

WELTON LE WOLD PARISH MEETING

Minutes of 2023 Annual General Meeting

in St. Martin's Church, Welton le Wold, at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 20th April

Present: Margaret Stubbs (Chairman), Peter J Taylor (Clerk), Karen Couves, Christopher North, Jason Parker, Lesley Smith, Rebekah Stubbs, Margery Ward, Andrew West and District Councillor Richard Fry.

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks: The Chairman welcomed those present.
2. Apologies for Absence: Nigel Evens, Victoria Evens, Jon Hammond.
3. Minutes of AGM, 21st April 2022 were accepted, proposed by Rebekah Stubbs and seconded by Lesley Smith.
4. Matters Arising: none.
5. Hon. Clerk's Annual Report:
Deferred to specific items in the 8.00 p.m. meeting.
6. Hon. Treasurer's Annual Report: Peter Taylor reported on behalf of Amanda Vines, who had prepared a spreadsheet of receipts and payments. No precept had been levied during 2022-2023. Receipts were zero. £660.68 was expended, leaving a total of £914.44 in the bank and £62.38 petty cash. An unusual item on the bank statement was a mistaken payment into our bank account of £4508.00 from East Lindsey District Council, recovered two months later. Approval was proposed by Lesley Smith, seconded by Christopher North and agreed by all.
7. To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23¹:
Peter Taylor explained that monies were protected by the requirement for outgoing payments to have two signatures. Approval was proposed by Lesley Smith, seconded by Christopher North and agreed by all.
8. To approve the Accounting Statements 2022/23². Proposed by Lesley Smith, seconded by Christopher North and agreed by all.
9. To apply for exemption from external audit for the year 2022/23 because the Parish Meeting's annual turnover did not exceed £25,000³. Proposed by Lesley Smith, seconded by Christopher North and agreed by all.
10. Election of Chairman: Margaret Stubbs, proposed by Christopher North, seconded by Lesley Smith and agreed by all.
11. Election of Clerk: Peter Taylor, proposed by Lesley Smith, seconded by Margery Ward and agreed by all.
12. Election of Hon. Treasurer/Responsible Financial Officer: Lesley Smith, proposed by Margery Ward, seconded by Peter Taylor and agreed by all.
13. Election of Internal Auditor: Jeff Brandall, proposed by Christopher North, seconded by Lesley Smith and agreed by all.

¹ Page 5 of Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23 Form 2 PM

² Page 6 of Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23 Form 2 PM

³ Page 3 of Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23 Form 2 PM

14. Election of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator: Peter Taylor was asked to continue in the post. He reported that membership is now 34 households, of 50 households in the Parish. However, Neighbourhood Watch seems to have lost its way, with few Alert messages of neighbourhood or even district interest being posted by the police. But there are messages of nationwide interest concerning internet or telephone scams and occasional messages concerning crimes or other events such as missing persons in Lincolnshire. He forwards almost everything to those who don't receive them directly. The suggestion was made that, because all members can register to receive Alert messages directly from Neighbourhood Watch, the Co-ordinator might stop distributing the messages. Circulating information about local crimes can be done quickly on the village WhatsApp group. He agreed to consider that way forward.

The meeting ended at 8.00 p.m.