

Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Welney Parish Council, Tuesday 2nd July 2025, 7.15pm at the William Marshall Centre

Committee Members: Cllr Goodger (Chair), Cllr Gardiner, Cllr Lowry, Cllr Bombata, Cllr Gaylor, Cllr Barker, Cllr Clayden, Cllr Harvey.

Those Present: Cllr Goodger, Cllr Lowry, Cllr Clayden, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Bombata, Cllr Gardiner, BCllr Rose, Clerk M Hilton.

Apologies: Cllr Gaylor, Cllr Barker, CCllr Dawson.

Public: ten

MINUTES

1. **Welcome and opening remarks:** The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **To receive apologies for absence:** these were approved.
3. **To declare any conflicts and pecuniary interests on any items on this month's Agenda:** none received.
4. **To approve the Minutes from the last meeting:** these were approved and signed by the Chair
5. **Public Forum (ten minutes only):**
 - A parishioner asked if the dog waste bins would be discussed this evening as Cllr Barker had given his apologies. The Chair said he was aware why many of the parishioners had attended, but assured the public, that this is a due diligence exercise where the increase cost of the dog waste bins would be considered. The parishioner said on a recent Facebook page many parishioners did not wish to see any removed from the village. Another member of the public had spoken with the man who empties the waste and he reported all the Welney bins are used and the bins themselves were in good condition.
 - Another member of the public asked if a dog waste bin could be sited on the river bank.
 - A Parishioner asked a question which the Clerk had already answered on the telephone with him. He asked if the former Clerk had passed on any notes regarding the matter of another Clerk stealing monies from the Council. The Clerk said that as part of the condition of her taking on the role as Welney Clerk, was to have nothing to do with the case. No papers were passed to the current Clerk on this matter. The parishioner did state that the police did not hold any records of the case either.

The Chair made is clear to the parishioners present that the Councillors had received the agenda for tonight's meeting in plenty of time, as there was some confusion of this on comments on Facebook.

6. **To discuss and consider the Action Log from previous meetings:**
 - To remove the 40mph road markings on the A1101 near the Welney Sign. This has not been completed. The contractors who installed the new road signs should have also removed the roundel. The Clerk has chased this issue again, but no further forward.

7. To approve Data Protection Policy:

This was approved.

8. Reports from individual Councillors, Council Groups and Clerk

- i* To note any Highways and Wash Road updates: Cllr Goodger said there is to be a road closure in Tipps End from 1st to the 12th September. In another area a man died in flooded road area. It may be considered when the Wash Road floods even at 2mm depth the road could be closed. No further details on this at the moment.

- ii* To discuss the Sam 2 camera:

Cllr Gardiner asked the Council if he could purchase new batteries for the SAM2 cameras and new padlocks. This was approved. Also discussed was the purchase of a Bluetooth unit to download the data safely, this is for

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Health and Safety reasons, this was also approved. Cllr Gardiner had spoken with the Police Beat Officer Maddie Cage to ask if she can attend a meeting, if her supervisor agrees she will attend the November meeting.

Cllr Gardiner said he will be stepping down from Speed Watch by the end of this year. Cllr Harvey said maybe two of the Councillors could take up the role. Cllr Gardiner will advertise this on 'What Happens in Welney' Facebook page to see if anyone volunteers.

- the following report was produced by Cllr Bombata. He said the speeding in the village is still very bad. With a trend of 85% doing more than 30mph.

Community Speed Watch Welney

SAM Machine Data Analysis

Location: Main Street

Direction: Facing Wash Road

Speed Limit: 30MPH

1st of June 2025 to 30th of June 2025

Highest Speed: 70MPH (133% over)

Date: 1st June 2025

Time: 6:35 pm

Period	Total Number		
	Vehicles	Speed >30 MPH	Speed >35 MPH
1 st of June to 8 th of June	1,437	1,221	816 (Appx. 57%)
9 th of June to 15 th of June	1,076	915	588 (Appx. 55%)
16 th of June to 22 nd of June	16,209	13,777	3,987 (Appx. 26%)
23 rd of June to 30 th of June	18,631	15,864	3,972 (Appx. 21%)

