

**WELFORD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting of the Parish Council held on**  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 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. T. McCullagh, Mrs. S. Phelan

**Clerk:** Mr. I Kelly

**Public:** 2

Minute	Action
<b>23/73 Apologies for Absence:</b>	
Apologies were received from Cllr. Hughes.	
<b>23/74 To receive and approve for signature the minutes for the Parish Council Meeting Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b>	
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 were received and approved	
<b>23/75 To receive an update on outstanding actions and to note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only:</b>	
The Clerk gave the following updates in relation to the action record: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ACV application regarding The Elizabethan PH has been received by WNC and will be processed. Cllr. Parker is monitoring the progress of the application</li> <li>• WNC Assets have been contacted re the Pocket Park in relation to either renewing the lease or disposing of the asset to Welford Parish Council</li> <li>• The Clerk was asked to contact WNC re the fence that has been refused retrospective Planning Permission as the fence is still in situ</li> </ul>	Clerk
<b>23/76 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:</b>	
None	
<b>23/77 Public Participation;</b>	
The Chairman invited members of the public to raise any issues. Cliff Marlow asked if a new bus shelter was to be built as part of the Millers Lock development. Cllr. Gorrod said that an agreement was reached with the developers for a payment in lieu of street lights and the bus shelter. Anna Hughes asked about signage on Hall Lane for visually impaired users. Cllr. Gorrod said that there should be way markers on the signs posts but that he will check if they are in place.	Cllr. Gorrod
<b>23/78 Agenda</b>	
<b>a) To approve the amended price and lighting units for the High Street and Butchers Close at £4,682 plus £936.40 VAT</b>	
The Clerk said that at the July meeting, Councillors agreed for two solar lamps and one mains lamp to be installed in the village. Following a site meeting, the Clerk was advised by E.ON that the solar lamp would not receive enough natural light to recharge the battery for the solar lamp in Butchers Close. Councillors were asked to approve an amended order for two Mains powered lights and one solar light at a cost of £4,682 plus £936.40 VAT. Councillors approved the amended order	Clerk
<b>b) To nominate a representative on behalf of the Parish Council to the Welford Educational Trust</b>	
Cllr. Brotherton said that he is a member of the Welford Educational Trust which is a registered charity to support young people in the village. The Trust has about £7k in funds for this purpose. Cllr. Brotherton said that Mr. David Whiskin who represents the Parish Council on the Trust is retiring from his position and Cllr. Brotherton asked Councillors for	Cllr. Brotherton

nominations to replace him. The nomination could either be a councillor or parishioner nominated by the Parish Council	
<b>c) To discuss the land on the corner of Northampton Road and Newlands Road</b>	
Cllr. Curtis said that a lot of the foliage on the site at the corner of Newlands Road and Northampton Road had been removed into one pile on the site leaving other debris exposed. Cllr. Curtis said that the site was in the Neighbourhood Plan and the Council had been supportive of any proposed developments. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should contact the landowner to see if any assistance could be given in tidying or improving the site.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>d) To consider and approve the subscription for membership of CPRE</b>	
The Clerk informed Councillors that the annual subscription for CPRE had arrived. Last year the fee was £35, CPRE now indicated the subscription to be £60 although they would accept other fees. Councillors agreed to pay the new subscription of £60.	
<b>j) Clerk's update</b>	
The Clerk reported that all updates were financial and would be included in the finance report and there was nothing else to report.	
<b>23/79 Planning</b>	
<b>a) To note updates from previous Planning Applications</b>	
The Clerk had previously circulated updates regarding outstanding applications prior to the meeting.	
<b>23/80 Reports</b>	
<b>a) Highways</b>	
Cllr. Gorrod said that one of the bollards on the footpath near to the former Shoulder of Mutton PH had been damaged. Cllr. Curtis said that there was a blocked drain near to Church Lane, both to be reported to FixMyStreet. Cllr. Curtis said that a sign at the entrance to Court Lane had been damaged. Cllr. Brotherton said that the water is continuing to leak from the road at the junction of West Street and High Street. It was also noted that the tap opposite appeared to have been turned off. The Clerk was asked to write to the occupier to explain that the tap should be left on as it releases spring water into the drain.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>b) Rights of Way</b>	
Cllr. Gorrod said that he will check way markers on Hall Lane.	
<b>c) Playing field</b>	
Cllr. Brotherton said that the grass has been regularly cut and was in good order. The climbing tower in the play area has been repaired and was now in use again. Cllr. Brotherton reported that the Jubilee tree was now 10' tall	
<b>d) Welford Youth and Community Centre</b>	
Cllr. Gorrod reported that the WYCC AGM is to be held in October. There is ongoing work to replace the cooker in the kitchen.	
<b>e) Village Hall:</b>	
Cllr. Phelan reported that the Village Hall Committee met and that the new ramp would be installed in the new year. The cinema club continues with monthly performances. Cllr. Phelan reported that the Husbands Bosworth Surgery will no longer use the Village Hall. The Village Hall AGM is to be held on the 26 <sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm.	
<b>23/81 Finances</b>	
a) Councillors noted the following bank working balances at Unity Trust on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2023	
i. Current account: £8,937.06	
ii. Savings account: £32,721.14	
b) Councillors noted the standing order for street lighting paid to SSE:	
18 <sup>th</sup> August 2023 - £95.49	
18 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 - £100.74	

c) Councillors noted the following payments had been made which had previously been approved:  
 i) R & G for the July Grass Cut £1,369.78  
 ii) Kettering Playsafe for the Monkey Bars, £4,524.26

d) Councillors approved the following payments

PAYEE	REASON	£
Staff costs	Salaries	783.77
Ian Kelly	Expenses	83.42
R & G	August grass cut	1,369.78
Clear Insurance	Annual Policy	1,068.43
Fisher German	Allotment fee	275.00
Barbara Osborne	Payroll services	69.00
Village Hall	Room hire	70.00
Poppy Appeal	Donation towards Poppy wreath	100.00
Creative Play	Replacement clatter bridge	1,374.00

Cllr. Brotherton said that the donation to the Poppy Appeal had been £60 for a number of years and proposed that the donation be increased to £100. Councillors unanimously agreed to the proposal.

**22/82 Date of next meeting: Thursday 26th October 2023**  
**The meeting closed at 8.38pm**

**22/83. Confidential business held in accordance with Standing Order 2d, Public and Press to be excluded from this section**

- **To discuss the appointment of Clerk**

All Councillors discussed the candidates for the role of Clerk and made a decision on the appointing process.

**Signed that the Minutes are a true and accurate record**

**Signed by Chairman**

**Dated**