

A meeting of Welton-by-Lincoln Parish Council was held in the Pavilion, Manor Park Sports Club, Hackthorn Road, Welton on Monday 12th October 2026 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs G Briggs (Chairman), Mrs M Chapman (Vice-Chairman), R Fletcher, M Powell, Mrs S Watson, A Lowen, Mrs C Grimble and C Seal

Clerk: Mrs J Murray

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.

Also Present: 1 member of the press

A public participation session took place prior to the official start of the meeting.

26/10/11

Chairman's remarks

The Chairman reported that he had attended a Welton Country Park DIG meeting with Cllrs Fletcher and Powell and the Clerk; Steve Gibson (cricket) had put together a follow up paper from the first meeting which was discussed at length; all interested parties were asked to provide their exact requirements with regard to land area, facilities and how they will source funding for the next meeting.

26/10/12

Apologies

On a proposal from Cllr Mrs Chapman, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote to accept apologies from Cllrs Lobley, Hornsey and Pikett having considered and accepted their reasons for absence. Cllr Bailey was absent with no apologies given. District Cllr Mrs D Rodgers sent her apologies.

26/10/13

Disclosure of Interests

None

26/10/14

Minutes

On a proposal from Cllr Mrs Grimble, seconded by Cllr Fletcher and **RESOLVED** following a unanimous vote that the notes of the meeting held on 14th September 2026 were approved and signed as the minutes.

26/10/15

Clerk's Report

We have received notification from WLDC that we will receive £1,776.19 CIL monies for the development at 77 Ryland Road.

26/10/16

Finance Matters

a) Members received details of income and expenditure to 30.9.2026.

2026/27 Half Yearly Report from Cllr Fletcher:

Admin a/c shows income ahead by £9k. This is influenced in the main by additional bank account interest of £2k and CIL monies of £7k. Expenditure is in line with budget. Staffing costs are £5k above budget. This is due to realignment of the facilities team hours and the 2026 pay award that was settled at a higher % than initially budgeted. Facilities a/c is on target to reach budgeted level of income whilst expenditure is presently £9k underspent. Maintenance and replacement costs usually kick in during the second half of the year and will reduce this unspent figure. It should be noted, however, that electricity costs are £4k above budget and this should be taken into account when compiling next year's budget.

Amenities a/c is on target for income; however expenditure is underspent largely due to the 2025 accrual for the Music & Arts Festival. Thought should be given to further accruing the underspend into next year's festival. Library income is on target, however there is an underspend of £3k that requires spending before year end to balance the account.

Bank a/cs stand at £443k compared to £382k this time last year and Reserves at £272k compared with £238k last year. The overall picture details a trading surplus of £28k. This is lower to last year's halfway point which stood at £40k, a difference of £12k, although 2025 included a £7500 rates bill not charged for. With the higher level of spending in the second half of the year we will see this surplus reducing month on month. Potentially, end of year surplus, before any planned for accruals or unforeseen costs may be in the region of c.£12k. This equates to a variance of 4.3% actual v budget if achieved. Lastly, it is the time of year again to start compiling next year's budget. There is a target date of end of November to put forward each committee and trading accounts figures for ratification ahead of formal submission in January. There are a number of unknowns, to name but a few; Welton Country Park, Village Hall, Skate Park, utilities, vehicle costs, Music & Arts Festival, wage increases in line with inflation and rates.

- b) The requested accounts have been received from the Lincoln & Lindsey Blind Society and following a discussion, on a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Mrs Grimble it was **RESOLVED** following a majority vote (6 for, 1 against and 1 absention) to give them a donation of £200.00 which will suport a resident in Welton.
- c) The External Auditor's report for the financial year ending 31st March 2026 was received with the expected comment:
We note that the smaller authority did not comply with Regulation 15 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 as it failed to make proper provision during the year 2026/27 for the exercise of public rights, since the exercise of public rights did not include the first 10 working days of July. As a result, the smaller authority must answer 'No' to Assertion 4 of the Annual Governance Statement for 2026/27 and ensure that it makes proper provision for the exercise of public rights during 2027/28. The AGAR was not completed accurately before submission for review. The AGAR has been amended.
- d) The Internal Auditor's report was received.
- e) On a proposal from Cllr Mrs Chapman, seconded by Cllr Briggs it was **RESOLVED** following a unanimous vote to ratify the accounts paid.

