

WELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Thursday 26th May 2022 commencing at 7:30pm
in the Village Hall, West Street, Welford**

Present

Councillors: Dr. M Gorrod (Chairman), Mr. N Brotherton, Mr. T. Forder, Mr. T. McCullagh, Mrs. S. Phelan

Clerk: Mr. I Kelly

Unitary Councillor: Mr. J. Harris, Mrs. C. Irving-Swift

Public: 3 and PCSO Lumbis

| Minute | Action |
|--|--------------|
| 22/43 To elect the Chairman of the Parish Council | |
| Cllr. Gorrod was nominated and elected as Chairman of the Parish Council by all Councillors | |
| 22/44 To elect the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council | |
| Cllr. Brotherton was nominated and elected as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council by all Councillors | |
| 22/45 Apologies for Absence: | |
| Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Curtis and Cllr. Hughes | |
| 22/46 Minutes of the Meeting Thursday 24th April 2022 | |
| The minutes of the meeting held on April 28 th 2022 were approved | |
| 22/47 To receive an update on outstanding actions and to note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only: | |
| The Clerk gave the following updates in relation to the action record: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EV charge point work was underway with installation of equipment taking place • The new defibrillator is in place at the Garage, the defibrillator in the kiosk on West Street has been removed as the pads are no longer usable. There is no indication when replacement pads and batteries will be available. • The Cone Climber has been installed • The leak at the junction of High Street and West Street has been reported to both AWA and Highways | |
| 22/48 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: | |
| None | |
| 22/49 Public Participation; | |
| PCSO Kev Lumbis addressed the meeting saying that he was one of a team of 4 officers working from Brixworth. There were no outstanding crime matters affecting Welford and he said that he intended to bring the Beat Bus to Welford during the summer. | |
| 22/50 Agenda | |
| a) To agree to provide a letter of support to Green Welford in their grant application to WNC | |
| Hannah Beddard and Ellen Worrell gave an overview of the work that has been undertaken by Green Welford and the plans they have for future events. They asked for the Council's support for a grant application that has been made by Green Welford for funds from WNC. Councillors unanimously supported their work and agreed for a letter of support to be sent to Peter Worth at WNC | Clerk |
| b) i) To consider the reply from WNC regarding the traffic calming measures on the A5199 ii) To consider the use of the Community Speedwatch in relation to speeding vehicles | |
| i) Cllr. Brotherton said that he was unhappy as to why the speed reduction signs could not be installed on the southern approach to Welford as no reason had been provided and an explanation was needed. Cllr. Forder said that these signs were standard on motorways. Councillors agreed that the 30mph roundels should be repainted and the jagged teeth painted marks should be applied; additionally the 20mph roundels through the village should also be repainted. | Clerk |

| | |
|---|--------------|
| ii) Cllr. Forder said that he would contact the Police Speedwatch team and reinvestigate the availability of and opportunity to use the scheme. Cllr. Forder also said that he would involve WAG. | Cllr. Forder |
| c) To consider an application by Alice George for the installation of a mosaic on the bus shelter | |
| Alice George said that the children had completed a mosaic measuring 600mm x 900mm with the intention of placing it under the outside window of the bus shelter. Alice George also asked for the window frame to be repaired. As the bus shelter is in the Conservation Area the Clerk was asked to check with the Conservation Officer that it could be installed on the outer wall of the bus shelter | Clerk |
| d) To review the highlights/feedback of the village lighting survey and that lighting is part of the Village/Neighbourhood Plan | |
| Cllr. Forder said that he and Cllr. Brotherton had identified two locations for lamps in the High Street near to the Pocket Park. The first would be on the south side of the High Street opposite the park allowing the light to filter into the Park. The second would be towards the bridge. Cllr. Forder said that two 3 metre lamps should also be installed along Butchers Close near to West Street. Councillors agreed to the proposals. Clerk to contact Zeta for a quote with installation to take place from October subject to final approval of the quote at a future council meeting. | Clerk |
| e) To discuss the Husbands Bosworth Surgery use of the village hall and a proposed action to write in support of keeping it | |
| Cllr. Gorrod said that this issue had been raised at the Annual Parish Meeting as the Husbands Bosworth Surgery hires a room in the Village Hall to use once a week. The Surgery had recently sent a survey to selected users of the surgery in the 12 months prior to Covid lockdowns. As the Village Hall Surgery had not been used for some time, Councillors were concerned as to the long term use of the room. The facility also offers those without transport the ability to drop off prescriptions. Councillors agreed for the Clerk to write to Husbands Bosworth Surgery to stress how essential the Village Hall Surgery is and ask for the survey to be more widely circulated, as well as highlighting the need for a village location to drop of prescriptions.. | Clerk |
| f) To consider a request from Green Welford to use the Playing Field on Saturday 1st October 2022 for the Green Festival for Children | |
| Ellen Worrell said that the event would be held on Saturday 1 st October at the end of the Big Green Week. The intention was to have a big festival and if funding was secured to make it free to all attendees. Various activities are being planned for children to learn about protecting the environment. Cllr. Gorrod said that the request fell into the agreed policy for the use of the Playing Field, Councillors agreed to the request. | |
| g) To review and consider the continuation of the book library in the bus shelter | |
| Cllr. Gorrod said that the book library was something that Councillors had agreed to continuously monitor. Cllr. Forder suggested that more robust shelving be installed. Cllr. Gorrod said that it would help if volunteers could be found to keep it tidy. Green Welford volunteered to look after the library as they also had recycling bins in the bus shelter. Clerk to research improved book cases | Clerk |
| h) i) To approve the purchase of a ladder for the SID team at a cost of £99.98 plus £20.00 VAT ii) To agree to the purchase of an online training course at £12 plus VAT per SID user | |
| Cllr. Gorrod said that the SID team requested a ladder which meets current safety standards. Councillors agreed to the purchase of a ladder at £99.80 plus £20.00 VAT As the SID group are volunteers it was important that the Council also provides them with training on ladder safety. An online course had been identified and Councillors agreed to the course being provided at £36 plus £7.20 VAT | Clerk |
| i) To agree that additional/all Councillors should be members of and invited to meetings of the Planning Committee | |
| Cllr. Gorrod said that the current Planning Committee has minimal members. Cllr. Brotherton said that there are occasional planning meetings which need to be quorate outside of the monthly Parish Council meeting. It was agreed for all Councillors to become members of the Planning Committee, Cllr. Gorrod said that | Clerk |

