

WELTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 25 March 2008.

Present: Mr Frank Clay (Vice-Chairman); Mr Stephen Burdick; Mrs Gwynneth Banks;
Mr Harry Carter; Mrs Jill Gill; Dr Julia Lawrence; Mrs Doreen Putnam.

Ward Councillor Mrs Helen Gilmour

Five members of the public were present.

Apologies: Mr Paul Donkin (Chairman); Mr Derek Fairweather (Planning Officer);
Mrs Elaine Eggett, Dr Harry Hooper and Mr Lee Franks.

Open Parish Meeting

1. **Chairman's Annual Report** - The Clerk reported that the Chairman had forwarded on his annual report to be read out at the meeting:

The Parish Council is a Statutory Body and is elected every 4 years. As at the last elections in 2007 no election was held as insufficient people put their names forward. Should any member of the Parish Council resign, leave the Parish or otherwise be unable to continue to serve, the vacancy is advertised in the local press and on the Parish Council notice boards. If 10 or more residents request an election, one is held to fill the vacancy. Failing that, the Parish Council can co-opt a member from amongst those persons who have expressed an interest in joining the 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, town and country planning, environment, health and social services. Parish Councils have the legal power to take action, but they have fewer duties and greater freedom to choose what action to take. The Parish Council plays a vital part in representing the interests of the community and improves the quality of life and the local environment. Furthermore, they influence other decision makers and can, in many cases, deliver services to meet local needs. In other words, we can make a difference.

There are, however, certain rules - these are:

A Parish Council **MUST** do what Parliament require it to do.
May **ONLY** do what Parliament says it may do, and
Must **NOT** do anything unless it has a legal power to act, granted by Parliament.

We act as a 'sounding board' for residents, you can voice your concerns by writing to the Clerk or by contacting any member, or you can come to the Hall at 6.30pm on the evening of the Council meeting.

You may, if you wish, attend any meeting of the Council but you are asked to leave should any item of a confidential nature be discussed and, you are not allowed to speak except by permission of the Chairman.

The Precept for 2008 - 09 has been set at £22700.00.

In the present financial year the Parish Council have awarded a grant of £600.00 to St Helen's Church for the upkeep of the cemetery. The major project this year is major improvements to the street lighting throughout the Parish. This project will be carried out in conjunction with East Riding Council.

We are also asked for our opinion on planning matters that will affect the Parish. Planning applications are passed to Cllr. Fairweather and his report is attached.

The major issues of concern are the volume and speed of traffic through the parish and the position regarding Welton Old School.

Now that the GSJ is complete the Parish Council have formed a sub-committee to formulate ways in which the volume and speed of vehicles can be reduced. As this committee has only just been formed, there is not a great deal to report at present, but we are hoping, in the not too distant future, to have an officer from east Riding Council to come to a Parish Council meeting to explore the options open to us.

Welton old School - according to an email received by the Clerk, east Riding Council do have plans to bring the site back into use. If there are any issues regarding vandalism ext, these should be reported direct to east Riding Council for action

- 2 **Planning Officers Report** - The Clerk reported that the Planning Officer had forwarded on his annual report to be read out at the meeting:

In the period 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008, the Parish Council considered 43 planning applications. In total:

33 were approved by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Only one of these applications - the replacement of industrial plant at the stone coating works on Gibson Lane - were opposed by the Parish Council

5 were refused by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council: all of which were opposed by the Parish Council

1 application was withdrawn

4 Applications are awaiting a decision by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council

It is clear from these results that the Parish Council does have an influence on planning decisions. We are also of the opinion that where members of the public have made written submissions in support of the Parish Council, their views have been taken into account. We would like to see members of the Parish take a much more active role in assisting to determine planning decisions.

There are several planning decisions/applications which are worthy of special mention:

Welton Rise, Kidd Lane -The application to demolish this fine architecturally designed dwelling and replace it with a block of flats was strenuously opposed by the Parish Council. Our view was upheld by ERYC and planning permission was refused.

Forge Cottage, Kidd Lane - At first it was proposed to build in the grounds of Forge Cottage. There would have been a significant loss of open space and there were traffic issues. The proposal was changed to erect a bungalow. This again, was refused and is now the subject of an appeal. Anyone wishing to voice an opinion must write to the Building Inspectorate (three copies) by 30 March.

