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Minutes of Weston by Welland Parish Council Meeting held in the St. Mary the Virgin Church on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 7.30 pm.

Members Present	Cllrs B Roberts (Chair), N Garratt, A Cowling, V Score and S Emery.
Others in Attendance	Mrs J Medwell (Clerk) and one member of the public

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430	<p>To receive and approve apologies: Cllrs S Grandidge and M Whitehouse NNC Cllr D Howes</p> <p>The Council was saddened to hear of the death of NNC Cllr Mike Tebbutt. It wished to acknowledge Cllr Tebbutt's service to the parish and offered its sincere condolences to his family.</p>	
431	<p>Member's declaration of interest in items on the agenda and any changes to the members Register of Interests: Cllr Score declared an interest in planning matters. There were no changes to the Members' Register of Interests.</p>	
432	<p>To approve and sign the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29th November 2023 were agreed as a true record of that meeting and were duly signed by the Chair. Proposed Cllr Garratt Seconded Cllr Cowling All in favour.</p>	
432	<p>Matters Arising from the last Parish Council meeting: There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.</p>	
434	<p>Open Forum and Exchange of Information: There were no members of the public present.</p> <p>Cllr Score raised again the ongoing problem with dog fouling. The Council will endeavour to source some highlighting spray and anti-fouling signage and will raise awareness of the problem again in the newsletter.</p>	
	<p>Specific Matters:</p> <p>(a) Recreation Area: The Council was very pleased to note a highly successful fundraising dinner raising £1,002.00 for the recreation area. There is to be a meeting next week for next round of fundraising ideas.</p> <p>(b) Report from Environment Working Group (EWG): Cllr Cowling reminded the Council to consider ideas for locations to plant the acorn saplings. The Chair drew the Council's attention to an article in the recent NCALC update which had given details</p>	

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435	<p>on the duty of parish councils to conserve and enhance biodiversity. The Council will consider this duty and observed that it is currently taking positive steps towards this with all its work through the EWG. The Chair will circulate to Councillors the guidance notes and model policy from NCALC.</p> <p>(c) Report from Highways Working Group (HWG): Cllr Emery advised that regular updates of the speed data were being shared with residents and suggested that the Council consider putting more detailed information on this on the various media platforms. It was also suggested that the Council keep a record month by month to gauge whether the speeds of vehicles through the village were getting better or worse. Cllr Emery said that it may be possible to site the TVAS on the lamp post outside Home Farm which is set to remain. The run-off from the farm drive on Welham Lane had been referred to the landowner and this had since been addressed. Cllrs Emery and Score will be attending the Kier drop-in sessions to raise various issues including village gritting.</p> <p>(d) Village Maintenance: Cllr Emery advised that he was ready to go with refurbishing the village sign but asked whether permission was required to remove this from the churchyard. It was agreed to contact the church for further information on the process and whether a faculty was needed.</p> <p>(e) Safety Review of Parish Assets: The Chair had carried out an asset check after the last meeting which had been circulated and filed. The next check will be carried out and circulated prior to the next meeting.</p> <p>(f) Welland Wanderer: The Chair informed the Council that it appeared NNC may be stepping in to provide a bus service. As an alternative CommMiniBus had circulated a draft proposal for a service along the same route as Welland Wanderer. The company is open to talking to individual parishes on their requirements. Further information will be available after the meeting on 10th January.</p> <p>(g) Annual Village Meeting 2024: The Council discussed ideas for this meeting including date, location and agenda items. It was agreed to look at the week commencing 29th April and to ask the pub if the back room could be used. The Chair asked Councillors to think of agenda items, one of which would be the Emergency Plan. It was also suggested to ask an external speaker to talk at the meeting on a relevant topic.</p> <p>(h) D Day June 2024: The Chair advised that he was putting together a planning group for the event which will take place on 6th June. He asked whether Councillors would like to be involved. Cllr Cowling agreed to join the group. Cllr Garratt will draft an article for the newsletter asking for further volunteers.</p>	<p>BR</p> <p>SE</p> <p>BR</p> <p>NG</p>										
436	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>(i) Payments The following were presented to the Council and unanimously agreed:</p> <table data-bbox="240 1800 1326 1877"> <tr> <td>2Commune – Website</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£67.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Medwell – Back Dated Pay</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£232.20</td> </tr> </table> <p>ii) Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation</p> <table data-bbox="240 1951 1326 2063"> <tr> <td>Current Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£7,788.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ring Fenced Environment Grant</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,490.68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rec Area Fund Raising</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,002.00</td> </tr> </table>	2Commune – Website	£67.20	J Medwell – Back Dated Pay	£232.20	Current Account	£7,788.00	Ring Fenced Environment Grant	£1,490.68	Rec Area Fund Raising	£1,002.00	
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	<p>Total Balance of Reserves <u>£5,295.32</u></p> <p>The Bank Reconciliation was unanimously approved and signed by the Chair.</p>	
437	<p>Planning:</p> <p>NK/2023/0731 6 The Green, Weston By Welland Conversion of store into 2 bedrooms to include an external staircase, construction of garden store, demolition of blockwork summerhouse and reconstruct in brickwork, demolition of derelict piggery and reconstruct in brickwork to create annexe</p> <p>The Council had no objection to this application but submitted the following comments to NNC for its consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The new development may fall within the conservation area but not within the planning boundary. - The application seems not to consider the proximity of several trees. - The planned developments would be built next to the neighbouring farmyard, and very close to what are currently cowsheds. The Parish Council's understanding is that new cowsheds would not be allowed to be built within some distance of residential buildings, so is the reverse allowable under current regulations? - The Parish Council is of the understanding that previous applications at the site may have been refused on access grounds. 	
438	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Correspondence had been received from the website supplier 2commune advising that as from 1st April they would no longer be providing the Council's website service. Further correspondence had been received from NCALC which was looking into alternative provisions.</p>	
439	<p>New items for inclusion on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting:</p> <p>Risk Assessment</p>	
440	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Monday 18th March</p>	

The Meeting Closed at 8.38 pm.

Signed **Chair** **.....** **Dated**