

**Minutes of the Meeting and Meeting of Welton
Parish Council Monday 12th July 2021 at 7.30pm**

Present	Apologies
Cllr. D Smith	
Cllr. E Snedker	
Cllr. G Smith	
Cllr. M Souter	
Cllr. J Emery	Clerk
Cllr. R Lange	Chris Miles
Cllr. M Elcock	
Cllr C Mortimore	
Ward Cllr R Humphreys	
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2021/07/01	To receive and approve Apologies: None.	
2021/07/02	To approve and sign Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14th June 2021: The minutes of the Welton Parish Council Meeting held on 14 th June 2021 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting, proposed by Cllr. Souter & seconded by Cllr. Emery.	
2021/07/03	To receive Members' Declaration of Interest in respect of agenda items: None.	
2021/07/04	Matters Arising from the Minutes/Review of Actions: 2020/03/05 Cllr. Souter reported that he had not heard back from E.ON re the speed sign. 2020/12/12 Quotation for proposed street lighting has not been received to date from E.ON. 2021/06/06 The clerk has established that village greens VG91, VG92, VG93 and VG94 are owned by WPC. 2021/06/07 The clerk has received details required from Unity Bank and circulated them to Cllrs Elcock and Lange. 2021/06/12 Changes to the Asset Register have been completed. 2021/06/15 The clerk has circulated the document.	
2021/07/05	Members Reports: Cllr Mortimore reported that the church is open for service. Cllr Lange reported he had carried out the monthly play inspection and filled in the report form supplied to the clerk. Cllr	Clerk

Signed and Dated

Emery gave the clerk details of a replacement swing bearing assembly to be ordered.

Cllr Snedker reported: As circulated to all councillors and subsequently to Steve for upload on WPC website. Adrian Beck, site manager of The Wilderness provided short term programme of commencement of development. The offer of Adrian contacting all neighbouring properties to advise of projected pile driving dates was accepted by WPC.

Follow up to 'Planning for the Future' white paper last year, the final report should be completed by September 2021. This is the report of the HCLG (Housing, Communities and Local Government) committee's inquiry into the proposed reforms. There is concern over the 'lack of detail' in the government's vision for a new zonal planning system in England.

Key findings from the report are: **Members of the public should still have a say on individual planning applications.** On the proposed shifting of **public engagement** from individual planning applications to the local plan stage, the committee found "that far more people engage with individual planning proposals and fear that the proposed change will reduce public involvement in the planning process." The report concludes that: "All individuals must still be able to comment and influence upon all individual planning proposals." **The government should reconsider its 'zonal' proposal for local plans to designate three types of land.** On the government's 'three areas proposal' to apply different planning rules to areas designated in local plans as being for growth, renewal or protection, the committee says it is "unpersuaded that the government's **zoning-based approach** will produce a quicker, cheaper, and democratic planning system", and says it "should reconsider the case" for this. **Evidence is required for the government's 300,000-homes-a-year target.** The government "should lay out the evidential basis for its 300,000 housing units a year target and how it will achieve it, both by tenure and by location". The report also adds: **"To command public support there also needs to be greater clarity** on why and how the housing target needs to be delivered, including why relying on brownfield sites alone would be insufficient." To tackle the "problem of build out rates", **a time limit of 18 months is recommended for works to commence on site**, with penalties if progress is slow.

Triangle Green update - Kate Spires understands the Highways necessary involvement and is in the primary stages of drawing up outline plans. However, following a bereavement in the family, this may be something wpc will need to return to next year. In the meantime, can the previously agreed crocuses be planted? John's suggestion of wooden troughs at the gateway to our village is an additional or alternative to the triangle project to pretty the village.

Chairmans Training Course - Very constructive and useful.

Awareness of Queens Platinum Jubilee 2nd June 2022 – celebrated over weekend of 2nd-5th June. www.queensjubileebeacons.com Perhaps add to Agenda in September for discussion?

Cllr Souter reported: He has not been informed that anybody has shown any interest in joining us as a new councillor. Cllr Snedker and I attended a Chairman's training session run by NCALC in early June. One of the background topics which arose during the training session and building further from Chris' good work on the risk assessment, was the procedures and policies which we are required to have. The list will be circulated by Chris. I think we need to come up with a plan to be able to get this admin side sorted and adopted. I am glad to write that there are default documents available from NCALC, so this will not take too much effort, but we will need to review, and adopt them. He has received a report from a person in the village that the grass edges around the crossroads between station road and the gated were dangerously high. This was reported via the clerk and relevant roads Cllr's and it has now been cut. There are other roads in the Parish, including Kiln Lane where the grass verges / hedgerows still need to be cut.

For the speed limit on the Watford road approaching the crossroads to station road and the gated road. Does anybody know why it goes from 30mph in the village, up to national limit for a hundred yards only to be reduced to 40mph by the junction ?

Cllr R Humphreys reported: Planning This month's Daventry Area Planning Committee has been cancelled for lack of business. To my knowledge in the past Daventry District Council's monthly planning committee meetings were cancelled extremely rarely. I made an enquiry as to whether the reason for lack of business was because almost all planning applications are now delegated for decision to planning officers, rather than decided by the planning committee. I was told it was too early to say and planning officers have remained very busy throughout the Pandemic. The new call-in process was only formally communicated to Daventry area Parish Councils and the Town Council at a liaison meeting last week, a quite unacceptable delay since it was agreed in March. I have been in contact with the Deputy Leader of WNC to complain about this matter and have been informed that the call-in process is currently being discussed by the four area planning committee Chairs.

Highway meetings on site - I have arranged two recent site meetings at Lilbourne and Barby with a Highways manager and representatives of the Parish Council. These villages both have areas where some road surfaces are in particularly poor repair and there are speeding problems also. Both meetings have been constructive and repair work has already been carried out in Lilbourne. Please let me know if there are any roads in Welton which are of concern so that I can assist here.

West Northamptonshire Council meetings - For this month's Full Council meeting on 15th July WNC has decided it is not necessary to hire a private venue and are having the meeting at their own premises at One Angel Square in Northampton. You may recall that the Council's first ever Annual Meeting was held at Franklin's Gardens, which was hired for an eye-watering sum (£8,360) as no council-owned venue was regarded

	<p>as large enough. The subject of the eight motions to be proposed include declaring a climate emergency, committing the Council to becoming a Living Wage Employer and reviewing access to Council services for residents without internet. Covid Update - Data for the week ending 27th June indicates that the number of residents (474) testing positive was 50% higher than the previous week. All residents are being reminded to remember the basics – Hands; Face; Space; Fresh Air – to wear face coverings in crowded areas, shops and on public transport and to take twice weekly lateral flow tests.</p> <p>Clerk reported: Requested that some remedial work be carried out on the council's notice board. The clerk to put out to tender the grass mowing for the village at the end of the season. Clerk to continue to investigate the ownership and registering WPC land opposite Stockwell cottage, Emery Close and the Ridgeway. The clerk has received and circulated an email from Zurich Insurance stating they are no longer attempting recovery against The Play Inspection Company. The clerk has a list of documents and policies the council should have. Cllr G Smith offered to help the clerk to review the document list and prepare new documents for adoption.</p>	<p>Cllrs Emery and D Smith Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/Cllr G Smith</p>
2021/07/06	<p>Monthly Financial Review: The clerk provided explanation to support documentation which had been distributed. The balance at 3rd June 2021 was £21,060.08, total expenditure for the month was £1,194.57, income was £135.00, and the balance carried forward on 30th June 2021 was £20,000.51.</p>	
2021/07/07	<p>August Payment Authorisation Delegation: Authority for transactions in August 2021 to be delegated to Clerk with retrospective authorization at September Parish Council Meeting: RESOLVED: The Clerk was given authority to do this, proposed by Cllr Lange, seconded by Cllr Elcock.</p>	
2021/07/08	<p>Planning: Application No: WND/2021/0238</p> <p>Description: Construction of two storey porch and first floor front, rear and side extensions. Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension, installation of solar panels to roof. Removal of existing timber cladding and installation of stone and render to external walls. Location: Maplecroft, Station Road, Welton, Northamptonshire, NN11 2JR.</p> <p>WPC Response – no observations.</p> <p>Application No: WND/2021/0159</p> <p>Description: Removal of tree subject of tree preservation order TPO 113.</p> <p>Location: The Wilderness, Churchill Road, Welton, Northamptonshire</p>	

	<p>WPC Response – Unable to support with observations.</p> <p>Application No: WND/2021/0150</p> <p>Description: Enclosed front porch. Render panels and new roof /coping to existing garage</p> <p>Location: 14, Welton Park, Welton, Northamptonshire, NN11 2JW</p> <p>WPC Response – No observations.</p>																					
2021/07/09	Bushcraft Lessons in the Spinney: The council reviewed the application and asked the clerk to contact Zurich Insurance to see if they had any comments re approval of the application,	Clerk																				
2021/07/10	Risk Assessment Review and Adoption: Minor changes to the document were made suggested by Cllr G Smith and the Risk Assessment was approved, proposed by Cllr. Souter & seconded by Cllr. G Smith. Document to be posted on web site.																					
2021/07/11	Asset Register Review and Adoption: Minor changes to the document were made and the Asset Register was approved, proposed by Cllr. Souter & seconded by Cllr. Mortimore. Document to be posted on web site.																					
2021/07/12	Feedback from MS and ES on recent Chairman’s Training: The chairman reviewed the course he and Cllr Snedker had completed for the meeting stating they both found it very beneficial.																					
2021/07/13	Review of Advertising Rates for N&Vs: The present rates of £60.00 for a full page, £45.00 for a half page and £30.00 for a quarter page were reviewed by the meeting. A proposal by Cllr Souter, seconded by Cllr Emery, that these rates should be maintained was approved by the meeting. A review of the rates to be carried out next April/May 2022.																					
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ACTIONS REQUIRED FROM THE MINUTES
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 12TH JULY 2021

Minute Item	Action Required	Who
2021/07/05	Order replacement swing bearing assembly.	Clerk
2021/07/05	Remedial work be carried out on the council's notice board.	Cllr D Smith and Cllr Emery
2021/07/05	Tender for grass mowing for the village.	Clerk
2021/07/05	Investigate the ownership and registering WPC land opposite Stockwell cottage, Emery Close and the Ridgeway.	Clerk
2021/07/05	Review documents and policies.	Clerk/Cllr G Smith
2021/07/05	Bushcraft Lessons - contact Zurich Insurance to see if they had any comments re approval of the application,	Clerk