

Welton Parish Council

Annual Village Meeting held on Friday 22 May 2026 at 7.00pm

Welton Memorial Hall

Minutes

Present: Cllrs Thane (in the Chair), Barnfather, Brownlee, Hutchinson, Mills, Rix, Skinn, Taylor and Young.

Ward Cllr Hopton and approximately 50 members of the public were in attendance.

2569 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Paterson, Pengelly and Rockett.

2570 Opening Address by Cllr Thane

Cllr Thane opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He provided information on what the meeting would cover and the parish boundaries were displayed. The meeting covered:

- Meet your Cllrs
- Items completed throughout the last year
- Results of the recent survey
- What was hoped to be achieved during the current year
- Improving communication
- Historic Welton
- Open forum for questions

2571 Meet your Councillors

Photographs were displayed and it was explained that Cllrs were volunteers and wanted to give something back into the community.

2572 What has been achieved in the previous year

Much of the work undertaken had been work that had been supported by the vast majority of respondents to the residents' survey undertaken in 2025 and included:

- Lamp post flower planters
- Refurbishment of the church wall
- Welton pond planting
- Wild flower planting
- Christmas lights display
- Repairs to broken bollards
- Repairs to Welton pond pathway
- Progressing Melton pond plan (with the support of National Highways and Omya)
- With the support of Ward Cllr Hopton – improved route into Welton and the reopening of Common Lane foot crossing

- Planning proposals – Ashcourts, Omya and the petrol station

2573 Questions

Questions from residents were taken and included the following:

- 1) Can the commemorative tree on the green at Welton be moved before it gets too large? It is starting to block the sight lines to the church.
- 2) Can the potholes at Melton Bottom be repaired?
- 3) The footpath on Cowgate near Kidd Lane is very dark at night. Can the street lighting be improved at that location?
- 4) Recycling lorries going into the industrial estate at Melton continue to drop rubbish onto the road network. Can anything be done to stop this ?
- 5) Can anything be done to tidy up the property with the boat and the pile of bricks as this is an eyesore at the entrance to Welton ?