

# **WELTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26 May 2009.

**Present:** Mr Derek Fairweather (Reporting Officer); Mrs Gwynneth Banks; Mr Harry Carter; Mrs Elaine Eggett; Mrs Jill Gill; Mrs Doreen Putnam

Cllr Mrs Jill Gill to act as Chairman for this meeting – approved by all present.

**1. Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 28 April, 2009, enclosed

**2. Apologies**

Mr Paul Donkin Dr Harry Hooper, Mr Lee Franks and Mr Frank Clay

**3. Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Derek Fairweather – nominated Member of the Trustee Committee  
Cllr Harry Carter – nominated Member of the Trustee Committee and Member of the Social Club  
Cllr Mrs Elaine Eggett – nominated Member of the Trustee Committee

**4. Election of Officers**

In accordance with the statutory requirements for the Annual Meeting, a Chairman was elected from among those present. Councillor Mrs Jill Gill was proposed, seconded and elected. Councillor Gill accepted the office “pro tem” with the proviso that she would stand down when an alternative candidate was forthcoming.

Members nominated to represent the Council in other organisations will take and retain office in accordance with the rules of the organisation to which they are nominated.

It was agreed that the election of a Vice-Chairman, members of sub-committees and nominations to outside bodies should be deferred until the June meeting when the vacancies on the Council may have been filled.

**5. Matters arising**

The main area of concern was the two Members of the Council on long-term absence due to work commitments. The clerk was asked to write to Cllr Donkin and Cllr Franks to see whether, in the not too distant future they could guarantee to be able to commit to being present at Council meetings.

The request made under the Freedom of Information Act regarding Welton Old School – the required information had still not been received.

No further information had been received regarding the trees which had been removed on land belonging to Mrs Stockbridge. The Clerk was asked to contact ERYC to see what action they are to take.

The Clerk reported that information had been received regarding the registration number for the Green. This would now be passed on to the government department dealing with the application for Bye-laws.

**6. Parish Waterways Sub-Committee**

Cllr Mrs Putnam had received information from Mr Toohey, who had already carried out an environmental survey of the Melton Pond area. Work to the trees and shrubs could not commence until September. Cllr Mrs Putnam agreed to obtain a quotation from Mr Toohey for wooden furniture and repairs to the footpaths.

It was reported that Mill Dam was in need of attention. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Clearway and ask them to clear the twigs, leaves etc of a six-monthly basis.

**7. Transport Sub-Committee**

Cllr Mrs Gill reported that she had, to date, received no information from Dr Julia Lawrence since she resigned – this issue to be dealt with at the next meeting.

**8. Planning**

Melton West business Park – Phase 2 – re to stop section of Welton footpath No 2 to create a new footpath linking the latter with Gibson Lane.

The Reporting Officers report was approved.

**9. Police Report**

No information had been received.

**10. Report by East Riding Councillor**

No report

**11. Finance**

The following expenditure was approved:

Clerk's salary (£279.96), plus expenses (£16.89) = £296.85  
Clearway - £257.60  
Reporting Officer's expenses £176.00  
Audit Commission (2007) £155.25

**12. Standing Orders**

Cllr Fairweather was thanked by all present for his work on the Standing Orders. It was unanimously agreed that the revised Standing Orders be approved with immediate effect.

**13. Appointment/co-option of Councillor**

It was agreed that the three candidates should be interviewed for no longer than ten minutes and the following questions should be asked by the Chairman:

- Why applied to be a Councillor
- What contribution could they make
- Any parish issues of particular interest
- Are they computer literate
- Any issues regarding time/commitment.

It was agreed that the next meeting should commence at 6.30 to allow for the election of officers to take place. The first interview to be at 7.00 pm, second at 7.15 and the third at 7.30. The Clerk to write to each candidate and ask them to confirm attendance.

**14. Correspondence**

ERYC Winter Services Review 2009/10  
'Hand-in-Hand'

Sue Rider Care – Yorkshire Wolds Challenge Walk

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

Cllr Carter stated that one of the notice boards outside the Memorial Hall was in a very poor condition. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Putnam should speak to Mr Willie to see if he could carry out the necessary repairs.

Cllr Fairweather stated that the footpath from the Ski Lodge to Gibson Lane was heavily overgrown. The Clerk to contact Mr Foster to see if he could carry out the necessary work.

It was reported that the bushes by the old primary school were overhanging the footpath – also the fence was broken. The Clerk to report this to East Riding Council.

Those present were informed that the sale of the Church hall had gone through and the new owners were Risby Homes.

**16. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 30 June 2009

