

Welton Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held 20th December 2016 at 7:00 pm

Present were Councillors Peck (in the chair), Banks, Boyle, Gill, Pierce, Roberts, Rockett, Walker and Wilde. Also in attendance was the Clerk.

1200. Public Forum

None

1201. Apologies

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

1202. Declarations of interest

Cllr. Gill declared a pecuniary interest in the item noting the decision on the planning application at 4 The Green.

Cllr. Wilde declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning application at 14 Temple Close.

1203. Dispensation Requests

None had been received.

1204. To receive the East Riding of Yorkshire Councillor's report

Cllr. Walker reported that the final proposal for a revised bus service has been published – in April 2017, the Sunday service of the Welton – Hull (153) will cease. From April 2018 the Brough Town Circular (158) will cease. She noted that the subsidy provided by East Riding will cease but it is a possibility that the bus company may choose to provide the service. East Riding will also look at providing specific services for people with hardship.

She had received a query about the verge outside Forge Cottage being dug up – the owners have offered to replant and have permission to do this. It was thought that the area is looking very good.

The St Modwen appeal has been listed for the beginning of April.

She has visited the primary school at South Hunsley and noted that there is designated on-site parking. It was noted that there are no dates for the new school and that the planning permission for the South Hunsley site only lasts until September

1205. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2016 are a true record.

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

1206. To approve the minutes from other meetings

a. Planning Committee meeting held 22nd November 2016

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2016 are a true record.

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

b. Finance & Policy Working Group meeting held 6th December 2016

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2016 are a true record.

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

1207. Clerks Report – to receive the report and discuss any matters arising not otherwise on the agenda

It was noted that Terry Hughes had resigned as a Councillor due to ill health and that the Chair had written to him thanking him for his contribution and wishing him well for the future.

1208. Finance

- a. To discuss payment of repairs to Church lights
The Clerk & Chair had met with representatives from the church to discuss the lights and the church clock. The church believes that the clock and the (only) three lights on the roof which light the clock, belong to the Parish Council. There is a meter inside the church (off the main meter) which covers the roof lights and the three streetlights in the churchyard. No paperwork has been seen to confirm ownership. The church would not accept ownership if the items did belong to the Council and the Council proposed gifting them to the church. It was noted that the church arrange repairs and servicing of the clock and that the clock is wound regularly by local people (also arranged by the church). In the past Council has paid for both clock and light repairs, believing that it was contributing towards the upkeep, rather than as an obligation as owner. The Clerk noted that the clock and roof lights are not on the asset register.
There was a lengthy discussion on the matter and it was agreed that the Clerk write to the church stating that Council is not currently able to accept ownership or responsibility but would work with the church to establish ownership. It was also agreed that the current invoice from the church for the clock repairs and the electricity be paid. It was agreed that the invoice for the recent repairs to the roof lights be paid as a gesture of goodwill.

Resolved – that the Parish Council is not currently able to accept ownership or responsibility of the church clock or the roof lights. The two invoices sent to the Clerk covering recent repairs and electricity will be paid.

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

- b. To approve a budget for 2017-18 and set a precept amount (subject to confirmation of provisional figures).
The Finance & Policy Working Group had recommended a budget of £33,716. This included a figure based on an estimate of the pension figure which had since come through as a reduction. The budget was decreased in line with the figure and the budget agreed at £33,516. The provisional tax base figures had been confirmed and it was agreed to keep the precept at £33,000; the Chair signed the request.

Resolved – that the amended budget of £33,516 be approved.

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

Resolved – that the precept request be set at £33,000.

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

- c. To approve the payments listed below:
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| i. | £ 541.73 | Helena Crutchley | Salary & allowance (Standing order) |
| ii. | £ 12.12 | Orange | Phone (Direct Debit) |
| iii. | £ 181.09 | East Riding of Yorkshire Council | Pension |
| iv. | £ 24.49 | Helena Crutchley | Laptop Anti-virus renewal |
| v. | £4339.42 | East Riding of Yorkshire Council | Street lighting service level agreement |
| vi. | £ 411.70 | PCC of St Helen's Church Welton | Electricity & clock service & repair |
| vii. | £ 166.20 | N D Jennings | Repairs to the church roof lights |

Resolved – that the payments be approved

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

- d. To approve the receipts listed below:
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| i. | £ 1.87 | Nov Interest (Savings account) |
| ii. | £ 1077.90 | HMRC VAT Refund March – Sep 2016 (Current Account) |

Resolved – that the receipts be approved.

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

1209. Planning

a. To agree a response to the following consultations:

- i. 16/03627/PLF Welton Cricket & Hockey Club Stanley Jackson Way
Erection of extension to side following demolition of existing changing facilities, alterations including construction of flat roof and terraced area to existing building and construction of disabled parking area

Resolved – that a response supporting the application be returned.

