## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 pm

| <u>PRESENT</u> | Councillors                | Mr. Robert Cross (RC) Chairman<br>Mr. John Storer (RS) |
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|                |                            | Mrs. Maureen Lunn (ML)                                 |
|                |                            | Mrs. Katie Stark (KS)                                  |
|                |                            | Mr. Jake Beaty (JB)                                    |
|                |                            | Mr. Robert Gibson (RG)                                 |
|                |                            | Mr. Stephen Short (SS)                                 |
|                | <b>District Councillor</b> | – Mrs. M Overton (MO)                                  |
|                | Parish Clerk               | - Miss Sarah Brown                                     |

| 05.01.00 | Parish Council annual Report  |  |
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| 05.01.01 | The Clerk and Chairman gave the following report between them.  |  |
|          | The Village Hall Heating system has now been replaced and is working properly after it  |  |
|          | was adjusted. Thank you to Councilor Rod Storer and Mr & Mrs Dales who worked   |  |
|          | closely with DCR to get the heating system installed and working to its optimum, taking   |  |
|          | readings and unlocking the village Hall for them.   |  |
| 05.01.02 | The Parish council spent a grand total of £29,917.08 over the last financial year. £3500 of   |  |
|          | that will be paid back from the Village Hall Committee as their contribution toward the   |  |
|          | heating system. A V.A.T claim will also be going in shortly to recoup the V.A.T the Parish  |  |
|          | Councils paid, which will be paid back into reserves in case of an emergency expenditure  |  |
|          | is needed.  |  |
| 05.01.03 | The next biggest spend was £3,715.00 spent on grass cutting in total in the village.  |  |
|          | £1,320 of that was for cutting the Church Yard grass the rest covered the playing field,  |  |
|          | Castle Hill and the village grass verges.   |  |
| 05.01.04 | Staff costs was the third biggest expenses in the last financial year at £3,355.39.   |  |
| 05.01.05 | Followed by the electricity for the Parish owned streetlights at £1,357.00 which is not a   |  |
|          | metered supply and is calculated by the number of lights supplied.  |  |
| 05.01.06 | The Parish Council is anticipating increased costs on Castle Hill this year as a section of   |  |
|          | fencing needs replacing and tree work will be needed to be completed this year.   |  |
| 05.01.07 | Village parking is still a focus we will be concentrating on, as inconsiderate parking is   |  |
| 05.04.00 | damaging our grass verges around the village.   |  |
| 05.01.08 | The Parish Council ask people not to block driveways and please leave enough space near   |  |
| 05 04 00 | junctions before parking so not to obscure the driver's sight of oncoming hazards.  |  |
| 05.01.09 | As a token of appreciation, a gift and card were presented to Mr Robert Gibson by the   |  |
|          | chairman, from last year's members of the Parish Council, the Clerk and Cllr M Overton<br>for the 11 years Mr R. Gibson has served Welbourn Parish Council. Mr R. Gibson has over |  |
|          |   |  |
|          | that time supported his fellow councilors with sound advice and represented Welbourn  |  |
| 05.02.00 | Parish Council at the Cliff Cluster meetings.   |  |
| 05.02.00 | District & County matters.  |  |
|          | Cllr M Overton gave her report.   |  |
| 05.02.02 | Today North Kesteven District Council had held an induction program for new council   |  |
|          | members. Nineteen new members have been elected all seeming very keen and with  |  |
|          | lots of ideas. Committee places are yet to be decided. Twenty-two Independents and twenty Conservatives were elected into North Kesteven District Council. The AGM is on          |  |
|          | 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2019.  |  |
| 05.02.03 | Cllr M Overton said her main focus is on road improvements as Mill Hill and Moat Lane   |  |
| 03.02.03 | are in a very poor condition yet as they are not grade A or B, they are very low down on  |  |
|          | the list for resurfacing.   |  |
| 05.02.04 | Cllr M Overton is organizing a petition to improve the speed of repairs of potholes and is  |  |
| 05.02.04 | campaigning for safer roads.  |  |
| 05.02.05 | Support networks need renewing for the Elderly after leaving hospital. For those that still   |  |
| 05.02.05 | need care/support as need to rehabilitate after their hospital stay, but not ill enough to  |  |
|          | Thee care, support as need to renabilitate after their hospital stay, but not in enough to  |  |

|                      | warrant a hospital bed yet who's care packages have not been organized yet. Six weeks in  |       |
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|                      | a care center would free up much needed beds in the NHS.  |       |
| 05.03.00             | Community Payback Scheme  |       |
| 05.03.01             | The Parish Council has been investigating using a Community Payback Scheme.   |       |
|                      | The idea is that a team of people of mixed ages (between 18-70years old), gender and  |       |
|                      | backgrounds who are enforced volunteers visit the village and help with maintence and   |       |
|                      | are given a project for example smartening up the moat and the area of CastleHill,  |       |
| 05 02 02             | working to learn new skills, like gardening while contributing to the local area.   |       |
| 05.03.02<br>05.03.03 | The scheme is based at Lincoln Prison and is run by a company called Interserve.  |       |
| 05.05.05             | They drive out groups of 4-6 people with a supervisor in a mini-bus with some manual tools and power tools like strimmer, hedge cutter etc. If the project is large sometimes |       |
|                      | you will get two teams at a charge of £30 per visit.  |       |
| 05.03.04             | Depending on the project you can have a team for an arranged period of say x number of  |       |
| 00100101             | weeks or a team for one day every week.   |       |
| 05.03.05             | The team will complete tasks that have been set out us and in the process the team learn  |       |
|                      | new skills and get to integrate with society building up their personal skills and self-  |       |
|                      | worth.  |       |
| 05.03.06             | Interserve would provide trained supervisors to monitor the project/volunteers and will   |       |
|                      | carry out the legal requirement of risk assessments etc   |       |
| 05.03.07             | We would be asked to provide access to toilets and a dry place with electric that the   |       |
|                      | group could use to sit and have their lunch break in and take cover from any extreme  |       |
| of of of             | weather, heavy rain etc.  |       |
| 05.03.08             | For this scheme to work though it needs the support of the village parishioners, so the   |       |
| 05.03.09             | Parish Council wants to know if everyone agrees with going ahead with the scheme?   |       |
| 05.03.09             | If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk or any of the Parish Councilors and if they cannot answer your question, we will forward it to Interserve to answer.      |       |
| 05.03.10             | The Clerk was asked to put Community Payback Scheme on the next Agenda to discuss   |       |
| 05.05.10             | more once residents' opinions had been obtained.  | Clerk |
| 05.04.00             | Public Forum  |       |
| 05.04.01             | There was three members of the public present.  |       |

There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair, Welbourn Parish Council.

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