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Welford Parish Council
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**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 29th January 2025 at
7.30pm in Wickham Village Hall**

Present: Henry Burgoyne-Probyn (Chair), Martyne Ellard (Vice Chair) and Paul Stanley, Sam Kynaston and Sam Bell.

In attendance Angela Boyce (Parish Clerk)

- 1. To receive apologies for absence** Apologies were received from Cllr Ellard as she was going to be late to the meeting due to work commitments. Apologies were received from District Councillors Dennis Benneyworth, Denise Gaines and Tony Vickers.
- 2. To receive any Declarations of Interest.**
There were none.
- 3. To confirm and sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 6th November 2024**
- 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th November 2024**
 - 4.1 To discuss the Speed limit along Welford Road/Park Lane in Welford.** There was a discussion. The Clerk to contact WBC to look into the speed limit being reduced to 30mph along the Welford Road.
- 5. OPEN FORUM.**
There was nothing to report.
- 6. Reports**
 - 6.1 District Councillor's Report. There was nothing to report.
 - 6.2 Chair's Report. The Chair noted that there had been an increase in fly tipping. There was a discussion. The Clerk will add this to the next agenda.

Cllr Ellard entered the meeting at 19:48pm.

 - 6.3 Clerk's Report. There was nothing to report
- 7. Correspondence.** To discuss correspondence received regarding gritting of roads in the village. The Clerk noted, during a recent cold spell, she received a call from a local resident regarding the ice on the path outside the school and they ended up using the grit from the grit bin, however the school had written to parents about gritting the roads and pavements themselves and that they should not be doing this themselves. There was a discussion. The Clerk will write to WBC to clarify by us topping up the grit bins we are not placing the PC under any liability.
- 8. WBC Service Delivery** The clerk circulated an email from WBC regarding Service Delivery. There was a discussion, the PC agreed due to the number of trees they have in the parish but they are in favour of the scheme.

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9. **S106 budget.** To discuss and approve project spending before the deadline of 25th February 2025. There was a discussion it was agreed the PC would like to allocate the S106 money it has of £2956.94 to - Upgrade accessibility on the Common at Weston.
10. **Bus Shelter** To approve the terms and conditions of the new bus shelter grant. There was a discussion regarding the new bus shelter. It was provisionally agreed but only if there are alternative options of shelter. The clerk to go back to WBC and ask if there are any alternative options of shelter before they make a decision.
11. **WBC Service Delivery** Item duplicated, see point 8.
12. **Maintenance** To discuss and approve tendering grass cutting and maintenance at Marsh Common. There was a discussion, the PC agreed to request a new quote from the current contractor and one other. The clerk to tender the works.
13. **To discuss and approve relocating the noticeboard at Halfway.** There was a discussion, it was agreed to relocate the noticeboard due to where it is located. The clerk to look into and put a notice up asking parishioners for any comments.
14. **Budget 2025/26** To discuss and approve the Budget for 2025/26. There was a discussion, the Parish Council agreed the Budget for 2025/26.
15. **Precept 2025/26** To discuss and approve the Precept for 2025/26. There was a discussion the PC agreed a precept figure of £12428. The Clerk to notify WBC.

16. Planning

16.1 Applications

24/02426/FULMAJ Welford Park, Welford.

Use of the woodland for wedding ceremonies and receptions for 6-months a year (April - September), including the temporary erection of tipis, ceremony tent, catering tent, toilet block and associated car parking. There were no objections.

16.2 Decisions

24/01837/FUL Weston Mill, Weston. Construction of replacement outbuilding and proposed extension to residential curtilage. **Approved**

24/01838/LBC Weston Mill, Weston. Construction of replacement outbuilding and proposed extension to residential curtilage. **Approved**

17. Finance

17.1 Payments

27 Dec 24	Clerks salary December	441.55
02 Dec 24	WICKHAM VILLAGE HALL	25.00

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02 Dec 24	WELFORD CRICKET CLUB	500.00
02 Dec 24	Clerks Salary November	498.11
02 Dec 24	BIBBY – Dog waste collection	81.60

17.2 Receipts

09 Jan 25	INTEREST	3.51
09 Dec 24	INTEREST	3.17
11 Nov 24	INTEREST	3.74

17.3 Lloyds bank signatories. The Parish Council agreed to add Sam Bell and Henry Burgoyne-Probyn

18. Parish Plan update There was no update this month, it was agreed to add it to the next agenda.

Close of meeting

There being no further business, the Vice Chair declared the meeting closed at 8:41pm

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th March 2025 at 7:30pm in Wickham Village Hall.