1st of July 2025 to 31st of July 2025

Highest Speed: 95MPH (227% over)

Date: 14th July 2025

Time: 4:55am

Period	Total Number		
	Vehicles	Speed >30 MPH	Speed > 35 MPH
1 st of July to 6 th of July	4,946	3,950	1,281 (Appx. 26%)
7 th of July to 13 th of July	7,059	5,993	5,596 (Appx. 79%)
14 th of July to 20 th of July	10,882	9,250	9,250 (Appx. 85%)
21 st of July to 31 st of July	6,382	5,808	5,808 (Appx.91%)

1st of August 2025 to 31st of August 2025

Highest Speed: 90MPH (200% over)

Date: 14th August 2025 Time: 1:55 pm

Period	Total Number		
	Vehicles	Speed >30 MPH	Speed >35 MPH
1 st of Aug to 10 th of Aug	14,660	12,455	12,455 (Appx. 85%)
11 th of Aug to 17 th of Aug	10,819	9,198	9,196 (Appx. 84%)
18 th of Aug to 24 th of Aug	4,932	4,188	4,188 (Appx. 85%)
25 th of Aug to 31 st of Aug	3,257	2,760	2,760 (Appx. 85%)

NOTE: Highest recorded speed could have been due to an emergency service vehicle

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iii To discuss the cost of dog waste bins in the Parish: this is deferred until November meeting.

The Clerk will contact the Environmental Agency to ask if they will install dog waste bin or bins along Bedford Bank.

9. To note any Health and Safety issues: none reported.

10. Finance

- i. To note payments made since last meeting: these were noted. The Clerk asked for approval of an additional invoice for Gallagher insurance. This is for the new play equipment at the playing field. This was approved. Cllr Bombata asked if the Council were members of the Information of Commissioners Office, she said they were and the certificate was on the website.

Payments for August 2025 Authorisation

Payee	Goods/Services	VAT	TOTAL	DD/EP electronic payment /direct debit	Supplier/Service
Melanie Hilton Salary	708.18	0.00	708.18	EP	46 hours
HMRC	253.90	0.00	253.90	EP	Month 4
Nest Pension scheme	26.92	0.00	26.92	DD	Clerks pension
Parish Online	160.00	32.00	192.00	EP	Gov.uk email addresses
PKF Littlejohn	315.00	63.00	378.00	EP	External Audit
K and M Lighting Services	26.96	5.39	32.35	EP	Street light maintenance
TOTAL	£1,490.96	£100.39	£1,591.35		

Payments for September 2025 Authorisation

Payee	Goods/Services	VAT	TOTAL	DD/EP electronic payment /direct debit	Supplier/Service
Melanie Hilton Salary	751.72	0.00	751.72	EP	42 hours
HMRC	274.12	0.00	274.12	EP	Month 5
Nest Pension scheme	30.94	0.00	30.94	DD	Clerks pension
NPTS	8.00	1.60	9.60	EP	Autumn Seminar (shared cost with CPC and UPC)
Upwell Computers	85.00	0.00	85.00	EP	set up gov.uk emails
Gallagher	196.95	0.00	196.95	EP	additional insurance added for new play equipment at WMC
Npower	113.82	5.69	119.51	DD	Streetlight Energy
K and M Lighting Services	26.96	5.39	32.35	EP	Street light maintenance
TOTAL	£1,487.51	£12.68	£1,500.19		

- ii. To note income and expenditure balances reconciled from the previous month: this was noted.
- iii. To note the Conclusion of Audit: the external auditor had no recommendations to make.
- iv. To discuss the purchase of a new laptop for the Clerk: a quote was circulated and approved by the Council for the purchase.
- v. To set a date for the budget/precept setting meeting: date set for 21st October at 7.15pm

11. To propose any items for the next agenda:

- To discuss a publication scheme in line with the ICO.
- to discuss dog waste bins.
- to discuss the allegations put on social media recently.
- to review the Code of Conduct and Media Policy.

12. To note the date of the Annual Parish Meeting – 4th November 2025 at William Marshall Centre at 7.15 pm.

13. Close: the meeting closed at 20.00pm.

Signed by the Chairman **Date**

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