
Welney Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Welney Parish Council, Tuesday 7th July 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 Gaylor, Cllr Clayden, Cllr Lowry, Cllr Bombata, Cllr Gardiner, BCllr Rose, CCllr Kiddell, Clerk M Hilton.

Apologies: Cllr Barker

Public: two

MINUTES

1. **Welcome and opening remarks:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, including newly appointed CCllr Tina Kiddell.
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 member of the public stated that they did not believe their comments from the previous meeting were accurately reflected in the minutes. They handed the Council another leaflet and asked the Clerk why their freedom of speech had been restricted.

CCllr Kiddell advised the Council that Community Fund money had been allocated to the fire service, and that almost £1 million from the Members Highways Fund had been ring-fenced to support more cost-effective spending powers.

Norfolk County Council has submitted a judicial review in response to the proposed Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) programme in Norfolk. This is an early stage in the legal process. CCllr Kiddell wished to make the Council and parishioners aware that, although she does not live locally, she is always available by telephone or email.

BCllr Rose reported that he continues to support Back Drove residents regarding nuisance noise from barking dogs and will update CCllr Kiddell on the matter.

6. **To discuss and consider the Action Log from previous meetings:**
Nuisance noise at Back Drove: Cllr Goodger will write a letter supporting Back Drove residents, noting that the issue has continued for nine months. He is concerned that persistent dog barking could lead to a breach of peace.
7. **To discuss fly-tipping next to the clothing bank and the possibility of hiring a skip:** It was agreed that Cllr Clayden would contact the clothing bank to request that the bank be moved, reducing the likelihood of fly-tipping. The proposal to hire a skip was dismissed.
8. **To review the following policies**
 - **IT Policy:** this was approved
 - **Standing Orders:** this was approved
9. **Reports from individual Councillors, Council Groups and Clerk**
 - i. Planning Applications: none received.
 - ii. Issues with resurfacing works at March Road Tipps End: Cllr Goodger reported that hedges previously referred to Highways for cutting back had not been addressed. As a result, the recent resurfacing works

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and verge white lining had been carried out around the hedges, which was considered unacceptable. Cllr Goodger has reported the matter to Andy Wallace at Highways. Cllr Kiddell said she will raise the issue with Highways when she meets them next week.

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

11. Finance

i. To note payments made since last meeting

Payments for June 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
Melanie Hilton Expenses	79.83	14.16	93.99	EP	Mileage May meeting, subscription Microsoft 365
HMRC	235.68	0.00	235.68	EP	Month 2
Nest Pension scheme	23.26	0.00	23.26	DD	Clerks Pension
Upwell Computers	30.00	0.00	30.00	EP	Install Office 365
Gallagher	2,096.51	0.00	2,096.51	EP	Insurance 2026-27
WMC	12.00	0.00	12.00	EP	Hall Hire 5th May 2026
Npower	119.05	5.95	125.00	DD	Streetlight electricity
K and M Lighting Services	26.96	5.39	32.35	EP	Street light maintenance inv 10020
TOTAL	£3,291.78	£25.50	£3,317.28		

Payments for July 2026 Authorisation

Payee	Goods/Services	VAT	TOTAL	DD/EP electronic payment / direct debit	Supplier/Service
Melanie Hilton Salary	699.24	0.00	699.24	EP	44 hours
Melanie Hilton Expenses	1.60	0.00	1.60	EP	Mileage backdated to 1/4/26 increase from 45p to 55p per mile
HMRC	249.96	0.00	249.96	EP	Month 3
Nest Pension scheme	26.11	0.00	26.11	DD	Clerks Pension
Npower	101.53	5.08	106.61	DD	Streetlight electricity
K and M Lighting Services	26.96	5.39	32.35	EP	Street light maintenance inv 10077
TOTAL	£1,105.40	£10.47	£1,115.87		

ii. To note income and expenditure balances reconciled from the previous month: this was noted

iii. To note the QPAB: this was noted

12. To propose items for the next agenda: Welney Playing Field grant application to Welney Parish Council.

13. To note the date of the next Full Parish Council meeting – WEDNESDAY 2nd September 2026 at 7.15 pm at William Marshall Centre

14. Close: the meeting closed at 19.36pm

Signed by the Chairman Date

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