

A meeting of the Facilities and Recreation Committee was held in the Pavilion, Manor Park Sports Club, Hackthorn Road, Welton on Monday 26th January 2026 at 7.30pm.

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

Deputy Clerk: Mrs Louise Gibbs

26/01/21 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone.

26/01/22 Apologies

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

26/01/23 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

26/01/24 Minutes

On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Pikett, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that the notes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2025 were approved and signed as the minutes.

26/01/25 Clerk's Report

Following the Annual Play Area Inspection various urgent repairs were identified, and the Clerk has used her emergency powers in the interest of Health and Safety to purchase the items to repair the equipment at a cost of £200.68.

26/01/26 Library & Community Hub Matters

a) Members received and noted the financial report to 31.12.2025.

b) Mr Hubbert gave a report: -

Do to the successful talk by Tony Taupin, brother of Bernie Taupin, Mr Hubbert suggested that it may be a good idea to invite Mr Taupin to talk at the Music and Arts Festival in the future.

The Assistant Clerk and Mr Hubbert have met with West Lindsey District Council with regard to the Welton Word Fest for 2026. This year's event will also include creative writing.

West Lindsey have agreed to advertise the library events on their website.

New volunteers are currently being sourced for the library.

c) On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Fuller, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to agree to a budget of £200.00 to commemorate 10 years of the Community Library.

26/01/27 Welton Sports & Social Club

a) Mr Brown reported that everything is going well, the club had a successful Christmas and New Year, raising money for The British Heart Foundation and St Barnabas Hospice.

Mr Brown informed the committee that the Social Club have agreed to the purchase, installation and maintenance of the two CCTV cameras. These will be included in the SLA. Minute No 25/11/07 c)

- b) Mr Brown informed the committee that the secretary of the Social Club has spoken to West Lindsey regarding the variation to their licence and has been informed that it is not necessary and that the current licence is sufficient. Cllr Lowen requested that the confirmation from West Lindsey be sent to the Parish Office.

Mr Brown agreed that the area would not be locked and would be accessible for all members of the public. The Club would be responsible for maintaining the area, clearing any rubbish and would be fenced off with a small picket fence. On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Fuller, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to put before Full Council to make the final decision on (drawing 2).

Mr Brown was requested to send the risk assessment and public liability insurance certificate for the Chopper Club event on the 17th May to the Parish Office.

26/01/28

Welton Football Club

- a) Mr Hodges reported that the Football Club was running successfully. Unfortunately, due to the weather, a few matches have had to be cancelled. The pitch seems to be draining well at present.

Mr Hodges announced that he would be stepping down from his role as Chairman at the end of the current season.

- b) Mr Hodges is currently in conversation with the Football Association regarding the release of the maintenance grant and with the contractor regarding any works that have been carried out on the pitches. On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Pikett, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to keep the item on the agenda until the situation is resolved.
- c) The problem with cleaning the white lining machine was discussed, the Clerk will contact other local clubs to find out how they clean their machines, dispose of the excess water and paint and will report back at the next meeting.

26/01/29

General Finance Matters

- a) Members received and noted the financial report to 31.12.25.
- b) Cllr Lowen explained the proposed rise in the fees and charges has been calculated with the current RPI and a suggested alternative charge considering the problems with the pitches caused by the weather. On a proposal from Cllr Fuller, seconded by Cllr Pikett, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to increase the fees and charges at the suggested rate.
- c) On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Fuller, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to renew the garden waste subscription for the three green bins.

26/01/30

Allotments

- a) On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Fuller, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote not to increase the fees for 2026/2027.
- b) On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Fuller, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to accept the quotation for replacing the hose pipe and fittings at the allotments by the Facilities Team, at a cost of £310.89.

26/01/31

Facilities Matters

- a) On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Fuller, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote, to accept the quotation from Surface Performance of £1,075.00 for the retesting of the AGP for the FA certificate.

- b) On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Fuller, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to accept the quotation for £301.00 from Wet Services for the Legionnaires Risk Assessment at Manor Park.
- c) On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Fuller, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to accept the quotation of £570.00 for the Facilities Team to install wooden posts along the grassed area opposite the parking bays, with a drop down post which will be unlocked when the area is available to be used for parking. This will prevent future instances where the grass is churned up in wet weather.
- d) On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Pikett, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to purchase two football nets from Sports Equip for £77.00.

26/01/32 General

- a) On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Fuller, it was **RESOLVED** with 1 vote against to agree to allow St Mary’s Academy to use Manor Park for 6 dates for cross country, on the condition that the football pitches are not used for running, the course is set around the perimeter of the field and the event finishes by 5.15 pm.
- b) A request for a bench with a plaque to be placed at the skatepark was discussed and on a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Fuller, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to ask the member of public to attend a meeting of the committee to discuss their request in more detail.

26/01/33 Security Incidents

The purchase of bleed kits was discussed and Cllr Fuller thought that training was required to use the kits. Cllr Lowen requested that this item was put onto the Full Council agenda for discussion.

26/01/34 Play Areas

On a proposal from Cllr Fuller, seconded by Cllr Pikett, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to accept the quotation from the Play Area Inspection Company for £386.00.

26/01/35 Skate Park

Three proposals were put before the committee with the third option being their preference. On a proposal from Cllr Fuller, seconded by Cllr Lowen, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote for the Clerk to submit funding applications.

26/01/36 Councillors Reports

None

Signed:

Date: