

**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting
held on Tuesday 11th April 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Present

Councillors: Malcolm Souter (Chairman), Elizabeth Snedker (Vice Chairman), Ian Dalziel, John Emery, Derek Smith. Prospective New Councillors: Carl Ponder, John Edwards & Tim Hill

Member of the Public: Kevin Young

Clerk: Julie Finlay

2023.04.01	Apologies of absence were received from Rosie Humphreys, Regional Councillor
2023.04.02	No declarations of interest were received.
2023.04.03	Public Open Forum. Kevin Young representative for Welton Church. Church grant monies. – It was agreed this should still be supported. The process will now follow the recently adopted grant request form. Post meeting: Clerk contacted the Treasurer. The grant donation is currently £600 in arrears from 2022. Clerk to send a Grant Request Form for 2023.
2023.04.04	The minutes from the meeting of 13.03.2023 were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting (proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Emery).
2023.04.05	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Souter will draft the letter to WNC regarding the dog waste bin charge. – Letter drafted the clerk to send to WNC- action to be carried over to the next meeting. ACTION: Cllr Souter. • Cllr Souter to join the working group for The Neighbourhood Watch Completed • Electric Vehicle Charging Points to be discussed with the 2 households involved to obtain the latest. No change. • Clerk to query cutting down the trees on Kiln Lane with Anglian Water. – ACTION: Clerk • The bark in the playing field, mentioned in the March meeting has been successfully removed. • Clerk to contact the Housing Association regarding the fences and hedges on the boundary of the playing field at the rear of their houses in Round Close. ACTION Clerk – update to be provided at the next meeting. • Litter picking in the village was successful and completed on April 1st 2023 • Cllr Dalziel shared a list of the missing documents from the website. These are to be added where possible. Action Clerk and Cllr Souter. – Update to be provided in the next meeting. • Contact organisers of the soap box derby to provide feedback on the insurance and enquire if a loan maybe of interest to them. Post meeting: Clerk contacted the organisers 18.04.2023. Events have moved on from March 2023. With regard to the event the organisers have requested help to obtain quotes for insurance.

2023.04.06	Consider the application of potentially 3 new councillors. Formal vote was held for each of the candidates and all three were approved. Action: Forms for all new Councillors to be submitted to West Northants Council.
2023.04.07	To review the invoicing for the mowing at the school, Welton News and Views and Stockwell / Wisteria Cottages. It was agreed that all charges will remain the same.
2023.04.08	Ask the company who print Welton News and Views if they wish to continue printing the newsletter. Action complete: Viridian are happy to continue the printing provided the advert on the back page is continued as before.
2023.04.09	Western Power re the laurel hedge cutting around the electricity substation. Still awaiting information.
2023.04.10	To review the costs on the village assets to be registered. The proposal was reviewed, and it was agreed the Council would accept the costs for the land registration for the four parcels of land Estimated cost was £995.00. Action Cllr Egan to contact the company.
2023.04.11	The trees at the bottom of Kiln Lane which have been an ongoing discussion with Anglian Water, are now becoming dangerous with branches falling in the recent high winds. Post meeting: Action - Clerk contacted AW and obtained a Case File Ref No 23531273. Discussion required at next meeting regarding next steps. Action Clerk to contact Highways to request the trees to be cut.
2023.04.12	Local Volunteer groups for the spinney. This was postponed until the May meeting. – Action Clerk to add to the agenda. Cllr Souter to set up meeting with the headmaster of the school to discuss the risk assessment and how the school wish to use the spinney.
2023.04.13	Planning Committee No updates received.
2023.04.14	Finance a) The Council's financial position as at 06.03.2023. Balance £19200.56
2023.04.15	Payments Village Hall £19.00 CVS - £431.35 Clerks salary March payroll including £9.60 admin charge. CVS - £431.35 Clerks salary April payroll including £9.60 admin charge. M. Freeman £240.00 Village and Playing field mowing.
2023.04.16	Councillor/Clerk Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written update from Cllr Rosie Humphreys regarding planning service improvements. • Chairman Cllr. Souter thanked Cllr. Eliz Snedker for her valuable contribution and wished her well for the future. He also told the Councillors that there would be an Extra Ordinary meeting in May to appoint a new Vice Chairman. • Clerk to arrange annual local community group updates for the 25th May 07.00 Pm at the Village Hall.
2023.04.17	The meeting closed at 09.10 Pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th May 11th 2023 in the Village Hall.

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2023.04.07	Invoicing for all parties. Clerk: To issue invoices for 2023.	Clerk
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2023.04.05	Clerk to contact the Housing Association regarding the fences and hedges on the boundary of the playing field at the rear of their houses in Round Close. Post meeting: Action: Clerk contacted "Futures" the owners of the properties for the upkeep of the boundary fence / hedges. Update to be provided at the next meeting.	Clerk
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2023.04.05	For the ceremony of the opening of the plague for the new tree in the playing field. The school should be asked to join in the occasion. It would be good if JE can provide a little commentary of which other special occasions have been recognised in the village through the decades.	Clerk / JE.
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