

# WELTON LE WOLD PARISH MEETING

Meeting at St. Martin's Church at 8.00 pm on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022

## MINUTES

**Present:** Margaret Stubbs (Chairman), Peter J Taylor (Clerk), Amanda Vines (Treasurer), Jon Hammond, Lesley Smith, Andrew West, Lynne Blakey, Margery Ward, Christopher North and Paul Hedger.

- 1) **Chairman's Opening Remarks & Welcome:** The meeting opened at 8.00 p.m., and the Chairman welcomed those present.
- 2) **Apologies for Absence:** Helena Fryer, Richard Fryer, Nigel Evens, Victoria Evens and District Councillor Richard Fry (who was recovering after further hospitalisation).
- 3) **Minutes of meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021:**  
Approved unanimously, proposed by Jon Hammond and seconded by Andrew West.
- 4) **Matters Arising from the Minutes, not on this agenda.** None.
- 5) **County and District Councillors' Reports:** None, in the absence of councillors.
- 6) **Clerk's Report:** Nothing to report.
- 7) **Correspondence:** Nothing of any interest or importance.
- 8) **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer is still unable to access the Barclays account online, although she has a PIN Sentry device, card and PIN, and was told by Barclays that only one signatory can access the account. The Clerk is reluctant to relinquish access in case that leaves no-one with access. He sends her printouts upon request. Transactions are so few that this does not happen very often. Barclays' Louth branch has closed. Discussion followed about whether to change banks, but the Clerk pointed out that no bank charges are levied on this account, because it was created in the 1980s as a Community Account. If we were to change banks we would have to declare that we are a Local Authority, not a club or charity, and may have to pay charges as a result. No decision was made.
- 9) **Website Report:** Andrew West reported as follows about [www.weltonlewold.com](http://www.weltonlewold.com):
  - a) We continue to see steady traffic to the village website, with more than 1100 views recorded since the last meeting.
  - b) The most popular pages over the last year were 'visitor information' followed by information on village history.
  - c) The vast majority of visitors last year were from the UK. Thereafter the countries represented include Canada and New Zealand.
- 10) **Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) Report:**  
Membership remains at 34 households. The NHW Co-ordinator has noticed a vast reduction in the number of Alert bulletins issued by Lincolnshire Neighbourhood Watch. The website originally created by PC Nigel West [https://nextdoor.co.uk/news\\_feed/](https://nextdoor.co.uk/news_feed/) has, in the Co-ordinator's opinion, degenerated from a site that mainly shared information on crime and security, into a social chat site, including a lot of trivia and advertisements, not all of them of local interest, although some posts still originate from the police.

### 11) **Working Parties:**

Paul Hedger said that the stream clearance party “Welton Waders” needs to convene regularly to keep the stream flowing. Generally between four and eight people help. The next event is this Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April. A timetable is in village notice boards.

### 12) **Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebration:**

Lynne Blakey said that she and John are offering the use of their garden by village residents from 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022. Nigel and Victoria Evens have also offered help. The intention is that people should bring their own picnics and drinks. Peter Taylor said that folding chairs and small but heavy tables are available in the village hut, and the church has four large folding tables, wine glasses and plates. He will soon liaise with Lynne about these, and posters and flyers, which he will print on coloured paper.

**Action: Clerk**

### 13) **Village WhatsApp group:**

This had been suggested by Jason Parker of The Manor. The meeting agreed in principle. Jon Hammond is meeting Jason Parker next week and will liaise with him.

**Action: Jon Hammond**

### 14) **Planning Proposals:**

- a) The plan to prospect for, and produce, oil at Biscathorpe, to which the Parish Meeting had objected, was refused consent by Lincolnshire County Council, but the applicants are appealing to the Secretary of State.
- b) Jason Parker has erected and a pair of ornate painted wrought iron gates and new posts at the entrance to Manor Drive, after the planning authority said it has no jurisdiction in the matter. The progress of Mr Parker’s application, to build two houses on the site of The Lodge and the former tractor shed to the rear, was not known to those present, but is to be found on the ELDC website under Reference N-200-00094-21.

### 15) **Any other Business:**

- a) Andrew West said the Covid-19 shopping and medicines collection service has been formally discontinued, but could be resurrected if needed again.
- b) Margery Ward asked about a hole in the roof of the privately-owned former school. Margaret Stubbs was aware of it and said a repair is in hand.
- c) Margery Ward pointed out that new garden waste has appeared in the spinney opposite the Old Glebe House and Lochnagar.
- d) Christopher North expressed concern that power cuts are recurring due to tree branches damaging low-tension power lines on private property. The Clerk agreed to email the owners of land opposite St. Martin’s Close and The Washdyke, with a reminder of their responsibility in this matter. **Action: Clerk**
- e) Christopher North told the meeting that a new Round Barrow had been discovered at Warren Farm and listed as a Scheduled Monument, bringing the number of scheduled monuments in the parish to five.
- f) He also reported that the Historic England website now shows a set of aerial photographs covering all of England. The National Library of Scotland goes a step further, and publishes aerial photographs of the whole of Scotland alongside Ordnance Survey maps, much to the dislike of Ordnance Survey for commercial reasons.

### 16) **Date of next meeting:** Provisionally Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 8.55 p.m.