

WELTON LE MARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held  
18<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Present: Cllrs Bradley (Chair); Holiday, Williams, Tucker; Attkins  
J. Cooper (Parish Clerk)  
Cllr S. Eyre (ELDC)  
6 Members of the Public

During the public session there was a discussion on the precept, the Village Hall Committee would like to apply for funding towards redecoration and were advised to submit an application which could then be an agenda item for Councillors discussion. The kitchen had been refurbished in the Hall, some further work still to be undertaken and electrical inspection and certificate carried out. There are some extra bookings taken as well as regular bookings, and thanks were given to Cllr Eyre for his funding towards storage shed. Application to the Woodland Trust was discussed and whilst the individual was not able to submit an application under the name of the Parish Council as she was not a member and the Council had not resolved to make application, she could under the umbrella of a Community Group, it was hoped to obtain trees to plant in the hedgerow on Mill Lane and Gunby Lane with landowners permission. Discussion also followed on the problem of bird scarers in the area, Cllr Tucker discussed what action could be taken and advice was given to report individually to ELDC. Chairman also to discuss with landowner the problem of an overgrown bush which was catching tractors/lorries wing mirrors. Members of the public then left the meeting.

**71 APOLOGIES**

Cllr Broughton was absent and this was noted.

**72 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none

**73 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020**

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the Chairman sign the minutes of the meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 as a correct record.

**74 UPDATE**

There were no updates that were not agenda items.

**75 EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE**

Cllr Tucker updated members on progress with the Emergency Plan. A successful social evening held recently in the Wheel Inn resulted in some 11 volunteers, and training would take place over 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> March. Almost in a position to take possession of equipment required, which would need to be stored in a waterproof cabinet in the Village Hall. An exercise, possibly a paper/desktop exercise would be taking place shortly, and later in the year a full scale exercise possibly with adjoining parishes. Thanks were given to proprietors of the Wheel Inn for their hospitality for the event.

**76 STREET LIGHTING**

Cllr Holliday had been approached by some members of the public who felt vulnerable as there were no street lights in the village. Clerk to check feasibility and costs to have some lighting installed either by LCC or ELDC. If the Parish Council installed lighting the costs would be result in a considerable rise in the precept to cover installation, running costs and emergency actions.

**77 POLE FOR SPEED DEVICE NEAR VILLAGE HALL**

The Clerk confirmed that LCC would install a suitable pole on the verge near the Village Hall bend to take the speed indication device. This would be at a contribution cost of £200 to the Parish Council, and would require the gate from the Hall to the Main Road not to be used. This was agreed.

**78 FINANCE**

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the following accounts for payment be paid:

Clerks Salary & PAYE (Feb)	£136.16
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**79 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk advised that HMRC had accepted the appeal against the penalty for late payment, which occurred following the May 2019 election when cheque signatories were lost from the Council.

**80 PLANNING**

N199/1015/19 – 2 houses and garages off Hanby Lane – applicant gone to appeal against ELDC's refusal.

**81 ANY OTHER MATTERS/NEXT AGENDA**

The problem of rubbish in the ditch in Rea Lane, and in other areas of the village was raised. It was agreed to organise a litter pick with volunteers in the spring.

Cllr Holliday raised the matter of flooding, photographs had been taken of the problem on Gunby Road resulting in field water running down into the village which will be reported to LCC & Drainage Board. He felt the Parish Council should start discussions with local landowners to have all ditches cleaned out and volunteered to be the lead on this project.

Next Agenda:

Litter Pick

Liaise with landowners re ditch clearing.

**82 DATE AND TIME NEXT MEETING**

This was agreed as 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.