on behalf of St John Ambulance. He confirmed that this was not a scam and was legal and authorised by St John's.

The police representative left the meeting.

703. To receive the Ward Councillors report

The Clerk read an email from Ward Cllr. Abraham reporting that she had followed up on 1) a report of fly tipping on Brickyard Lane and 2) mud on the pavement on Gibson Lane. She also reported on proposals for the temporary siting of the new primary school at the youth centre.

704. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting

Cllr. Walker stated that she did not wish to be on the Mill Dam working party.

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2015 are a true record.
The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Gill and seconded by Cllr. Boyle.

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

It was agreed, following permission from highways, to remove the four bait boxes in the Common Lane verge, fill them with topsoil and re-turf.

Resolved – that the four bait boxes on Common Lane are removed and filled in.
The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Fairweather and seconded by Cllr. Walker

706. Finance

- a. To consider quotes for repairs to the Top Green
It was agreed to accept the quote from DPL Joinery to replace the wooden posts and link chain.

Resolved – that DPL Joinery replace three posts and missing chain on the Top Green for £425
The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Peck and seconded by Cllr. Boyle

- b. To approve the payments listed below:

i. £ 566.64	Helena Crutchley	Salary & allowance (Standing order)
ii. £ 16.37	Orange	Phone (Direct Debit)
iii. £ 339.60	F Kemp & Son	Building repair following damage by streetlight

Resolved – that the payments be approved
The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Walker and seconded by Cllr. Hughes.

- c. To approve the receipts listed below:
 - i. £ 3.33 Jan Interest (Savings account)
 The receipts were noted.

707. Planning

- a. 14/01499/STPLFE Land West, South and South East of Melton Waste Park, Gibson Lane South
Erection of 3 wind turbines (70m high to hub, 117m high to tip, 92m rotor diameter) on industrial land adjacent to the consented Seneca wind cluster on Gibson Lane with associated site roads and electrical connections infrastructure [Turbine 1: E496427 N425524 Turbine 2: E496665 N425000 Turbine 3: E497341 N425147] AMENDED
- b. 14/03951/STPLFE Land South West of Melton Waste Park, Gibson Lane South
Erection of 2 no. wind turbines (height to tip 117m and rotor diameter 92.5m) and associated access track, electrical control building, creation of access from Gibson Lane South and associated riparian enhancement project (Turbine 1 E496566 N425234, Turbine 2 E496858 N425368) (Amended scheme of 13/01806/STPLFE)
Applications 14/01499/STPLFE & 14/03951/STPLFE were considered together and it was agreed to re-iterate the previous objections which Council felt would be exacerbated by the increased size of the blades.

Resolved – that the following be returned in response:

The increase in the proposed length of blades does not go any way towards mitigating the Council's previous grounds for objection – indeed Council feels that this will exacerbate the issues.

To re-iterate the grounds for objection:

- The impact of noise and possible shadow flicker would be detrimental to residents and businesses
- The adverse visual impact on the Humber estuary landscape – the area is classified as a Zone 2 level of Natural Heritage Sensitivity ie High sensitivity to wind energy development
- The potential negative impact on birds. The 'Planning for Renewable Energy Developments' document published by East Riding of Yorkshire Council states that: 'The Humber Estuary supports a number of internationally important bird populations, many of which are in danger of extinction, are rare, or are considered vulnerable within the European Union'. 'The Estuary is protected by every national and European biodiversity designation'.
- The cumulative effect of additional turbines to those already approved, having a bigger and more intense impact.

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

c. 14/03621/PLF Land West of 7 Gibson Lane North Erection of 3 dwellings

Resolved – that the following be returned in response to 14/03621/PLF:

'Council does not object to the application but shares the concerns of the Environmental Health Officer regarding the noise levels in the dwellings due to the proximity to the main road'.

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

d. 14/04023/PLF St Anne's Special School, St Helen's Drive Siting of a mobile classroom

Resolved – that the response of 'support but Council has continuing concerns about parking during the development' be returned for 14/04023/PLF

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

e. 15/00066/PLF Brethrens Meeting Room, 7 Jackson Way Erection of an extension to existing hall to provide additional service accommodation

Resolved – that the response of 'no objections' be returned for 15/00066/PLF

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

708. To review the situation re Mill Dam

Cllrs. Fairweather and Gill, the Clerk and Mr Thompson met for a discussion. The result is a recommendation to Council to write to East Riding Council, the Environment Agency and Mason Clark to try and get someone to manage the process of getting in information for dealing with the silt and water quality. Mr Thomson's work gives details for the other work ie remedial works to the pond sides and grates. Council agreed the recommendation and noted thanks to Mr Thompson for his contribution.

709. To review the status of the Community Led Plan

Council has the figures and data from the questionnaires but has not analysed these and turned them into a plan. Priorities need to be decided so that resources can be assigned. The Memorial Hall needs a document to support funding bids. It was agreed to talk to Dave Hickling who is helping Cottingham with their neighbourhood plan.

710. To discuss traffic build-up on the A63 slip road and Stanley Jackson Way junction and agree any action as required

It was agreed to ask for the safety audit and to talk to Cllr. Abraham about finding out about controls on the traffic lights.

711. To note correspondence received

- a. A letter had been received with a number of complaints – 1) the state of the Top Green (in progress) 2) blocked gullies on Cowgate – the Clerk to ask East Riding to clear them 3) Potholes on Dale Road – the Clerk has asked East Riding to take a look. A number of other complaints have been received about the potholes.
- b. More complaints about cyclists at the bottom of Beck Lane; the proposal to put a barrier up is with the Highways Agency because it would be on their land; they are considering it as part of improvements to the foot and cycle paths – the Clerk to write and make them aware of the complaints.
- c. A letter of thanks had been received from Brough Voluntary Action for the grant.

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

It is understood that the litter on the A63 will be cleared up – the Clerk to ask the Highways Agency when this will be done. It was suggested that some pavements need resurfacing. The subject of new noticeboards for Melton will go on the next agenda.

A grit bin for St Helens Flats to go on the next agenda.

It was noted that the Councillor page of the website has not been updated recently – there has been no updated advertisement for new Councillors because there is an election in May.

The Clerk to publicise information on the election including dates and deadlines.

713. To confirm the dates of the next full Council meetings as:

- a. Extraordinary Council Meeting February 26th 2015
- b. Monthly Council Meeting March 17th 2015

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:30pm