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Welford Parish Council
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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 2nd March 2022 at 7pm in
Wickham Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs David Hunt (DH, Chairman), Paul Stanley (PS, Vice Chairman), Henry Burgoyne-Probyn (HBP), and Sam Kynaston (SK).

In attendance: No District Cllrs present, 2 members of the public.

22/001 Public Forum

Mrs Halliwell thanked the PC for native hedge installation but noted could signage for dogs on a lead be considered for Marsh Common due to the number dogs running around without a lead. The signs that Cllr Burgoyne-Probyn proposed were appropriate. Also, Mrs Halliwell pointed out that the condition of the footpath by Teekay House was in almost unusable condition. Cllr Stanley noted that this was a West Berks Council issue however the PC shared the residents concerns. Mrs Shaw Stewart requested that the PC try to avoid installing the second bench directly opposite where they have an opening onto the common.

22/002 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from District Cllr Dennis Benneyworth due to planning meeting clash.

22/003 Declarations of Interest from Councillors

No declarations of interests were received.

22/004 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 5th January 2022

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2022 were signed as a true and accurate record.

22/005 Councillor Vacancy

Members noted that the Council had two vacancies which could be filled by co-option.

22/006 Reports

District Councillors' Reports

N/A

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Cllr Hunt noted that the DeFib training evening was successful and well attended.

Cllr Stanely noted that the two new notice boards have been erected in Welford and Weston

Clerk's Report

N/A

22/007 Planning Matters

None submitted for the PC's consideration.

22/008 WBC Community Emergency Plan

Due to the size and location of the Parish this would not be considered necessary.

22/009 2022 Annual Parish Assembly

22/009 Marsh Common

9.1 Cllr Burgoyne-Probyn noted that on 28th February, 200 native hedge plants had been planted onto the common to encourage wildlife and to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. A further Bat Box has been kindly installed by James Shipman

9.2 Second bench proposal agreed as per drawing sent out with the meeting pack, (providing ground conditions allow), Cllr Burgoyne-Probyn to action installation.

9.3 Boarded Walkway agreed as per drawing in the meeting pack, providing additional funding can be obtained, Cllr Burgoyne-Probyn to investigate.

22/010 Wickham Recreation Ground

Parish Council is not in a position to contribute at this time.

22/011 2022 Annual Parish Assembly Wednesday 25th May

James Shipman from the Berkshire & Buckingham Bat Society has agreed to be guest speaker, Cllr Stanley to sort out some refreshments.

22/0112 Finance

- i) Grant for Welford and Wickham PCC for Welford Churchyard, on hold due to prior advice received relating to church and state.
- ii) Replacing of Wickham bench, approved for new 4 seater bench option, assuming funding can be sought
- iii) Q3 bank reconciliation, approved
- iv) Receipts & payment report, approved
- v) Budget report, approved
- vi) The asset register, approved
- vii) The transferring of funds from the main account to the reserve account, to be considered at the next meeting
- viii) Creating an ear marked reserve (EMR) for election expenses, agreed in principle for next years budget

22/0113 Employment

Cllr Hunt to contact WBC and other parish councils regarding locum/new clerk

Close of meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Council would be held at 7pm, on Wednesday 11th May 2022. There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed _____ Date _____

Henry Burgoyne-Probyn
Emergency stand in minute taker
Welford Parish Council

Items referred under 9.1, 9.2, 9.3

