

WELTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18 November 2008

Present: Mr Frank Clay (Vice Chairman) Mr Derek Fairweather (Reporting Officer)
Mrs Gwynneth Banks; Dr Harry Hooper; Dr Julia Lawrence.

Ward Cllr Mrs Julie Abraham

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 28 October were approved as an accurate record of events and duly signed by the Vice Chairman.

2. Apologies

Mr Paul Donkin, Mrs Elaine Eggett Mr Stephen Burdick, Mr Harry Carter, Mrs Doreen Putnam and Mr Lee Franks

3. Declaration of Interests

Cllr Derek Fairweather - nominated Member of the Trustee Committee

4. Matters arising

- a) A63 footpath. The Clerk distributed a copy of a letter sent by a resident of Swanland who will have five grandchildren attending South Hunsley next year. There were concerns regarding the intentions of the Highways Agency. It was agreed that the suggestion should be made to pipe the dyke at Lowfield Lane to Welton Garth and move the footpath away from the highway to make way for a fence.
- b) Request information regarding Welton Old School under the Freedom of Information Act - the Clerk has received a letter from Tracey Tomlinson, the Freedom of Information Co-ordinator, dated 7 November 2008 - we can expect the information by 5 December 2008 (20 working days after the request).
- c) Street Lighting - the Clerk had been in contact with Ray Tennant at East Riding Council - he has informed the Clerk, by email that the delay has been due to waiting for drawings from Yorkshire Electricity and KC - he now has all the necessary information - he will be sending letters out to residents informing them of what is happening.
- d) Melton Pond - in September 2003 a letter was received from Mike Goodison, a Legal Assistant at ERYC. This letter informed the Parish Council that the pond at Melton was registered as Common Land and was therefore under the protection of ERYC. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Goodison to see what ERYC were prepared to do to clean up the pond and surrounding area - a copy of the Parish Waterways report was sent. Mr Goodison replied by email stating that ERYC does not have a duty to maintain the pond and surrounding area. Section 9 of The Commons Registration Act 1965 provides that any local authority in whose area such 'ownerless' common is situated may take such steps against unlawful interference as an owner in possession of the land could take. This means that the authority can take criminal proceedings e.g. under the Criminal Damage Act 1971, and also civil action to prevent trespass. The Council has discretion on whether or not to take any action. The above is the only interest that the ERYC has in this land.
- e) Safety of funds in NatWest Bank - the Clerk was asked to contact NatWest to see how safe the funds are. The Clerk was assured that all monies held by the Parish Council were safe.
- f) Cllr Mrs Gill raised the concerns of a resident regarding the replacement of the trees on Kidd Lane. Cllr Fairweather was in the process of dealing with this issue with Mr Watson of East Riding Council.

5. Parish Waterways Sub-Committee

There were no updates available.

6. Transport Sub Committee

It was reported that an email had been sent to Mr Hannah at East Riding Council regarding road markings in the Parish.

7. Planning

The clerk had received details of CLA/WELTON/STA.6158 - Notification to Prune a Tree within the Welton Conservation Area - to crown reduce and crown life a Horse Chestnut tree at Hall Walk, Welton - ERYC have no objection.

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

It was reported that the complaint against Cllr Rudd (ERYC) by Mrs Thompson regarding the planning application for Walding Gardens had been dismissed. Cllr Mrs Gill, Cllr Fairweather and Mr & Mrs Shay had met Mr Parker of the ERYC Planning Department - it was stated that the discussion had been useful.

8. Police report

07/11/2008	Burglary non dwelling	Common Lane, Welton
07/11/2008	Burglary non dwelling	Gibson Lane, Melton
11/11/2008	Common Assault	Common Lane, Welton

Total 3 (last period 3)

There are only 3 reports, in the first musical equipment was stolen, and the second a TV from a development being constructed in Melton.

Christmas is just now around the corner, please be careful not to leave valuables in cars, and sadly I would not advise putting presents under Christmas trees. If going out, the use of timers on lights is a good idea on dark winter nights.

9. Report by East Riding Councillor

Ward Cllr Mrs Abraham reported that the Neighbourhood Action Team was looking at the Melton underpass to see what positive action could be taken to ensure the safety of those using the underpass and also to prevent any further graffiti.

There had been concerns regarding the cleaning of the roads on Melton Fields - this area is cleaned by ERYC on an 8-week schedule.

10. Byelaws

It was agreed that discussions would be held in the New Year. The clerk asked that if anyone could not find their copy to let her know well in advance of the December meeting so that a copy could be brought for perusal in good time for the January meeting.

11. Standing Orders

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12. Finance

To approve the following expenditure:

Clerk's salary (£279.96), plus expenses (£13.46) = £279.96

Clearway - £263.20

Mr G Willie - repairs to the parish notice board - £20.00

Graham & Co - internal audit - £293.75

13. Correspondence

.ERYC Draft Interim Planning Document (IPD) on Planning for Renewable Energy Developments.

Council Minutes of 29 September 2008 & Agenda for 19 November 2008.

Chairman's Awards for Enhancing the ERYC and Chairman's Commendation for Excellent Service.

Community Emergency Plan - is one prepared? + invitation to attend a meeting

ERYC NHS Trust - Proposed Health Strategy Consultation 24 October - 19 December 2008

Elloughton cum Brough PC - re updating the Walks Leaflet

14. Any items of concern to be brought to the attention of the meeting

It was reported that the street sign on Parliament Street had been knocked and damaged. The clerk was asked to report this to ERYC for action.

The streets and pavements along Welton Old Road were covered in leaves which had made the surface slippery. The clerk was asked to contact ERYC to ask for the pavements to be cleaned.

It was reported that Garden House had been sold. A new single dwelling was to be built.

15. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 16 December 2008