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

- ii. 16/03750/PLF Daisy Lodge 14 Temple Close Erection of single storey extensions to front and rear, alterations to raise roof ridge height and construction of dormer windows in roof at rear (Amended scheme 16/01880/PLF)

Resolved – that a response supporting the application be returned.

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

- iii. 16/03872/PLB Apartment 1 Welton Hall Dale Road Installation of 7 rooflights

Resolved – that a response supporting the comments of the conservation officer be returned.

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

- iv. 16/03965/PLF 14 Ladywellgate Retention of pergola to rear

Resolved – that a response of ‘no comment’ be returned.

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

- v. 16/04082/STPLF Land at Ings Land and East of Skillings Lane Ings Lane De-culverting of watercourse and provision of drainage pools and associated infrastructure

Resolved – that a response of ‘no comment’ be returned.

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

b. To note the following decisions:

- i. 16/03514/TCA 4 The Green WELTON CONSERVATION AREA:
Mountain ash, White beam and cherry; carry out remedial pruning to lift canopies away from footpath and highway as well as tidy and thin crowns. False acacia: fell as in extensive decline.
PC Response: Support
East Riding Decision: No objections
- ii. 16/03218/PLF Apartment 1 Welton Hall Dale Road Erection of a garage with extension of existing driveway
PC Response: No objection and support the recommendations of the conservation officer
East Riding Decision: Granted with conditions
- iii. 16/02861/PLF The Lodge Kidd Lane Erection of two storey extension to side
PC Response: No comment
East Riding Decision: Refused
- iv. 16/03458/PLB Apartment 2 Welton Hall Dale Road Listed building consent for internal and external alterations
PC Response: Support subject to the comments and clarification requests of the conservation officer being upheld
East Riding Decision: Granted with conditions.

The decisions were noted.

1210. To receive a report from the Memorial Hall Trustees

It was noted that Terry Hughes had resigned as a Trustee due to ill health. The Trustees had held an EGM to discuss the future of the charity and to discuss the new constitution and makeup of Trustees. It was agreed in principle that the charity become a CIO; the next step is to take legal advice on the proposed constitution and ownership of the Hall. Two of the trustees (Alan Henry & Dave Russell) have given notice of their intention to step down as Trustees. The new caretaker is Colin James.

1211. To elect a Trustee to Welton Memorial Hall

No nominations were put forward – to be put on the next agenda

1212. Mill Dam

- a. to receive an update on the project
The Clerk reported that the contractors had now finished for Christmas and would be back on Jan 3rd; the current estimated completion date is Jan 20th. She had visited the site following comments about the lack of progress and would be making regular trips to try and keep things moving. The contractors had had trouble removing the silt as the pipes were too small and seemed uncertain about dredging the brook. Generally the project manager is struggling to get information out of the contractor. It had been reported that the base of the pond may not support concrete ramps and that timber might be better but one of the ramps is already in place.
The authorisation to remove fish only lasts until the end of December – the Clerk to get it extended. The fish removed included some non-native species; the contractor has said that these cannot be returned to the water without testing for disease and that the testing will cost £475. If the fish are found to be diseased, there will be a further cost to replace them. The Clerk had tried to talk to the Environment Agency to establish whether it was necessary to replace them and had been given indications that testing may not be necessary – she still needs to talk to the Fisheries Officer to confirm.
It was noted that last time the Mill Dam was dredged, there was a build-up of silt in the beck – Cllr. Gill to talk to Martyn Pedley.
- b. To agree whether to change the ramps to timber ramps
This item was no longer needed.
- c. To agree on action and expenditure on health testing the fish

Resolved – that the fish will be tested (at a cost of £475) if essential, otherwise they will be returned to the water. The decision to replace any fish will be postponed awaiting further information. The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Peck and seconded by Cllr. Roberts.

1213. To note correspondence received and agree any action required

- a. Letter re change in website provider
The letter was noted; Council is grateful that the website manager will assist in the transition.
- b. Beck clearance near A63
Noted – the Clerk has written to the agent for Highways England to ask them to clear it.
- c. The Clerk circulated two Christmas cards that had arrived for the Council.
- d. The invitation to nominate people for the East Ridings Chairman’s Awards were noted.

1214. To receive any other items for note or future agendas

The Clerk has received a request from a resident for trees to be planted on the grass on Temple Walk – to go on the next agenda. Progress on the logo was queried – there has been none; Cllr. Roberts to follow up.

1215. To confirm the date of the next full Council meeting as January 17th 2017.

Confirmed.

The Chairman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and declared the meeting closed at 9:14pm.