

# **WELTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Open Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 30 March 2010

**Present:** Councillor Frank Clay (Chairman); Cllr Mrs Gwynneth Banks; Cllr Harry Carter;  
Cllr Mrs Alison Forsey; Cllr Mrs Jill Gill; Dr Harry Hooper; Cllr Derek Isles;  
Cllr Mrs Prue Rockett

Ward Councillor Mrs Julie Abraham

Fifty-four members of the public were present

## **1. Apologies**

Cllr Derek Fairweather; Cllr Simon Mills; Cllr Mrs Joan Spoor; Cllr Mrs Doreen Putnam

## **2. Chairman's Annual Report**

The Chairman welcomed those present to the annual open Parish meeting of Welton Parish Council. The Parish Council is an elected tier of local government. Other tiers, known as principal authorities, have a legal duty to deliver services such as education, planning, environment and social services to name but a few. Parish Councils have legal powers to take action, but have fewer duties and greater freedom to choose what action to take. The Parish Council plays a vital role in representing the interests of the local community and therefore improving the quality of life and the local environment. Furthermore, we can influence other decision makers and, in many cases, deliver services to meet local needs – in other words we can make a difference. That said, we must follow certain rules; (a) a Parish Council MUST do what Parliament requires it to do; (b) It may only do what Parliament says it may do; and (c) It must NOT do anything unless it has a legal power to act granted by Parliament.

One of our duties is to decide the Parish Precept. This is the amount of money we need to supply services not paid for by the County Council. This year we have had to increase the precept to £28,700, an increase of £6,000.00. In the last year we have given a grant of £7,000.00 to the Memorial Hall for various upgrades, have, for the first time in many years made a donation to the Parish Magazine. As you will have noticed, the magazine has more pages now and as a result printing costs had increased while income from advertising had remained static. We also made a grant of £600.00 to St Helen's Church towards the upkeep of the cemetery. The Christmas lights are also funded by the Parish Council. A contractor is employed to sweep the footpaths in the village and to clean out the Mill Dam as required. We employ a clerk on a part-time basis; have auditors fees and insurance to cover.

As you will be aware a group of residents submitted a petition to ERYC requesting the removal of the speed humps in the Parish. This request was rejected by the County Council. There is also the problem of litter in various parts of the parish and we are looking to put more bins around the area. If you know of a location that would benefit from a bin please let us know. However, please bear in mind the following, the location must be able to be accessed by lorry to enable the bin to be emptied. As yet we have no news on the future of the old school on Common Lane. It appears to be deteriorating rapidly and is becoming an eyesore.

May I thank my colleagues on the Parish Council, our two Ward Councillors and the Clerk for their help and support over the last year. Finally, my thanks to you the parishioners for attending this evening. You are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting as an observer but will not be allowed to speak unless invited to do so. If you have an item you wish to bring to the notice of the Parish Council then please contact the Clerk, Ms Anne Padgett, 1, Cedar Close, Hornsea HU18 1TY.

## **3. Planning Officer's Report**

During the twelve months ending 31 March 2010, the Parish Council dealt with forty nine new applications. In the same period, decisions were reached on thirty four applications. Of the latter, the ERYC decisions were:- 34 approvals, no refusals, 1 withdrawal and 14 undecided.

The Parish Council, in striving to maintain the rural nature of the village, raised objections to seven applications. We have been dismayed with some of the decisions and questioned the validity in respect of the planning policies. It has now been admitted that Welton falls into a vacuum, particularly with regard to sustainability. We will continue to make strong representations to ERYC to come forward with a clear statement of relevant planning policies.

Two applications are worthy of special mention:

(i) Conversion of the Dale Road water mill to residential use which first came forward in the previous year but the application was rejected because of an unsatisfactory environmental survey, and

(ii) Conversion of “Welton Garth” to office use.

In both cases the Parish Council was faced with the decision of accepting a change of use to preserve the fabric of a listed building or to simply let a village landmark fall into disrepair.

The development off Creyke Lane sparked a plethora of objections. In our view these were summarily dismissed by the Planning Officer and disregarded by the planning sub-committee. The Parish Council had meetings with both ERYC officers and the leader of the Council. It was agreed a more straightforward procedure was needed to enable members of the public to comment on applications. We have yet to see any proposals.

