

## Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7.30pm in Welton Village Hall

**Present:** Chair: Ian Dalziel, Vice Chair: Malcolm Souter Councillors: Samatha Bartlett-Shaw, Derek Egan, John Emery, Tim Hill, David Moor, John Edwards, Andrew .

	<b>Start of Ordinary Meeting 07:30 pm</b>
2026.04.01	<b>Apologies:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept apologies for absence from: Rosie Humphries
2026.04.02	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> None.
2026.04.03	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the minutes of the meeting held on <b>Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b> as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were signed by the Chair, Ian Dalziel.
2026.04.04	<b>Members of the Public:</b> Welton Good Neighbour Scheme. Chris Smith attended and raised their concern regarding the removal of the Ability bus service. Whilst the group can help with some transport needs, they cannot replace fully the service that was in place and used by some of the villagers.  <b>Clr Andrew Simpson</b> , explained that Ability CIC was not a Council run service, and the decision to cease operating on 13 April 2026 was made independently of the Council. He also stated that WNC are inviting expressions of interest on behalf of the community to help secure new providers for as many routes and demand responsive services as possible. There are 4 buses that were funded by WNC that are available for local use if required.  There was discussion on the issue, and it was agreed that it would not be feasible for Welton Parish to run their own bus service but that, if Long Buckby go ahead with their proposal, we may be able to take part in that option.  There was also a discussion on the existing DACT service and whether or not it might be possible for the bus to visit the village.
2026.04.05	<b>Review appointment of new Clerk</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to continue to offer the Clerk role based on the interview scores to try and appoint a new Clerk.
2026.04.06	<b>Review Resignation of Clr Tim Hill:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept the resignation of Clr Hill. The council thanked him for all his work on the Parish Council and wished him well for the future.
2026.04.07	<b>To review Matters Arising / Actions from the last Meeting</b>  <b>Land Registry.</b> Clr Egan reported that the application for the: Kiln Lane Triangle and the Oak Tree Triangle at the bottom of the village had been declined as the land has been adopted by WNH Highways. The land at the Spinney and Emery Close is already registered to the Parish Council.

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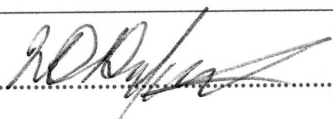
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	<b>Future Housing Land.</b> Adjacent to the Playing Field work needs to be completed to remove overhanging vegetation.
2026.04.08	<p><b>Review Assertion 10 Actions</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to continue with the implementation of the new email addresses and have each councillor move to the new email address. All councillors to move to the new email addresses as soon as possible.</p> <p>Guidance is available for setting up the new email addresses if required.</p>
2026.04.09	<p><b>To review the Council's Financial Position</b> The Bank account is at: <b>£23,816.21</b></p>
2026.04.10	<p><b>To review and approve outgoing payments.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. £ 7.00 CASPA Payroll Bureau Salary Administration Fee March 26 – Inv 390</li> <li>2. £ 35.00 CASPA Payroll Bureau Year End Admin Fee - Inv 390</li> <li>3. £ 21.00 Village Hall Rent – Inv 260032PAC</li> <li>4. £ 2,038.38 New Streetlamp Installation Inv 6018817544</li> <li>5. £ 704.71 NCALC 2026-7 Membership (due May 31<sup>st</sup>) Inv 5386</li> <li>6. £ 360.00 Grass Cutting 30 March - Inv 1352</li> <li>7. £ 360.00 Grass Cutting 09 April - Inv 1354</li> <li>8. £ 199.77 Npower Street Lights Power 9<sup>th</sup> April - Inv IN15271445</li> </ol> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to pay all the invoices identified.</p>
2026.04.11	<p><b>Planning Working Group Report:</b> No New Planning Applications.</p> <p><b>Forge Care – Children's Home proposal</b> An email has been received from Gavin Miller the Director of Growth &amp; Development at Forge Care Children Homes. They are proposing to submit a planning application for a small children's residential home for at The Barn, Welton (planning reference: PP-14841746). This would it seems, be for 5 young people between the ages of 6 &amp; 18 years of age who have experienced early disruptions in their development (including EBD, SEMH)</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Cllr Simpson to try and set up a call with the company on this for councillors to attend.</p>
2026.04.12	<p><b>Police Liaison Report – Cllr Egan:</b> No update.</p>
2026.04.13	<p><b>To Consider Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Councillors Reports:</b></p> <p><b>WNC Councillors Report.</b> Andrew presented the report.</p> <p><b>Open Spaces.</b> Cllr. Emery reported that the ivy growth on the fence surrounding the Playing field had been removed. The hoped for support from Amco-Giffen to replacing the fence has not been successful therefore the council will need to plan to continue the maintenance work at the council's expense. The Spinney Working party will take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> April at 09:00.</p>

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2026.04.14	A.O.B. None
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**Open Actions from Meetings:**

Council Meeting Action Log					
Minute #	Subject	Action	Who	Due	Status
2026.04.09	Forge Care- Childrens Home	Clr Simpson to try and set up a call with the company on this for councillors to attend.	Clr. Simpson	Mar Mtg	Open
2026.04.07	Future Housing	Adjacent to the Playing Field - work needs to be completed to remove overhanging vegetation. Ian to chase Future Homes.	Clr. Dalziel	May Mtg	Open

The meeting closed at 8:35 pm.

The next Ordinary Meeting will be **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 19:30.** In the Village Hall, Welton.

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