Walding Gardens - There is a proposal to demolish the existing dwelling on land adjacent to what was Williamson's Potato Merchants and erect five very large houses and a bungalow with a new access onto Creyke Lane, alongside the Church Hall. The Parish Council has expressed strong objections to this proposal. It is considered that it would be detrimental to the Conservation Area, create a traffic hazard at the junction of Creyke Lane/The Green/Church Street. Technically, with the loss of the Post Office and shop, Welton is no longer a sustainable village and the development would not meet a local need for affordable housing. A decision is pending.

Church Hall, Creyke Lane - There is a proposal to convert the Village Hall into a dwelling. So far as the Parish Council is aware, there has been no public consultation on the change of use and the loss of a village landmark. The Parish Council has opposed this application. A decision is pending.

3. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

4. **Any other business**

The following issues of concern were raised:

The amount of litter along the A63, by Melton Bottom and Great Gutter Lane - this was an issue to be dealt with by East Riding Council. The Clerk was asked to report the concerns.

Fly-tipping along Gibson Lane - this to be reported to East Riding Council.

The state of Holme Farm, in particular the state of the hedges and the number of cars left in the lay-by. Holme Farm is now owned by St Modwen. The Clerk agreed to try to contact Steve Prosser regarding this.

Concern was expressed regarding the number of trees overhanging footpaths. The Clerk stated that if these trees were on the grass verge they were the responsibility of East Riding Council, otherwise any work would have to be carried out by the land owner or householder.

Concern was registered regarding the state of Melton Pond. It was pointed out that a projected was underway to improve the area and provide a picnic area.

There had been an issue regarding the allotments which were owned by the Church - these have now been addressed.

Concern was registered regarding parking on Gibson Lane. It was agreed that possible the only way of removing the nuisance of parked lorries was to have double yellow lines - this was to be looked into.

There being no further issues of concern, the meeting was closed at 7.50 pm

Parish Council Meeting

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 26 February, having been previously circulated, were approved as a true record of events and duly signed by the Vice-Chairman.

2. Apologies

Mr Paul Donkin (Chairman); Mr Derek Fairweather (Planning Officer); Mrs Elaine Eggett, Dr Harry Hooper and Mr Lee Franks.

3. Declaration of Interests

Memorial Hall - Frank Clay, Stephen Burdick, Doreen Putnam

4. Matters arising

It was reported that on the slip road from the A63, close to the traffic lights, there is a large bumper from a lorry. The Clerk was asked to contact east Riding Council regarding this issue.

There was an issue regarding a wooden bollard along Temple Walk. It was agreed that this would be brought to the attention of Streetscene during the forthcoming walkabout.

Mrs Putnam reported that the visit to Northmoor Education Centre had been an extremely interesting and worthwhile venture.

5. Parish Waterways Sub-Committee

There were no matters to be reported

6. Transport Sub-Committee

There were no matters to be reported

7. Planning

The Planning Report was submitted and approved by all present

The clerk had received details of a Temporary Road Closure concerned Melton Level Crossing in July 2008.

8. Police report

The following information had been forwarded onto the Clerk:

Reported Crime 26/02/08 - 19/03/08

02/03/2008	Damage	East Dale Road, Melton
12/03/2008	Assault/Affray + Damage	Fairfield View, Welton
13/03/2008	Theft	Gibson Lane, Melton
14/03/2008	Theft	Gibson Lane, Melton

9. Report by East Riding Councillor

Cllr Mrs Gilmour said that she had no updated to report.

Cllr Mrs Gilmour was asked if there was any update regarding the School Travel Plan for South Hunsley School - at present there was no information available.

10. Finance

To approve the following expenditure:

Clerk's salary (£273.19), plus half yearly payment for storage, electricity, (£50.00) plus expenses (£8.40) = £331.59

Clearway - £263.20

11. Correspondence

ERYC 'Hand in Hand' newsletter - circulated
Proposed street names at land east of Melton Fields - no objections
'Making in Happen' - Local Development Framework - Core Strategy Issues and Options

HUMBRELLA

Environment Agency - Planning for the Rising Tides: Humber Flood Risk

North Ferriby PC - Correspondence asking to alter the boundary so that Long Plantation could be included in North Ferriby - this was considered a none started and the Clerk was asked to respond accordingly.

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

No items of concern

13. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 29 April 2008