The proposal by Tesco to build a store on the Humber Growers site is in an initial phase of public consultation. It was already raised intense adverse comment over the access from Common Lane. The Parish Council will ensure that the Parish is made aware of developments and the best means of putting views forward.

#### **4. Matters arising**

The main area of concern was that of the proposed Tesco development. Mr Richard Firth, who resides in Common Lane, had compiled a very detailed report and list of possible actions, a copy of which is attached. It was pointed out that until the plans are received by the Parish Council there was very little that could be done.

Other issues of concern were the speed humps through the parish. It was pointed out by the Chairman that the speed humps were put in at the request of the residents and supported by a petition and Ward Councillors. To remove the speed humps would cost £25,000.00.

Welton Old School – there were concerns regarding the dreadful state of the site. At present there is nothing to be done with the site as ERYC are having to find any of the descendants of the Harrison Broadley estate due to the restrictions in the original will.

Concerns were raised regarding the level of dog fouling along Common Lane. It was agreed that a reminder that this is an offence and carried a large fine should be placed in the newsletter.

#### **5. Any other business**

There was no further business for discussion

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**1. Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of the meetings held on 23 February, having been previously circulated, were approved as an accurate record of events and duly signed by the Chairman.

**2. Apologies**

Cllr Derek Fairweather; Cllr Simon Mills; Cllr Mrs Joan Spoor; Cllr Mrs Doreen Putnam

**3. Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Harry Carter, Member of the Memorial Hall Trustees

**4. Matters arising**

None not already covered on the agenda

**5. Report on the meeting with Tesco**

The Chairman reported that the meeting with Tesco and Elloughton cum Brough Parish Council was quite productive. There were issues over the proposed location and the apparent lack of consultation. Concerns had been raised regarding the phasing of the traffic lights on the A63 and the increased volume of traffic.

**6. Parish Waterways Sub-Committee**

No report

**7. Transport Sub Committee**

It was agreed that the Sub-Committee should look into the possibility of having 20-mph flashing signs through the centre of the village as, even with the road humps, traffic is still travelling too fast.

**8. Planning**

The Planning Report was submitted to the meeting and approved by all present.

**9. Police report**

4 recorded crimes

**Welton**

27/03/2010	Theft – Welton Chapel Hill – lead stolen
14/03/2010	Window pane damaged – Church Street
10/03/2010	Caravan broken into but nothing stolen – Common Lane

**Melton**

09/03/2010	Large quantity of copper cable stolen – Gibson Lane
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**10. Report by East Riding Councillor**

Cllr Mrs Abraham reported that there was to be a litter pick on the A63 – this would involve a lane closure to ensure the safety of those picking the litter.

The following concerns were raised:

A large volume of litter on Monks Way caused by Transwaste lorries not being properly sheeted.  
A steel door had been dumped on the Monk's Way roundabout.  
Concerns regarding the gas board works in the parish

**11. Finance**

The following expenditure was approved for payment:

Clerk's salary (£279.96), plus half-yearly payment for storage/etc (£50.00) plus expenses  
£10.43 = £340.39

Clearway - £257.60

**12. Correspondence**

ERYC                      2010 Village Taskforce programme – 'walkabout' – 28 April at 10.00am  
Updated Register of Interests form  
Minutes of 24 February and Agenda for 7 April

ERNLLCA                March 2010 newsletter plus details of meeting on 7 April at Swanland

Humberside Police Authority                Community ~Forum meeting – Swanland Village Hall  
– 15/04/2010

Humber Management Scheme - newsletter

**13. Any items of concern to be brought to the attention of the meeting**

The Clerk was asked to request that Clearway clean down Church Street as the area is looking untidy.

The suggestion was made that instead of having traffic lights at Melton Bottom, a mini roundabout would be much more effective. It was agreed that before any suggestion is made to ERYC, Councillors must ask residents what they think.

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Miss Wilson who is a scholar at Welton Primary School. Miss Wilson was requesting that a litter bin is placed at the bottom of the footbridge (A63) by Welton Garth. This to be discussed at the next meeting.

**14. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 27 April 2010