

**Welton le Wold Parish Meeting – Meeting at  
St. Martin’s Church at 7.30 pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Margaret Stubbs (Chairman), Peter J Taylor (Clerk), Amanda Vines (Treasurer), Jon Hammond, Lesley Smith, Christopher North, Rebekah Stubbs, Andrew West.

- 1) **Chairman’s Opening Remarks & Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed those present.
- 2) **Apologies for Absence:** Margery Ward, David Smith, Helena Fryer, Richard Fryer, Nigel Evens, Victoria Evens, Jason Parker and District Councillor Richard Fry (who was recovering after hospitalisation).
- 3) **Minutes of meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

Approved unanimously, proposed by John Hammond and seconded by Rebekah Stubbs. Signed by the Chairman.
- 4) **Matters Arising from the Minutes, not on this agenda.** None.
- 5) **County and District Councillors’ Reports:**

None, in the absence of councillors. Peter Taylor praised the informative monthly briefs received by email from County Cllr. Hugo Marfleet.
- 6) **Clerk’s Report:** Nothing to report.
- 7) **Correspondence:** The Clerk had received an offer from Lincolnshire Highways of one-tonne salt bags, for which we would need a suitable covered location. It was agreed to request one, to be stored in the village shed in Red Row, which would be left unlocked. This is additional to the sand and salt mixture in the grit bins in Dark Lane and Bunkers, which the Highways Department will fill on request via the “Fix My Street” website. The Clerk also undertook to check on whether they needed filling. **Action: Clerk**  
*[Post-minute note: The Clerk checked the grit bins, which do not presently need filling. He ordered a tonne of salt, and received a reply that it would be delivered in December or January.]*
- 8) **Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer presented an interim Statement of Accounts showing receipt of the Parish Precept of £580 in April, and six routine payments made, totalling £396.84. The Statement was accepted unanimously, proposed by Lesley Smith and seconded by Jon Hammond. It was agreed to pay £10 to the Church for heat and light for this meeting. The Treasurer remarked that she remained unable to access the Barclays account online. The Clerk had made further enquiries and Barclays admitted that they had failed to take one step in the process required to enable this. Access should be available any day now.
- 9) **Parish Precept:** The Clerk told the meeting that the external auditors consider our ratio of reserves to income is excessive. If reserves are more than twice our income, we must provide an explanation. This year the explanation was that in 2020-21 Covid-19 prevented the Parish Meeting from spending as much as we usually do. The Clerk said that unless we were to plan a special project, we could forego a Parish Precept for 2022-23. This was agreed, proposed by Peter Taylor and seconded by Christopher North.

## 10) Website Report:

Andrew West presented a website report about [www.weltonlewold.com](http://www.weltonlewold.com) as follows:

- a) The village website continues to see a steady stream of visitors, totalling more than 1200 page "views" in the period since the AGM in May.
- b) The most popular pages are those concerned with village history and we continue to develop the site with new material, most recently a record of the interior memorials within St Martin's Church.
- c) Periodically we receive enquiries via the website, including requests for copies of the village book.
- d) We have recently renewed the subscription for the site for another year.

## 11) Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Report:

The Clerk/NHW Co-ordinator has visited new residents to deliver notices of this meeting, and to invite them to join Neighbourhood Watch. Of those who were at home, most were interested, but only one has joined. Some have moved away. We still have 34 member households.

He encouraged members to join NextDoor's Welton le Wold section at [https://nextdoor.co.uk/choose\\_address/](https://nextdoor.co.uk/choose_address/) and eleven have done so to date. Any member can place a post and comment on others.

## 12) Working Parties:

Andrew West requested authority to engage some local paid labour to help with stream clearance. The Clerk said we are not insured to employ labour, but an honorarium could be paid afterwards. It was unanimously agreed to fund this up to £200, proposed by Andrew West and seconded by Christopher North.

Christopher North reported no progress on the project agreed for funding at the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020 (Minute 5) to procure gravel for the stream bed.

The meeting unanimously agreed to pay Ian Ward an honorarium of £200 for grass verge cutting this year well beyond the boundaries of his property, proposed by Lesley Smith and seconded by Christopher North.

## 13) Planning Proposals:

The plan to prospect for, and produce, oil at Biscathorpe, to which the Parish Meeting objected, is still undecided by Lincolnshire County Council.

The application by Jason Parker for two new dwellings on the site of The Lodge, with a gate across Manor Drive, is also undecided by East Lindsey District Council.

Further comments are on the ELDC website under Reference N-200-00094-21.

## 14) Any other Business:

Andrew West reported that the Coronavirus support that he had arranged remains available if required.

15) **Date of next meeting:** Provisionally Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

16) The meeting ended at 8.25 p.m.