

A meeting of the Facilities and Recreation Committee was held in the Pavilion, Manor Park Sports Club, Hackthorn Road, Welton on Monday 22nd September 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs A Lowen (Chairman), N Hornsey, D Pikett, R Fletcher and G Briggs, M Fuller Mr J Hodges (Welton FC) and Mr J Brown (Manager, Welton Sports & Social Club) Mr M Hubbert (Library & Community Hub).

Deputy Clerk: Mrs Louise Gibbs

Please be advised that these are notes of the meeting taken by the Clerk and cannot in any way be regarded as the official minutes of Council proceedings until they are approved and signed at the next meeting.

25/09/47 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone back after the summer break.

25/09/48 Apologies

On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that apologies and reasons for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Bailey.

25/09/49 Declarations of Interests

Cllr Fletcher declared an interest agenda item 6d and 7.
Cllr Pickett declared a personal interest in agenda item 7.

25/09/50 Minutes

On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that the notes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2025 were approved and signed as the minutes.

25/09/51 Clerk's Report

- The Clerk used Emergency Powers as a matter of Health & Safety for repairs to skatepark on 24/7/25 £280 plus VAT
- All the paperwork for the Social Club's fun day was received before the event.
- The bark was topped up at the play area at Manor Park for £100 using the Clerk's Emergency Powers as a matter of Health & Safety.
- Topsoil to fill the gaps on the football pitches for the start of the new season was purchased for £50.
- The Clerk used Emergency Powers with the Chairman's authority to purchase five new hand dryers for Manor Park that had all blown (possibly due to a power surge) for £751.64 and a new emergency light for £54.00
- There was an incident in the skatepark when a youth deliberately damaged a small child's trike. It as reported to the police and they are going to deal with it as littering with Community Resolution as recompense.

25/09/52 Library & Community Hub Matters

- a) Members received and noted the financial report to 31/03/2025
- b) The first draft of the budget was agreed as per the Clerks figures but is dependent on the LCC contribution continuing.
- c) Mr Hubbert gave a report: -
Wordfest was a very successful day which was supported by West Lindsey District Council. Welton Community Hub was the first hub to be supported.
The Summer Reading Challenge was a record 62 (up from 38 last year). Presentations to the

children have been arranged at St Marys Welton, Dunholme School and the library. Mr Hubbert thanked the Assistant Clerk Hazel and all the volunteers for their hard work.

The recent craft event on a Saturday morning had 100 visitors over the 2 hours.

Story time is proving to be very successful with over 10 children attending.

A Comparison from the last 2 years has had a 20% increase in books issues and a 28% increase in visitor numbers.

- d) On a proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote, to agree an annual budget of £200 for the volunteer's thankyou tea.

25/09/53

Welton Sports & Social Club

- a) Mr Brown reported that the Social Club is going well.
The fun day went well, and the club tidied up as much as possible after the event. Clerk informed Mr Brown that the footpath closure had been received from Highways for the Firework display. Clerk reminded Mr Brown that a copy of the risk assessment and public liability insurance certificate must be sent to the Parish office before the event.
- b) Mr Brown reported that the licence issued by West Lindsey enables the club to sell alcohol outside if it is served in plastic cups.
Mr Brown suggested that instead of placing benches along side the club building that a separate fenced off area could be installed as a beer garden.
After further discussion on a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to request that Mr Brown provided drawings of each suggested area and the item was deferred to the next meeting.
- c) On a proposal from Cllr Hornsey, seconded by Cllr Fuller, it was **RESOLVED** by a majority vote with one abstention to accept the quotation from The Work Place to provide two speed ramps for the drive to Ryland Road playing field.
- d) On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to agree for the Chopper Club to hold its open day on the playing field at Ryland Road. Risk assessment and PL Certificate to be provided in advance of the event.
- e) Mr Brown has requested that the Parish Council investigate if a CCTV camera can be installed to cover the play area and field at Ryland Road and for it to be attached to the Parish Council CCTV system. The Club will pay for the camera and the installation if this is possible. Clerk to investigate.

25/09/54

Welton Football Club

- a) Mr Hodges reported that the Football Club had had some issues with the condition of the pitches at Manor Park after the dry summer.
The club has purchased additional topsoil and have requested a refund from the PC. Cllr Lowen requested that the receipts be supplied to the PC.
- b) The Clerk informed the council that following the recent survey of the drainage system at Manor Park two completely different suggestions have been received on the way forward. On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote for the Clerk to send the information to the Football Association for advice.
- c) On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Fletcher, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to accept accounts for the Football Club for 2024/2025.

25/09/55

General Finance Matters

- a) Members received and noted the financial report to 31.8.25.
- b) The draft budget was accepted with suggested amendments recorded by the Clerk.

25/09/56

Facilities Matters

- a) On a proposal from Cllr Fuller, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote, to accept the quotation Glendale to cut back the foliage along the path between Eagle Drive and Manor Park.
- b) On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote accept the quotation from AC Alarms for the annual service of the Fire Alarm and CCTV systems at Manor Park.

25/09/57

Security/Incidents

- a) Update on Motorcycle incident at Manor Park
Moped ridden over field and decking at Manor Park. Reported to police and a section 59 warning given to rider in front of his parents, if the vehicle comes to light in similar circumstances again in the next 12 months, the police can seize the bike, and the owner/rider gets the bill.
- b) Graffiti Vandalism of the Skate Park.
The incident was discussed and on a proposal from Cllr Fletcher seconded by Cllr Hornsey it was **RESOLVED** by unanimous vote that the culprit should be asked to pay for the area to be cleaned by a professional instructed by the Parish Council. Clerk to request this through the police and to request whether the decision can be published in the Welton News.

25/09/58

Councillors Reports

None

Signed:

Date: