

Welwick Parish Council Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, 5th May, 2026 7.00 pm

Welwick Parish Hall

Present: M. Brankley, R. Sowden, C. Roden-Rhodes, J. Wood, G. Hailwood, G. Smith, R. Godfrey

Public: Mrs. L. Baker, Mrs L. Fletcher-Airey, Miss E. Brailsford

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read out, approved and signed (proposed G. Smith, seconded R, Sowden)

1. Election of Chair – after several years in the Chair, M. Brankley wished to step down from the role. It was proposed by G. Smith and seconded by G. Hailwood that the Vice Chair, R. Sowden, become the new Chair. All were in agreement. R. Sowden agreed to take on the role. All members of the parish council thanked M. Brankley for his many years' service in the chair.
2. Election of Vice Chair – it was proposed by G. Smith and seconded by J. Wood that R. Godfrey be the new Vice Chair – R. Godfrey was happy to accept the role.
3. Financial year end - the clerk reported that at the end of the financial year, there was £5389.67 in the parish council account, and she presented the appropriate paperwork. It was agreed that as usual, Mrs P. Kitching be asked to check the accounts prior to them being sent to the auditor.
4. The precept for 2026-2027 which is £4000, is now in the bank.
5. The annual insurance, £259, was paid in January, 2026.
6. Dates of meetings for 2026-2027 – these were decided at the last meeting
7. Letters of thanks – it was agreed that the clerk send these letters:
 - Mr. A. Rowbottom – grass cutting in churchyard
 - Mrs. D. Foster – care of Welwick defibrillator
 - Mr. D. Crossley - care of Weeton defibrillator
 - Mrs. J. Wheelwright – allotment/Village in Bloom
 - Mrs. J. Wilkin – upkeep of church/PCC
 - Mrs. G. Smith – work of the Parish Hall Committee
8. Clerk's salary - it was proposed by G. Smith and seconded by R, Godfrey, that this be increased to £660 p.a, All were in agreement. A cheque was prepared.

The Annual General Meeting was then followed by a normal Parish Council Meeting with the above members and members of the public present

At this point, R. Sowden took the chair. He thanked M. Brankley for all he had done as Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed (proposed R. Godfrey, seconded G. Hailwood)

Matters arising

1. Pride in Place funding. The clerk reported that Graham Stuart M.P. is now a member of the committee that will decide how the money is spent. G. Hailwood has applied to be a member of the committee. Discussion took place on possible ways in which the money could help Welwick and Weeton, and the members of the public in attendance were encouraged to contribute. The following were all considered:

- a rubbish bin on Main Street
- illuminated anti speed signs (the clerk agreed to research costs, R. Sowden agreed to speak to Richard Newsam, about the ones obtained in Skeffling)
- signs stating “Children at Play” (the clerk agreed to research costs)
- measures to prevent car parking in front of Kelk Villas (it was agreed that the clerk write to ERYC once more about this)
- footpath to Patrington – it was felt that the cost of this would be prohibitive

2. Website - the summary of the last meeting was accepted for the website. Three parish councillor profiles are still needed.

3. State of North Lane – G. Hailwood has taken the necessary measurements, but has not yet contacted ERYC, as some yellow markings have appeared on the road, which suggest that some repairs might be imminent. In the meantime, it was agreed that the clerk email Councillor Jon Dimberline again, to see if the repairs are actually due to take place at last.

4. Footpath to Weeton – no repairs have taken place, despite the fact that ERYC sent a letter stating that this would occur. It was agreed that the clerk write to ERYC once again, enquiring about a timescale.

5. Phone box – K. Lockwood was not present, so unable to report back.

6. Roll of Honour – R. Sowden reported that work on this should be complete by Armistice Day.

7. SHAPE – R. Sowden had nothing to report.

Any other business

1. Community Involvement at Aldbrough - the clerk had received information about a possible source of funding for community groups – this was handed to G. Smith as Chair of the Parish Hall Committee.

2. The clerk has received an email from ERYC about whether more salt bins might be required in the parish. It was agreed that an additional salt bin was required and that it

could be placed by the Roll of Honour. The clerk should request this, and in addition mention that North Lane should be added to the winter salting routes.

3. Leaflets etc.

(a) Planning Enforcement Plan

(b) Clerks and Councils Direct magazine

4. A letter had been received from ERYC concerning the possibility of parish councils lodging old minute books/documents at the County Records Office at Beverley. It was felt that these documents are better kept with whoever is clerk at any one time, as they were more accessible.

5. R. Godfrey reported that there had been a water leak on North Lane. He had notified ERYC.

6. There was a report of fly tipping at the western end of the parish.

7. R, Sowden agreed to contact K. Lockwood about the painting of the phone box, as she has now missed three meetings.

8. Provision of dog litter bins – can be considered again, now the precept is in the bank. The clerk agreed to obtain information about costings.

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 16th June, 2026 7.00 pm Welwick Parish Hall

Three cheques were signed:

£20.00 Welwick Parish Hall Committee (hire of hall)

£660.00 S. Clappison (Clerk's salary)

£77.94 S. Clappison – defibrillator parts (replacement cheque)

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.