

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WELNEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE WILLIAM MARSHALL CENTRE, HURN DROVE, WELNEY
ON TUESDAY 2ND MAY, 2017 AT 7.30 PM.

Present: Cllr.K.Goodger (Chairman) Cllrs. L.Bombata, M. Barker, H.Cowles, P.Edmunds, P.Gardiner, K.Lind, G.Rainbird, 8 members of the public and the Clerk.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed those present of the sad passing of Mr.John Frost who had been Chairman of Welney Parish Council for a number of years, and was also a representative on Marshall's Charity.

1. Election of Chairman for the coming year

Cllr.Goodger had already announced that he would not be standing for Chairman at this meeting.

Cllr.Bombata thanked Cllr.Goodger for an excellent job as Chairman over the last 14 years. He then nominated Cllr.Rainbird to the post of Chairman. This nomination was seconded by Cllr.Edmunds and there being no further nominations Cllr.Goodger handed over the Chair to Cllr.Rainbird..

2. Apologies for absence

Received from Dist.Cllr.Spikings, Dist.Cllr.Pope and C.Cllr.H.Humphrey.

3. Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Barker declared an interest in Item 13 planning application at Tipps End.

Cllr.Goodger declared an interest in Item 8 – William Marshall Charity & Bishops Land Charity.

Cllr.Edmunds declared an interest in item10a. Sandgate Meadow Park.

4. Election of Vice Chairman for the coming year

Cllr.Bombata nominated Cllr.Edmunds. This nomination was seconded by Cllr.Cowles and there being no further nominations, Cllr.Edmunds was confirmed as the Vice Chairman,

5. Retirement of Parish Clerk

All councillors had been circulated with a draft advertisement to find a new clerk for Welney Parish Council.

Cllr.Bombata expressed grateful thanks to the current clerk for all her hard work over the last 21 years and asked that it should be recorded in the minutes. This proposal was seconded by Cllr.Goodger and agreed.

It was also agreed to include the advertisement on the Norfolk Association of Local Councils website and to prepare a much shortened advertisement for the Ely Standard, Wisbech Standard and Cambridgeshire Times and also the Fenland Citizen. This was proposed by Cllr.Goodger, seconded by Cllr.Edmunds and unanimously agreed. Closing date for advertisements would be end of May., but if further advertising was necessary then it could appear in the June issue of the Welney News. Advertisements would also be displayed in the Village Notice Boards in case there was anyone within the village who might be interested.

6a. Public Participation

Mr.R.Giles addressed the meeting with regard to the wording for the Management Committee meeting to take place on 9th May. His comments were noted, but as the item was not on the Agenda for this meeting it could not be discussed further.

6b. Comments from District or County Councillors - None present at the meeting.

7. Welney Archive and Social History Group

At the present time the Archive is held on a Laptop which was provided by funds from Awards for All 11 years ago. Cllr.Goodger and Mr.Copeman currently look after the Archive. Several documents and photos have been printed off and could be used for display purposes (as they have been in the past) Cllr.Goodger explained how the photographs were obtained, and confirmed that if any organisations wish to have a copy of the archive, if they produce a blank CD then the pictures can be provided. It was agreed that the Archive would continue to remain on the laptop at 1 Chestnut Avenue, Welney. (the home of the current clerk)

8. Reports from Village Charities

- a. William Marshall Charity – Cllr.Goodger gave a brief report on the Charity. He confirmed that the Charity had handed out more funds in the last 18 months than ever before with the funding for the William Marshall Centre, Grants to RUG, Grants for new fishing jetties for the Angling Club etc. He also confirmed that the William Marshall School had been sold and the money from this sale would be invested by the Charity.
- b. Bishops Land Charity – The Clerk gave a brief report on the Bishops Land Charity a copy of which is attached to the minutes of this meeting.

9. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th April, having been circulated to all councillors, were signed as a true record of that meeting.

10. Matters Arising

a. Sandgate Corner Meadow

The Clerk read out an e-mail received earlier that evening from the Borough Council setting out the terms on which they would be prepared to let the field to the Parish Council. After discussion it was agreed that the terms were acceptable and that the same terms should be incorporated in the sub-letting to R.U.G. A copy of the e-mail would be forwarded to R.U.G. for their attention and if they are in agreement, then the terms can be confirmed to the Borough as soon as possible.

b. Welney News

All the information regarding Costings for the William Marshall Centre was included in the Welney News, together with an advertisement for the AGM of the Management Committee to take place on 9th May, 2017. The editor also included an Article regarding the usage of the building, which was carried over from earlier in the year due to lack of space at that time. Councillors have also received a copy of the Questionnaire supplied by the Editor of the Welney News asking for information which could be used as a guide and councillors were requested to supply this information direct to the Editor, as soon as possible.

c. Community Litter Pick

This has been arranged by Cllr.Gardiner and he confirmed that the equipment had been ordered from the Borough Council to carry out the litter pick on 14th May. All those who were able to attend had been asked to meet at the William Marshall Centre at 11 a.m. And the pick would last approximately 2 hours. Cllr.Goodger confirmed that if additional hi-viz vests were required then he would be able to supply these.

