

WELTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28 October 2008

Present: Mr Derek Fairweather (Reporting Officer) Mrs Gwynneth Banks;
Mr Harry Carter, Mrs Elaine Eggett; Mrs Jill Gill; Dr Julia Lawrence.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the meetings held on 30 September, having been previously circulated, were approved as a true record of events and duly signed by the Chairman

2. Apologies

Dr Harry Hooper, Mrs Doreen Putnam, Mr Frank Clay Ward Cllr Mrs Julie Abraham, Mr Paul Donkin, Mr Stephen Burdick and Mr Lee Franks

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. Matters arising

Request, under the Freedom of Information Act regarding Welton Old School - the Clerk has received an email from Paul Bird, Principal Architect (Infrastructure and Facilities) in the Corporate Resources Directorate - they have an ongoing contract which provides security and fencing at approximately £100.00 per week combined with security visits which cost approximately £2,000.00 a month. It was agreed that the Clerk should request, under the Freedom of Information Act, copies of minutes and correspondence dealing with Welton Old School from the past two years. The suggestion was also made that a copy of the letter is sent to Alison Waller, Director of Schools, Children and Family at East Riding Council.

It was agreed to grant Cllr Lee Franks a six month leave of absence due to work commitments. This action was approved by all present.

Cllr Carter stated that the cost of new Christmas lights would be anything from £800.00 to £1,000.00. It was agreed by all present that Cllr Carter be given the authority to arrange for the purchase of the lights.

5. Parish Waterways Sub-Committee

The Clerk distributed copies of the report from the last meeting. It was agreed that at the next meeting any observations would be discussed. Cllr Fairweather stated that he had a copy of a letter which stated that Melton Pond came under the jurisdiction of East Riding Council. It was agreed that Cllr Fairweather would provide the Clerk with a copy of the letter; the Clerk would then contact East Riding Council to see what they were prepared to do about the state of Melton pond.

6. Transport Sub Committee

It was reported that there were no updates at present. It was hoped to arrange some type of traffic survey involving East Riding Council and the Police. Concerns were to be registered regarding the non observance of the tonnage signs through the village.

7. Planning

The Planning Report was submitted at the meeting.

Temporary Road Closure - Melton Level Crossing, Gibson Lane - 23.20 hrs Friday 9 January 2009 to 05.30 Hrs Monday 19 January 2009

Notification to prune trees within the Welton Conservation Area - Mrs J Gill, 4 The Green (for the Memorial Hall) - to carry out a 30% thin on 5 lime trees, deadwood 2 willow trees and clear branches.

8. Police report

Reported crime 01/10/2008 - 27/10/2008

06/10/2008	Theft	Dale Road, Melton, Youth Club (mobile phone)
09/10/2008	Theft	Dale Road. Melton, Youth Club (speakers)
12/10/2008	Common Assault	Melton Old Road, Melton (domestic)

9. Report by East Riding Councillor

emailed report from Cllr Julie Abraham

Issues raised at meeting with St Modwen:

Melton Fields, street sweeping - I am still awaiting response from Paul Palmer as to whether it is cleansed by ERYC

Melton Park, speeding vehicles – John Hannah at ERYC states, ‘I don't believe there is a great deal that can be done to prevent the speeding activities you mention other than Police involvement. The installation of vertical calming measures (i.e humps) to physically prevent speed would also be effective but is wholly inappropriate for roads of this nature.’

Gibson Lane, closed footpath – John Hannah reports, ‘Whilst I'm not dealing directly with this development, after having a look on site the answer seems to relate to the large YE feeder pillar located in the middle of the new footway on the southern side. A new pillar has been erected behind the footway and appears to be awaiting YE connection works. This has meant that some excavations have been left open and also that the footway has not been topped off. Once the old cabinet has gone the footway can be completed and reopened. Until then it is not safe for pedestrian traffic. The footway on the northern side is closed to prevent pedestrians from setting off on a route they cannot complete without walking on the carriageway. They should be crossing at the start of the closure points and going around the footways around the other side of the roundabout.’

Issues raised at September PC meeting:

Dead tree at 6 Temple Walk – an order has gone out for this to be felled

20 mph sign Kidd Lane – John Hannah said, ‘The sign in question is visible but not until almost on top of it. It's a tricky location to accommodate a sign and meet the requirements of the Traffic Signs Regulations. I'll arrange for the resident to be contacted about the hedge and for an additional white lining 20mph speed roundel to be installed on Kidd Lane adjacent to the sign to reinforce the entry to the zone for drivers.’

Trees on SHS field at rear of Welton Old Road – I have mentioned this to the school and will let you know when I have a response. They are awaiting ERYC to address trees at the rear of East Dale Road and a clump in the middle of the site that are interfering with overhead wires, so I have asked if they can raise Welton Old Road at the same time.

Issues still to deal with

Apologies but I have not had time to deal with the following but will do so.

Footbridge over the A63 at Common Lane – See attached email. Carolyn Walton has now left the Highways Agency so I will follow it up with Tim Calvert, her successor.

Email:

Dear Carolyn

When we met at South Hunsley School in March you mentioned briefly that the footbridge across the A63 at Welton was to be improved for cycle access.

Ward councillors have now received a letter from residents of Common Lane asking if there is any way that the bridge can be improved for pushchairs as they are finding it difficult to negotiate the bridge with twins in a pushchair.

Will the improvements for cycles also improve the situation for pushchairs (and maybe also wheelchairs) and when will the works be carried out?

Many thanks.

Julie Abraham
South Hunsley Ward

Julie

We were asked by ERYC to consider a proposal to fix a channel to the steps to allow cyclists to push a bike up. This had a knock on effect as we are now looking at the feasibility of increasing the height of the footbridge parapet. This work is ongoing.

The only way we could cater for pushchairs and wheelchairs would be to erect a separate ramp (as at Melton), as the stairs are too narrow and also too steep to modify. This would involve land take. If there is a clear need identified then we would have to look at constructing a ramp and it may be that this could be justified in the near future with the development taking place in the area. Alternatively it may be more cost effective to construct a new footbridge. This is also something we could look at if the usage justifies it.

I will speak to CarillionWSP's bridge manager about this and we can look at existing and potential usage of the footbridge. We can also use the information from the recent video survey we carried out looking at the usage of the footway/cycleway on the north side of the A63. We are hoping to have the survey results back shortly. However, even if we could justify improving the access at the footbridge we would have to bid for funds so it will not be in the next two years or so because of our bidding process and it would also depending on what the other competing priorities were on the network nationally.

Regards
Carolyn

Cutting back of trees near former BMX track and on slip road to westbound A63 – Will follow up with Tim Calvert.

Traffic survey through Welton/Melton post GSJ construction – I have been giving this some thought and there is a clear link with the use/disuse of the footpath along the north side of the A63 between Welton interchange and SHS. I have been informed by ERYC that there is an impasse on the HA/SHS's desire to use Welton as an alternative safe route to school and ERYC/PC's opinion that it is not safe. Would the PC agree that interested parties need to get around the table to drive a way forward? [The PC may wish to consider whether finding a way of reducing the amount of traffic 'rat-running' through the village (as raised by Mr Allison at the last meeting) would make it a safe alternative for school children?]

Concern had been register regarding the felling of trees on Kidd Lane without consent. Cllr Fairweather is dealing with this issue.

10. Finance

To approve the following expenditure:

Clerk's salary (£279.96), plus expenses (£15.20) = £295.16
Clearway - £263.20
Browne Smith Baker - professional services - £1022.25
ERYC Footway Lighting Maintenance - Service Level Agreement - £2920.10

11. Correspondence

ERYC Council Minutes 23 July and Agenda 8 October 2008
Parish News

ERNLLCA Newsletter

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

It was reported that the two kerbstones at the foot of the ramp leading down into the beck at Creyke Lane had not been replaced. The Clerk to inform ERYC of the PC's concern regarding the possible collapse of this ramp.

It reported that the PC Liaison meeting attended by Cllr Mrs Gill and Cllr Fairweather was informative.

Cllr Mrs Gill reported that the Welton in Need Whitbread Charity was to hold a meeting on 19 November. Those present were invited to forward on details of any member of the community who was in distress.

The Clerk was asked to contact Ray Tennant regarding the new street lighting scheme funded by the Parish Council to see what progress had been made.

Concerns were registered regarding the safety of the funds held by the Parish in NatWest bank - the Clerk was asked to clarify the situation.

It was reported that on the Heron Frozen Food site on Gibson Lane, the floodlights was illuminating most of Common Lane and there could be an issue regarding passing trains. Cllr Fairweather stated that he was dealing with this issue.

The clerk was asked to ensure that 'Byelaws' and 'Standing Orders' were placed on the next Agenda.

13. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 18 November 2008

Cllr Mrs Eggett tendered her apologies for the November meeting.