Welton
Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on: Monday 14th September 2026 at 7.30pm in Welton Village Hall

Present: Chair: Ian Dalziel, Vice Chair: John Edwards, Councillors: John Emery, David Moore.

	Start of Ordinary Meeting 07:30 pm
2026.09.01	**Apologies:** It was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies for absence from: Samatha Bartlett-Shaw, Duncan Shaw, Margaret Elcock , Derek Egan, Rosie Humphries and Andrew Simpson.
2026.09.02	**Declarations of interest:** None.
2026.09.03	**Minutes of the previous meeting:** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on **Monday the 13th July 2026** as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were signed by the Chair, Ian Dalziel.
2026.09.04	**Public Forum** Jackie Hibbert representing the Welton Church PCC reported on their position for the maintenance issues around the closed Churchyard, located around the church in the village. She reported that they may, in the future, have ask the council to take over the maintenance of the churchyard in line with current legislation. **ACTION:** Cllr Dalziel to contact WNC and ask about the process and checklist for moving the responsibility to WNC.
2026.09.05	**To review Matters Arising / Actions from the last Meeting** No outstanding actions
2026.09.06	**To review the Council's Financial Position** The Bank account is at: **£22,792.36** Cllr Dalziel reported that: 1. **Invoices for the N&V advertisers**: This is now closed with one advertiser removing their advert. 2. **VAT Claim for 2025/6:** The Claim has been submitted with a value of £1,243.57 for the financial year 01/04/2025 to 31/03/2026. 3. **Welton Academy Grass Cutting Invoice**: This has been sent for the current year for £600. 4. **UNITY Bank:** The letter requesting the change of administrator to Ian Dalziel was approved and signed by David Moore and John Edwards. **ACTION:** Cllr Dalziel to send change of administrator letter to Unity Bank.

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2026.09.07	**To review and approve outgoing payments.** 1. £ 7.00 Salary administration fee **July 2026 – *Standing Order*** 2. £ 21.00 Village Hall - Hire of Village Hall on 13th July **Inv 260099 PAC** 3. £ 129.74 Electricity for July – npower **Inv 16115902 – *Standing Order*** 4. £ 7.00 Bank Monthly Charge **July 2026 – *Standing Order*** 5. £2,928.00 Arbolution Tree Services - Playing Field Maintenance **Inv ATS5860** 6. £ 630.00 Mike Freeman Grass Cutting - 2x village cuts @225/each on 6/7/26 & 28/9/26 & 1 x playing field @ 75/cut on 7/8/26 **Inv 1389** 7. £ 7.00 Salary administration fee **August 2026 – *Standing Order*** 8. £ 7.00 Bank Monthly Charge **August 2026 – *Standing Order*** 9. £180.00 Wickstead Annual Playing Field Inspection **Inv: 0000832561** 10. £ 50 Grant Request from Welton Make, Bake, Grow and Show Team - *Attachement 5* 11. £ 154.36 Electricity for August – npower **Inv 16314808 – *Standing Order*** It was **RESOLVED** to pay all the invoices identified and to make a grant of £50 to the Make, Bake, Grow and Show team to support the 2027 show.
2026.09.08	**Church Cemetery – Cllr Moore** Cllr Moore reported on the discussions with Welton Church PCC regarding the closed Churchyard. It was agreed that should the PCC wish to transfer the responsibility to the parish council that we would have to pass this on to West Northamptonshire Council due to the expected costs, risks and responsibility. The annual grant of £700 was discussed. It was **RESOLVED** to pay the grant request.
2026.09.09	**New Clerk - Cllr Dalziel** Cllr Dalziel gave an update on progress of Clerk. There have been no responses to the latest advert in News & Views. Further update to be given next month.
2026.09.10	**Planning Working Group Report** **2026/1750/FULL** - Change of Use - The Barn Welton – This was reviewed at WNC Planning Meeting and Approved. The council was unhappy with this decision and there were a number of issues at the meeting that were raised after the meeting by Cllr Andrew Simpson, and a local resident. It was extremely disappointing to have the Chair of the meeting respond in his email to Cllr Simpson that: *'Whilst committee members are sympathetic to residents' objections to planning applications, **it is not a material consideration** members can use to determine it.'* This was despite **over 60 objections** being raised by parishioners. **New Applications:** There were two new applications: **2026/2962/HH** Proposed rear extension and reconstruction of garage building with new games rooms. Installation of photovoltaic panels and air source heat pump.

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	2026/3090/HH Internal alterations & erection of porch covering. There were no objections raised to these applications.
2026.09.11	**Police Liaison Report – Cllr Egan** Cllr Dalziel reported that the remaining Crime Prevention packs had been received and should be issued with the next issue of the News & Views. The remainder of the report was held over for the next meeting.
2026.09.12	**To consider various Reports** Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Councillors reports. None.
2026.09.13	**Items for Next Agenda** None.

Open Actions from Meetings:

Welton Parish Council Meeting Action Log					
Minute #	Subject	Action	Who	Due	Status
2026.09.04	Churchyard	Contact WNC and ask about the process and checklist for moving the responsibility to WNC.	Cllr. Dalziel	Oct Mtg	New
2026.09.06	Bank Account	Send change of administrator letter to Unity Bank.	Cllr. Dalziel	Oct Mtg	New

The meeting closed at 8:40 pm.

The next Ordinary Meeting will be **Monday 12th October 2026 at 19:30**. In the Village Hall, Welton.

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