11. Finance

The following Invoices have been received for payment and on the proposition of Cllr.Cowles, seconded by Cllr.Edmunds and agreed with Cllr.Bombata abstaining, the cheques were signed::

Norfolk Association of Local Councils – Annual Subscription	131 . 92
Clerks Expenses for April and May	41 . 58
Welney News – Cost of the four page feature regarding	
Costings for the William Marshall Centre	20 . 00
Paid by Direct Debit	
Clerks Salary	255 . 68
E-On Street Lights	99 . 72
E-On Electric to W.M.C.	77 . 95

An Invoice had been received from the Environment Agency for £178 for the year's rental on the Old Parish Hall Site from 1.4.17 to 31.3.18. A reply had been sent advising them that the site had been handed back to the E.A. On 5th October, 2016 and requesting that they cancel the invoice immediately, as no further rental would be paid. A further e-mail had been received confirming that they were checking with the relevant department of the E.A. And would be in touch again shortly.

The Annual Return to 31st March, 2017 is almost completed and will be with the Internal Auditor within the next few days. The Accounts will then be presented to the June meeting for approval and signature and the Annual Return can be forwarded to Mazars in the usual way before the 30th June, 2017.

Parish Council Insurance - All Councillors were circulated with the quotations and information regarding the Parish Council Insurance due for renewal on 8th June, 2017. After a brief discussion it was proposed by Cllr.Bombata, seconded by Cllr.Goodger and unanimously agreed that we accept the quotation from Inspire (AXA) in the sum of £717.70. This also takes into account a fixed three year term for the insurance, and means a total saving of approximately £1,000 on last year's premium which was £1,727.44 with a refund of £103.94 when the Parish Hall was handed back to the Environment Agency.

12. Correspondence

- Norfolk Family Mediation – Asking for Donation towards their services
- Norfolk Playing Fields Summer Party 17.6.17 – Swanton Morley - £10 per person
- Environment Agency – e-mail with new quick dial numbers – forward to councillors
- Police Connect 5.4.17
- Police Connect News 5.4.17
- Op Randall 7.4.17
- Police Connect 12.4.17 – Illegal Raves
- Police Connect 15.4.17 – Speeding Drivers
- Police Connect 23.4.17 – Dogs Stolen at Upwell
- Police Connect 24.4.17 – Woman Charged with Sex offences etc.
- Police Connect 24.4.17 – Rural Crime Spotlight.
- Op.Randall Newsletter 28.4.17

13. Planning Matters

17/00351/DM Demolition of Nos.13,14,15 and 16 Chestnut Avenue, Welney – Delegated decision

13.4.17 This information was received on the weekly list from the Borough Council. It was agreed to contact Freebridge Community Housing to find out their plans for the site once the properties are demolished, and to confirm that more housing is needed in the Parish.

17/00790/D Construction of dwelling and garage at Tipps End – Planning application circulated to all councillors on 25th April, 2017. There was a great deal of discussion regarding the application, and it was confirmed that it is outside the Parish Development Area and that there was a planning application on the site made in May 2016 which was rejected. Two letters expressing their objections had been received from residents of Tipps End. Following comments from councillors a vote was taken with 4 votes against the application, and 4 abstentions. Council would therefore be advised that the Parish Council did not support the application.

A letter had been received from the Borough Council regarding Review of the Boundary Wards and this would be held at The Town Hall, King's Lynn on 22nd June. Two councillors expressed an interest in attending.

14. Highway Matters

- a. Waiting to hear from Andy Wallace with arrangements for a tour of the village to identify Highway matters.
- b. Memorandum of Understanding re Parish Partnership Scheme – Copy received from Andy Wallace duly signed and agreed. Ideas were then discussed with regard to fund raising for the £1,400 being the 50% share of the SAM2 equipment under the Parish Partnership Scheme. Suggestions were made to hold a Fun Cricket Match, or a Halloween/Bonfire Event. A suggestion was made to request donations from residents and notices would be put on the notice boards and in the next issue of the Welney News .

15. Items for Next Agenda

None

There being no further business the Chairman reminded everyone of the Management Committee meeting for the William Marshall Centre which would be taking place on Tuesday 9th May, 2017 at 7.30 p.m. He then declared the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

SignedG.Rainbird.....(Chairman) Dated6th June, 2017.....