| | |
|--|--------------|
| NCALC ran a suitable course in Planning for Councillors and encouraged all to attend. | |
| f) Clerks update | |
| The Clerk said that the children's play area had recently undergone its annual inspection. Three pieces of equipment had been identified as beyond economical repair. A further check was undertaken by Kettering Playsafe while installing the cone climber and they agreed with the report and advised that the wood was rotting below ground. The Clerk advised Councillors that he would provide Councillors with costs for removal and replacing these items at the June meeting together with a revised budget spreadsheet. Cllr Brotherton also suggested possible short term repairs that could be made to extend the life of some of the equipment. | Clerk |
| 22/51 Planning | |
| a) To consider WND/2022/0321 Welford Sports Field, Newlands Road, Welford, Single storey extension to existing sports pavilion. Cllr. Brotherton said that the Sports Field Pavilion required a larger communal area and this proposal does not encroach onto the field area. Cllr. Gorrod asked for it to be noted that the Parish Council is the Guardian Trustee for the Sports Field. Councillors approved the proposed development | Clerk |
| 22/52 Reports | |
| a) Highways | |
| Cllr. Gorrod said there were continuing problems with pot holes and drains around the village. There is a natural spring near to the junction of West Street and High Street which is being monitored. | |
| b) Rights of Way | |
| Cllr. Gorrod said that he was due to check the Rights of Way in his role as Path Warden. Cllr. Gorrod said that there was one issue raised with Highways Right of Way team for investigation, involving a farmer who has put electric fencing around his field and diverted the public footpath. There have been reports of dogs being receiving given a shock from this fence. | |
| c) Playing field | |
| Cllr. Brotherton said that 12 months ago he said the play equipment was looking tired and the recent Inspection report has highlighted that. Cllr. Brotherton said Melanie Ainsworth is out every day tidying the park area. The Clerk will arrange for the concrete bin in the Children's play area to be covered. | Clerk |
| d) Speed Indicator Device (SID) report | |
| Cllr. Gorrod said that recent SID reports had been circulated to Councillors. Cllr. Gorrod said that within the 20mph zone, it showed 80% of vehicles were speeding and in the 30mph zone 60% of vehicles passing the SID were speeding. | |
| e) Welford Youth and Community Centre | |
| Cllr. Gorrod said that there had been no recent meetings to report | |
| f) Village Hall: | |
| Cllr. Phelan reported that she had attended a meeting of the Village Hall management committee where they discussed plans to change the front entrance and reintroduce the cinema club. The Village Hall now has replaced the lights in and around the building with LED lights. | |
| 22/53 Finances | |
| a) Councillors noted the bank working balance at Unity Trust on the 19 th May 2022 £61,544.09 | |
| e) Councillors noted standing order for street lighting paid to SSE on the 18 th May £172.57 | |
| c) The following payments were approved | |

| PAYEE | REASON | £ |
|---|---|----------|
| Staff costs | Salaries | 734.13 |
| R & G | Grass cutting April | 1,393.78 |
| Seagrave IS | Play equipment inspection | 180.00 |
| Tay Play | Cone Climber | 5,358.00 |
| Tim Underhill | SID repairs | 6.99 |
| Village Hall | Room hire Planning Committee 5th May 2022 | 7.00 |
| Spratton PC | Bus service contribution | 1,679.23 |
| Councillors were also asked to note that the invoice for installation of the Cone Climber had been received £1,458 plus £291.60 VAT, the spend had been agreed at the January meeting, agenda item 22/06a | | |
| 22/54 Date of next meeting: Thursday 23rd June 2022. | | |
| The main meeting closed at 8.38pm | | |

Signed that the Minutes are a true and accurate record

| Signed by Chairman | Dated |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| | |