

WELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Thursday 23rd June 2022 commencing at 7:30pm
in the Village Hall, West Street, Welford**

Present

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

Clerk: Mr. I Kelly

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Minute	Action
22/55 Apologies for Absence:	
Cllr. Brotherton had advised the Clerk he would be late in attending the meeting	
22/56 Minutes of the Meeting Thursday 26th May 2022	
The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26 th May 2022 were approved	
22/57 To receive an update on outstanding actions and to note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only:	
<p>The Clerk gave the following updates in relation to the action record:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been no update from WNC re the lease on the Pocket Park • There is still a shortage of batteries and pads for one of the defibrillators and it is not likely to improve soon. Councillors may wish to consider purchasing a new replacement defibrillator in the autumn • The Clerk is meeting with Zeta on the 12th July re the street lighting improvements • No reply has been received from Husbands Bosworth surgery regarding their use of the village hall • Two tradesmen have been contacted for quotes to repair the bus shelter window and cover the old bin in the play area 	
22/58 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:	
None	
22/59 Public Participation;	
<p>Andy Sanderson from Northampton Road said that he was concerned about the mowing outside his house and that the contractor did not always trim the grass. He had placed rocks on the grass verge outside his house to prevent vehicles damaging his fence when they turned around. Cllr. Gorrod confirmed with Mr. Sanderson that the verge was not his property but the rocks were his and that Mr. Sanderson accepted liability for any injury or damage caused by the rocks being there. The Clerk was asked to raise the matter to Highways as the Parish Council receives a grant from WNC to have the verges mowed and the rocks have been placed on highways land.</p> <p>Cliff Marlow said that the white lines at the West End Playing Field entrance had not been painted when the other white lines in the village had been painted this week. Clerk to contact Highways</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
22/60 Agenda	
a) To receive an update regarding the replacement of play equipment on the Playing Field	
<p>The Clerk had circulated a list of suggested items to replace the current equipment that needed to be replaced and was waiting for one further quote. Councillors discussed the finances and the Clerk was also asked to identify if any grants were available and to look into the Public Loans Board. Councillors agreed that the preference for the replacement swing for younger children was to have one constructed of meta for longevity. Cllr Curtis suggested a survey be made available for residents to suggest which of the identified items which could fit in to the area and are of an appropriate cost the Council should consider as their preferred replacement items. This will be produced by the Chairman and Clerk and made available on the</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

website, Facebook and in the Bugle to ensure the widest possible participation in the survey.	
b) To consider further improvements as highlighted in the Neighbourhood Plan	
Cllr Gorrod said that the Parish Council Action list derived from the Neighbourhood Plan will be circulated to Councillors to identify an item to progress now that the street lighting has been completed thanks to the work of Cllr. Forder and Cllr. Brotherton	Cllr. Forder
c) To consider and approve the purchase of replacement book shelves for the bus shelter	
Cllr. Gorrod said that the Clerk had circulated suggested shelves prior to the meeting, Councillors agreed that the shelves needed to be lower than those suggested and asked the Clerk to undertake further research for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting.	Clerk
d) To review requests from householders on The Leys regarding overhanging branches from Spinney and address issues with boundary encroachment into Spinney.	
Cllr. Gorrod said that there are a number of houses on The Leys that have branches hanging down in to their property, some of which could cause damage to residents' property and which the Parish Council had a legal requirement to address. The Clerk had asked Tom Hughes of Welford Tree and Land to look at a tree overhanging from the Spinney onto a fence and across the walkway from The Leys into the Playing Field; as it was still nesting season nothing could be done in the near future and a report would be provided for Councillors to consider any remedial action. In relation to trees in the Playing Field and Spinney overhanging gardens but not likely to cause damage to property, it was agreed as a policy that householders would be given advice to contact the tree officer at WNC (as the trees are protected either by a TPO or being in the conservation area), and arrange for the work to be undertaken themselves. Cllr. Gorrod said that there was some encroachment of brambles from the Spinney into gardens which has damaged fences in the past. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask the tree surgeon who is looking at the tree over the walkway from The Leys to the Playing Field to look at the brambles and advise if they were causing damage to fences and needed trimming. Cllr. Gorrod also said that there were some houses that had extended their gardens into the Spinney which is Parish Council land. It was agreed that the Clerk will write a letter and hand deliver these to residents whose homes back onto The Spinney to ensure their boundary does not encroach onto the Spinney and beyond their own boundary. The Clerk will also undertake work with Land Registry in relation to the registration of The Spinney on behalf of the Parish Council and the records they hold delineating the boundary of Parish Council land	Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk
e) To approve the quote from R & G to weed and treat the church wall at a cost of £330.00 plus £66.00 VAT	
Cllr. Gorrod said that the church wall had plant growth in and over it which could damage it. As the Parish Council is responsible for its upkeep and maintenance, this work will increase the longevity of the wall and reduce the long term costs of maintaining it. The quote was approved by Councillors	Clerk
f) Clerks update	
The Clerk said that EV charge point now connected and operational, the last item to be undertaken was for white markings to be painted on the road.	
22/61 Planning	
a) To consider DA/2021/0312 24, High Street, Welford Listed Building Consent for replacement of existing corrugated roof with new corrugated roofing with insulation, installation of 2 solar heating panels and the addition of a first floor window in the west gable wall. Cllr. Curtis said that the heritage report for this work was extensive and persuasive. As Chairman of the Planning Committee he had no objections to the request, which the Councillors agreed with and supported the request.	Clerk
22/62 Reports	
a) Highways	
Cllr. Gorrod said there were continuing problems with pot holes around the village and that the white lines around the village had been repainted at junctions together	

with the repainting of the 20mph and 30mph roundels in the road. The dragons teeth at the southern entrance to the village had also been painted on the road.																
b) Rights of Way																
Cllr. Gorrod said Gary Matthews had found ordnance near the right of way by Fish Ponds field, which had been dealt with by a bomb disposal team. It was said in the meeting that Gary Matthews had also suggested that his metal detector had detected another metal object. The Clerk was asked to check with Gary Matthews if he had also reported this to the relevant authorities. Cllr. Gorrod said that he intended to check that all the Rights of Way in the Parish are accessible over the next month.	Clerk															
c) Playing field																
Cllr. Brotherton said the Playing Field continues to be kept tidy. The site has been prepared for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee tree. Cllr. Brotherton was in agreement that the play equipment was in need of replacement																
d) Speed Indicator Device (SID) report																
No new SID reports had been received																
e) Welford Youth and Community Centre																
Cllr. Gorrod said that there had been no recent meetings to report., but that the WYCC were looking to replace the outdoor halogen security light with an LED light																
f) Village Hall:																
Cllr. Phelan reported that she had attended a meeting of the Village Hall management committee on the 23 rd June where the management committee had discussed a number of increasing costs. The Committee were also concerned that the surgery contract with Husbands Bosworth finishes in April 2023 and there may be a need for contact to be made with other surgeries to continue to provide a service in the village hall. Cllr. Phelan also said that work had been undertaken on tidying the garden area at the rear of the Village Hall																
22/63 Finances																
a) Councillors noted the bank working balance at Unity Trust on the 17th June 2022, £50,277.34																
b) Councillors noted standing order for street lighting paid to SSE on the 16th June 2022 £158.02																
c) The following payments were approved																
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22/64 Date of next meeting: Thursday 28th July 2022. The main meeting closed at 8.37pm																

Signed that the Minutes are a true and accurate record

Signed by Chairman	Dated