
Welney Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Welney Parish Council, Tuesday 8th September 2026, 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 Clayden, Cllr Lowry, Cllr Bombata, Cllr Harvey, BCllr Rose, Clerk M Hilton.

Apologies: Cllr Barker, Cllr Gaylor, Cllr Gardiner, CCllr Kiddell

Public: two

MINUTES

- 1. Welcome and opening remarks:** The Chair welcomed everyone 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):**
 - BCllr Rose reported that Nathan Reed, Community Safety and Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer, would begin prosecution proceedings against the owner. It was also reported that the owner had a hazardous fire on the land near an oil tank, and the fire brigade attended.
 - BCllr Rose informed the Council about the Community Project Fund, which offers revenue funding of up to £5,000 and capital funding of up to £25,000, applications need to be in by 23rd October 2026.
 - BCllr Spikings asked BCllr Rose to inform the Council that she had £500 remaining from her Community Grant fund and invited proposals for its use. Cllr Clayden will apply for funding for the Welney Newsletter and Sandgate Corner, and Cllr Bombata will apply on behalf of the Welney Social Club.
 - Cllr Rose also informed the Council that Local Government Reorganisation had not progressed.
- 6. To discuss and consider the Action Log from previous meetings:**

Nuisance noise at Back Drove: update was given by BCllr Rose in the public forum.
- 7. Reports from individual Councillors, Council Groups and Clerk**

Planning Applications: Planning Application Consultation 26/00656/F. Proposal for 1no. replacement dwelling and 1no. proposed new dwelling at The Cottage Back Drove Welney PE14 9RH. The Council approved this application.

 - i. Issues with resurfacing works at Tipps End, no update recieved.

Other updates:

 - Westcotec informed the Clerk that work to replace the 'blue' streetlights is expected to start this Friday.
 - Cllr Goodger met with Alex from Highways and Westcotec for a brief interview about the Flood Watch team.
 - Cllr Lowry reported overhanging willow trees on Hurn Drove. The Clerk has reported the issue on the Highways portal and will email the owner to request that the trees be cut back.
 - Cllr Bombata reported that he is currently managing the SAM2 cameras. He asked whether Cllr Clayden could help change one of the batteries when needed, as it is difficult to reach. Cllr Clayden agreed to assist.

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8. To note any Health and Safety issues:

- Cllr Goodger reported that he had been asked to help remove a dead badger from the river. This is a matter for the Environment Agency, although the person who reported it had moved it to the riverbank.
- Overhanging vegetation at Delph Bridge was reported. Cllr Barker has submitted the issue online.
- The step at the old village hall has been repaired.
- The recycling bin at the William Marshall Centre has been moved to help deter fly-tipping.

9. Finance

i. To note payments made since last meeting

Payments for August 2026 Authorisation

Payee	Goods/Services	VAT	TOTAL	DD/EP electronic payment / direct debit	Supplier/Service
Melanie Hilton Salary	730.00	0.00	730.00	EP	46 hours
Melanie Hilton Expenses	8.80	0.00	8.80	EP	Mileage June meeting
HMRC	264.25	0.00	264.25	EP	Month 4
Nest Pension scheme	28.95	0.00	28.95	DD	Clerks Pension
Parish Online	260.00	52.00	312.00	EP	Gov.uk email package
PKF Littlejohn	210.00	42.00	252.00	EP	External Audit
Npower	87.08	4.35	91.43	DD	Streetlight electricity
K and M Lighting Services	26.96	5.39	32.35	EP	Street light maintenance inv 10130
TOTAL	£1,616.04	£103.74	£1,719.78		

Payments for September 2026 Authorisation

Payee	Goods/Services	VAT	TOTAL	DD/EP electronic payment / direct debit	Supplier/Service
Melanie Hilton Salary	668.49	0.00	668.49	EP	42 hours
HMRC	235.68	0.00	235.68	EP	Month 5
Nest Pension scheme	23.26	0.00	23.26	DD	Clerks Pension
Upwell Computers	50.00	0.00	50.00	EP	Renew Norton Internet Security and system service
Npower	96.93	4.85	101.78	DD	Streetlight electricity
K and M Lighting Services	26.96	5.39	32.35	EP	Street light maintenance inv 10181
TOTAL	£1,101.32	£10.24	£1,111.56		

- ii. To note income and expenditure balances reconciled from the previous month: this was noted
- iii. To discuss a potential grant application from the William Marshall Centre. The Clerk advised that the application form is available on the website and should be used by the Committee.
- iv. A budget-setting meeting is scheduled for 27th October 2026 at 7.00pm.

10. To propose items for the next agenda: nothing currently.

11. To note the date of the next Full Parish Council meeting – 3rd November 2026 at 7.15 pm at William Marshall Centre

12. Close: the meeting closed at 19.35pm

Signed by the Chairman Date