57.10	WLDC	MPK Waste Management
15.45	TV Licensing	Library TV Licence
422.51	Lex Autolease	Van lease
20.55	RFS Ripon Ltd	Chainsaw chain
45.00	Go Outdoors	Work Boots
25.00	Lex Autolease	Road Fund Licence for van
51.83	Allstar	Fuel for van
80.00	North Kesteven DC	MPK Non-domestic rates
200.00	LCC	30mph signs
462.00	The Home Assistant	MPK/PO Cleaner
690.00	M Crombie	Sound/lighting for Music Festival
12.00	The Window Cleaner	PO Windows
142.38	Firestop Services Ltd	Fire Extinguisher Service

50.00	DS Window Cleaning Services	MPK Windows
754.00	Nigel Smith Plumbing	Works relating to Legionnaires Assessment
7.01	Trade UK	Balance due for goods after credit
22.60	B Knight & Son Ltd	Post Fix
22.04	GLL	Library Photocopying/Printing
145.50	ESPO	Cleaning materials/Stationery
564.60	MKM B.S. (Lincoln North) Ltd	Guttering/Downpipes/Brackets
1,100.00	Machine & Pitch Maintenance	AGP Deep Clean & Sweep
500.15	Anglian Water Business Ltd	MPK Water Charges
50.00	E Wright	Welton WordFest
4,284.60	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Replacement Swings & Wetpour kit
580.00	Tree Generation	Tree Safety Report
55.71	Amazon Payments	Various Items
42.00	Royal British Legion Poppy App	Wreaths for Remembrance Day
9,219.88	Wages & Pensions	
30.82	Festive Lights	LED String Lights for village green
59.90	TalkTalk Business Direct	Telephone/Broadband
3.84	HSBC	Bank charges
198.00	The Home Assistant	MPK/PO Cleaner
89.63	Viking	Stationery/Items for Christmas event
58.72	ENGIE Power Ltd	Christmas Illuminations
1,330.00	Ian Moore Contracting Ltd	Re-lining of Car Park at MPK
8,600.00	FCC Recycling (UK) Ltd	Third Party payment for Skate Park funding
124.85	ENGIE Gas Ltd	MPK Gas A/c
44.84	Allstar	Fuel for van
54.56	Hutchison 3G UK Ltd	Office/Staff mobile phones
29.11	IT@Spectrum Limited	Photocopying/Printing Charges
615.54	ENGIE Power Ltd	MPK/Library Electricity A/c
83.05	ENGIE Power Ltd	PO Electricity A/c

26/10/17 Planning

- a) Cllr Powell read out the Planning Report recording applications for consultation and decisions made by WLDC since the last meeting which had been circulated with the agenda.
- b) Comments/observations on the following planning applications:
- WL/2026/00830 – 66 Ryland Road** – for the removal of the existing bungalow and erection of 3no. two-storey detached dwellings, with associated access, driveways and external amenity space – Comments regarding construction vehicles parking on Ryland Road, noise, dust and dirt to be mitigated and the usual comments regarding back land building and infrastructure.
- WL/2026/00886 – Willow House, 1 Ryland Park** – to erect a garage – No comments/obs
- WL/2026/00875 – Land to the West of Norbeck Lane** – remove white poplar tree.
- WL/2026/00902 - 31 St Mary's Avenue** - Notification of prior approval to extend dwellinghouse 4.6125m from rear wall of original dwellinghouse, 2.40m to height of eaves of enlarged part of dwellinghouse and 3.5415m to highest point of enlarged part of dwellinghouse.

26/10/18 Reports and Notes of Meetings

The Village Hall Management Committee – No meeting has taken place.

Welton Moncé Family Twinning Group – No meeting has taken place.

Christ's Hospital Endowment Trust – No meeting has taken place.

The following Committee meeting notes were read out:

Facilities & Recreation Committee held on 21st September 2026

26/10/19 Village Hall

No further update. The obstacle lies with the current trustees obtaining evidence that they have exhausted all avenues of any of the original trustees wishing to take it on.

26/10/20 Council and Committees

a) The Clerk presented a plan for a review of Committee Structure and Responsibilities which had been circulated with the agenda and on a proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Powell, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote to accept the new structure as outlined in the report:

1. Agree the transfer of certain responsibilities from the Amenities & Services Committee to the Facilities & Recreation Committee, Full Council, or the Clerk, as outlined in the report, and disband the Amenities & Services Committee.
2. Agree that matters currently considered by the Planning & Development Committee be dealt with by Full Council, where appropriate, and disband the existing committee.
3. Manage the specific responsibilities outlined in this report in accordance with the proposed arrangements.
4. Authorise the Clerk to make the necessary administrative amendments to committee terms of reference, agendas, budget headings and related documentation, subject to any matters requiring separate Council approval.
5. Keep the revised arrangements under review to ensure they provide effective oversight while reducing unnecessary meetings and staff attendance.
6. Rename the Facilities & Recreation Committee as the Facilities & Open Spaces Committee.

Revised Terms of Reference will be drafted and brought to the next meeting for adoption.

b) On a proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Mrs Chapman it was **RESOLVED** following a unanimous vote that the following policies are adopted:

Acceptable Internet Use Policy

Safeguarding Policy

Social Media Policy

Staff Recruitment Policy

Training & Development for Staff and Councillors Policy

26/10/21 Councillors' Reports

Cllr Powell reported that the mini roundabout at the junction of Hackthorn Road and Ryland Road is in need of re-painting. Report to LCC.

Signed: Date:

Chairman, Welton-by-Lincoln Parish Council