

Welton Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held 19th January 2016 at 7:00 pm

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

939. Public Forum

Brian Parker spoke on behalf of the Cricket Club and the Unity Youth Group.

The cricket club has been developing plans to upgrade their facilities (built in the 60s), has obtained planning permission and is now starting to seek funding. A letter of support would demonstrate to funders that the facilities are open to use by anyone. They are hoping to expand the number of pitches and teams.

The youth group was formed when the club in Melton was closed and is now taking off after a year or so. When the weather improves, the club will consider asking for funds for a leaflet drop or equipment (they have details of the grant scheme).

Brian Parker left the meeting.

940. To hear a short presentation in support of the grant application from the British Red Cross

Dee Phillips and Jeanette Harrison spoke about the Fire & Emergency Support Service provided by the British Red Cross.

They have a vehicle, staffed by volunteers, who attend (if appropriate) any incident attended by the Fire Service. Their role is to support the families and individuals affected, after the fire crews have gone, by providing food, clothes, toys etc to get them through the first days. The vehicle also provides a space which is a refuge from eg a fire and allows people to regroup; the volunteers also help with access to social care.

The old vehicle needs replacing – it is too heavy which limits the capacity to transport people. A new vehicle would be designed to provide what's needed rather than being adapted from a campervan. Any contributions to the fundraising would be gratefully received. The vehicle is based at the fire station in Bransholme and helps people across Humberside.

Dee Phillips and Jeanette Harrison left the meeting.

941. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Rockett.

942. Declarations of interest

Cllr. Hughes declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item on the Memorial Hall as he is a Trustee
Cllr. Fairweather declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item on the Memorial Hall as he is a Trustee.

943. Dispensation Requests

None had been received.

944. To receive the police report

There were two incidents in December (see minute 946 below)

945. To receive the Ward Councillors report

A development in Elloughton will provide some commuted sums which could help Welton Waters and the Cricket Club. Correspondence had been received from some pool users and she had sent a response to Cllr. Roberts query regarding the legitimacy of the pool closure. She had received an enquiry from a resident on The Crescent about a footpath barrier on the main road; there was a meeting with Paul Copeland (East Riding Council) and she will have a site visit with Highways England.

A Police representative arrived.

The land at the end of the beck was mentioned – Highways Agency need to clear it to keep the water flowing clearly.

An update on the fire consultation was planned as part of a meeting but that meeting has been postponed – it will go to the Scrutiny Committee.

Jo Brand will be walking the Wolds Way through Welton & Melton on Friday for Sports Relief.

Cllr. Abraham was asked about the safety audit on the A63 slip road/Stanley Jackson Way junction.

946. Police Report

Two incidents – cycles stolen from a garage and a house fire being treated as arson with ongoing enquiries.

The issue of speeding on East Dale Road had been raised by a resident and was discussed – PCSO Lynch will look into it if possible.

The police representative left the meeting

Cllr. Abraham left the meeting

947. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 2015 are a true record.

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

948. To note the minutes of other meetings

a. Finance & Policy Working Group 12th January 2016

The minutes were noted.

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

No issues were raised.

950. Finance

a. To agree whether to award a grant (and how much) to the British Red Cross

It was agreed that the presentation had been helpful and insightful and it was suggested that even if only one household in the parish was helped, this was worth a grant of £500.

There was a suggestion of increasing the grant but it was felt that out of proportion with the total budget.

Resolved –that £500 be granted to the British Red Cross towards the new support vehicle for Humberside

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

b. To agree the precept amount for 2016-2017

The precept was agreed as £33,000 and the Chair and Clerk signed the precept demand.

Resolved – that the precept amount be set to £33,000

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

c. 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. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Gill

d. To approve the payments listed below:

i. £ 566.64	Helena Crutchley	Salary & allowance (Standing order)
ii. £ 11.96	Orange	Phone (Direct Debit)
iii. £ 750.00	Helena Crutchley	Leaflet printing & distribution

The Clerk noted that she did not have the paperwork for the credit card charge for the leaflet distribution so Council could only pay the value of the invoices at this time

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

- e. To approve the receipts listed below:
 - i. £ 3.23 Dec Interest (Savings account)The receipts were noted.

951. Planning

- a. to agree a response to the following consultation:
 - i. 15/03754/PLF 34 Common Lane Erection of two storey extension to rear following demolition of existing conservatory

Resolved – that the response be ‘Council supports the application’.
The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Banks.

- b. To note the following decisions:
 - i. 15/03586/TCA The Coach House Kidd Lane WELTON CONSERVATION AREA: Fir tree; fell; due to out growing location and going to close to property
PC Response: Supports the advice of the tree officer
East Riding Decision: Granted

952. To receive an update on discussions regarding land at St Anne’s School and to agree whether to proceed further in working towards the setting up of allotments

Cllr. Roberts reported that he and Cllr. Wilde had had another good meeting with St Anne’s. He showed a diagram with the proposed layout with school plots near the café and varying sizes of residents’ plots. There are still a lot of unanswered questions and in the meantime the Clerk will try and get outline prices for initial costs such as a gate and hard core. The Chair thanked Cllrs. Roberts and Wilde for doing a splendid job.

953. To consider the application to stop vehicle access over part of Lowfield Lane

South Hunsley School wish to install a barrier which will be closed during school hours with members of staff able to raise it. The rationale for having it is a safeguarding issue – pupils cross the road to get to the playing field which is also used for fire evacuations. It was felt that, at the moment, some of the road is used for parking by sixth formers and the problems of parking in the adjacent areas would get worse without the use of this road. Councillors also felt that residents would prefer to be able to use the road and that the safeguarding issue was not a significant one, given that all schools have adjacent roads. It was felt to be unworkable and the proposal was rejected.

Resolved – that Council objects to the application to stop vehicle access to part of Lowfield Lane
The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Peck and seconded by Cllr. Fairweather.

954. To agree any action regarding the foliage in front of the wall at the corner of Cowgate and Kidd Lane

It is understood that one resident at least is happy with the planting behind the wall (yew trees). There were originally two cherry trees outside the wall and it would be good to have something grown up the wall in their place. The buddleia outside the wall needs pruning – it was agreed to ask the owners.

955. To review preparations for the Welton Community Plan Event

The event has been rescheduled for 7-9pm after the hall was double booked. The leaflets were altered and reprinted and distributed this morning (not all addresses have received one, notably Melton). There is access to the hall from 4-5 to do some setting up but another group are in there from 5-6:45pm.

Lots of organisations are expected to attend so it is hoped that the notice to residents is not too short (it was mentioned in a previous parish magazine).

There was a lot of discussion about the double booking of the hall, noting that the Council had booked it some months ago with it being mentioned in various Council meetings, although Cllr.

Fairweather suggested that the problem was with the Clerk making the booking and wanted to see evidence that the booking had been made. The Chair reminded the meeting that she had been contacted by the Riverbanks group to ask if the booking could be changed, so they were aware that Council had the room booked. It was queried why it was the Council that had had to change and be flexible and the point made that the Council had not been made to feel like a customer or partner.

It was noted that all bookings made by the Clerk are made by telephone without a hire agreement and that if a hire agreement was required, then the Clerk should have been asked to fill one in. It was also noted that the rescheduling had cost several hundred pounds in reprinting and delivery costs and a lot of hours of effort by the Clerk and Cllrs Roberts & Wilde.

956. To discuss the correspondence on emergency fire cover and agree any action required

There is a consultation going on at the moment (the Clerk has not received any formal notification or documentation) about cuts in fire cover. The area could be left with one appliance which would create a problem when that appliance gets called to help another area.

It was agreed to send a response expressing concern at the potential reduction in coverage in the area.

Resolved – that a response be sent to the Humberside Fire & Rescue Service that Council is concerned at the potential reduction in coverage in the area.

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

957. To agree whether to write a letter of support for the cricket club to help them with funding for improvements

It was agreed that planned improvements would be good to enable inclusion of female teams and other sports and it was agreed to send a general letter of support.

Resolved – that a letter of support will be sent to the Cricket Club

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

958. To receive an update on communications with South Hunsley School

Cllr. Roberts reported on a meeting that he had had with Jonny Uttley of South Hunsley School; the latter is keen to build relationships with the Council and will be attending the Community Plan Event. The new science block is on track for September this year.

959. Welton Village Memorial Hall

a. To agree a response to the request from the Trustees of Welton Village Memorial Hall to reduce the number of Council nominated representatives.

Cllr. Fairweather explained that it has been a bone of contention for years that the Parish Council does not provide five Trustees so it was suggested that the number be reduced. Councillors felt that being unable to get volunteers was not a good enough reason to make a cut and change the governing document.

Resolved – that Council does not agree to a cut in the number of representatives that it can nominate as Trustees to the Memorial Hall

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

b. To nominate Trustees of Welton Village Memorial Hall

Cllr. Roberts proposed that Cllrs. Roberts, Wilde and Peck be put forward as the remaining Council representatives on a remit of radical action to make tough decisions and sort ongoing problems with the Hall. He emphasised that he was not taking away anything from the work that had been done previously but that things were taking too long and action was needed to do right by the residents.

Resolved – that Cllrs. Roberts, Wilde and Peck be nominated as Memorial Hall Trustees.

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

960. To note correspondence received

Councillors had received emails from East Riding Council verifying their email address for use in emergency.

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

Cllr. Hughes noted that there had been no response to a request for a grit bin at St Helens – it was unclear whether the parish council had requested one as the land is private.

Cllr. Boyle requested that a personnel committee meeting be called to discuss pensions.

The Clerk noted that the mandate for the CCLA investment for Bull Ings had now been updated and that the dividends were going into the new HSBC account. She had received details of the investment from CCLA – to be discussed at a Finance & Policy meeting.

962. To confirm the date of the next full Council meeting as February 16th 2016.

Agreed.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.33 pm.