

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th APRIL 2007 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

		<u>ACTION</u>
04.01.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME</u> The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
04.02.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> No matters raised.	
04.03.00	<u>PRESENT</u> Mr J R Storer (Chairman), Councillors Mrs M Overton, Mr D Close, Mr W Goodhand, Mr S Short, and Mr B Wildblood. Parish Clerk. Also present for part of the meeting were County Councillor R Phillips, and District Councillor M Wylie.	
04.04.00	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received from Mr M Barry, and Mr S Lawson	
04.05.00	<u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u> No interests declared at this stage of the meeting.	
04.06.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14 th March 2007, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members of the parish council, were approved and signed.	
04.07.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT / FINANCIAL REPORT</u> Copies of the clerk's financial report for April 2007 were handed to members of the parish council prior to the start of the meeting.	
04.08.00	<p><u>DISTRICT COUNCIL/COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS</u></p> <p>a. <u>District Councillor Wylie's Report</u> The meeting informed that there was a problem with one of the public houses in the area in that their licence to sell alcohol was being scrutinised by the District Council's Licensing Authority. An increase in the number of flying hours permitted to the local flying club has now been approved. (<i>The parish council supported the application for the increase</i>) 'Dog fouling'. Parish council's can now prescribe areas that are a problem.</p> <p>b. <u>District Councillor Overton's Report</u> The bio fuel programme was now finished. Navenby was being looked at by the District Council regarding 'Affordable Housing'. Copies of Councillor Overton's full Report have been e-mailed to all Welbourn Parish Councillors</p> <p>c. <u>County Councillor Phillips Report</u> There are now a total of 59 Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) on role in the County. There will be an increase of 4.5% in Council Tax. (Pension funds have to be met) Adult Social Services are out of control. Highways - Funding will be severely limited. There will be a Consultation next January 2008 as to the re-routing of the Lincoln Eastern bypass. A total of 64 fire engines are scheduled to be replaced.</p>	

04.09.00	<u>WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL EXTENSION</u> The deadline for funding applications is 30 th April. The chances of obtaining funds appear not very good.	<u>ACTION</u>
04.10.00	<u>PLANNING MATTERS</u>	
04.10.01	<u>NORTH KESTEVEN LOCAL PLAN - PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS - NKDC's RESPONSE</u> Details of the District Council's response to the parish council's reply regarding the proposed modifications to the Local Plan were given to the meeting.	
04.11.00	<u>PARISH PLAN</u> A 'Village Directory' was now being compiled by WPAG. (Welbourn Plan Action Group).	WPAG
04.12.00	<u>HIGHWAY MATTERS</u> Mr Storer informed the meeting that a representative, from 'Highways', Mrs E Baker, has now visited the village to inspect the damage to one of the walls situated at the junction of Little Lane/High Street. The damage being caused by heavy goods lorries turning from Little lane onto High Street in order to deliver goods to the local public house. The footpath outside the Blacksmith's Shop on The Green was also looked at with the view to improving it's use by parishioners who use electric buggies to get around the village. Further to the visit by 'Highways' a sign will now be fixed either end of Little Lane stating that the lane is unsuitable for use by heavy goods vehicles, and subject to approval of the District Council who own the Blacksmith's Shop, the footpath outside the building will be made so that it is more 'user friendly' for parishioners using electric buggies.	
04.13.00	<u>VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION OF PARISH COUNCIL LAND</u> Mr Close was now in possession of photocopies of the deeds for the parish allotment area, and that the land occupied by the allotments was registered with the Land Registry, and so no further action was required by the parish council.	
04.14.00	<u>THREAT TO RURAL POST OFFICES</u> In reply to Mr Goodhand's letter regarding the threat of closure to various rural Post Offices, further correspondence from our local MP. Douglas Hogg. Q.C. has now been received. Mr Goodhand gave details of the correspondence to the meeting.	
04.15.00	<u>REPORT: - LAUNCH OF PARISH PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES</u> Mr Storer informed the meeting that the launch of 'Parish Partnerships' had been well attended. Various ideas had been put forward by other parish council representatives attending the launch. One being that adjoining parishes should clustered together when playground equipment was being inspected. This should help reduce the cost of the inspection. The new 'Clean Neighbourhood Act' was also given an airing during the launch, especially the section 'Dog Control Order'. This would give parish councils more powers where dog fouling was concerned.	
04.16.00	<u>GRASS CUTTING - FY 2007-2008</u> A letter has been received from Chris Bleaden Ground Maintenance, setting out the new charges for grass cutting for the current financial year.	
04.17.00	<u>PARISH/DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS - THURSDAY 3rd MAY 2007</u> Members of the meeting were reminded as to the date of the forthcoming local elections, and that there were only 6 nominations for councillors to serve on the parish council.	ALL

04.18.00	<p><u>REVIEW OF ANNUAL RENTS: PARISH ALLOTMENTS</u></p> <p>Further to previous discussions regarding the parish allotments, members of the meeting agreed that it was now the right time to review as to what the charges should be to rent one of the allotments.</p> <p>Taking various factors into consideration, Mr Storer proposed to the meeting that the rent per allotment should be increased to £5.00 (Five pounds). Mr Goodhand seconded the proposal. Members of the meeting gave the proposal it's full support.</p>	<u>ACTION</u>
04.19.00	<p><u>PROPOSED WELBOURN FUN WEEKEND: 30th JUNE - 1st JULY 2007</u></p> <p>Details of the proposed 'Welbourn Fun Weekend' were given to the meeting. It was agreed that the parish council, although they didn't wish to be represented at the event, they would give it their full support.</p>	
04.20.00	<p><u>LAUNCH OF ADDITIONAL DOUBLE DECKERS. LINCOLN-GRANTHAM ROUTE</u></p> <p>Mr Storer gave details of the event, which was due to take place Friday next, to members of the meeting. Seven new double deckers are to be added to the fleet of 'buses' which operate on the Lincoln to Grantham route.</p> <p>Mr Storer agreed to represent the council at the event.</p>	
04.21.00	<p><u>FEES: - TRAINING FOR COUNCILLORS & CLERKS</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the council should support the scheme to train parish councillors and clerks, and that the parish council should pay the required fee to the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils (LALC), of £60.00.</p>	
04.22.00	<p><u>AGREEMENTS FOR UNMETERED ELECTRICITY CONNECTIONS</u></p> <p>Details of the correspondence regarding the agreement were given to the meeting by the clerk.</p> <p>It was agreed that Mr Storer should peruse the details of the agreement, and if he agreed with its contents, would sign it on behalf of the Parish Council.</p>	JRS
04.23.00	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p>Rural Links Emda news magazine</p>	
04.24.00	<p><u>CHEQUES</u></p> <p>Payment of the following cheques was approved. Proposed by Mrs Overton, and seconded by Mr Storer: -</p> <p>Powergen.....Energy charges. Footway lighting....£179.94 LALC.....Training Fees.....£060.00 Allianz Cornhill Insurance plc.....Insurance Premium.....£514.00</p> <p>Transfer HICA to CA.....£750.00</p>	
04.25.00	<p><u>MATTERS FOR URGENT DISCUSSION OR FOR NEXT AGENDA</u></p> <p>a. Liaison with Leadenham Parish Council</p>	
04.26.00	<p><u>PRESS RELEASES</u></p> <p>There were no items warranting a press release.</p>	
04.27.00	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 9th May 2007 at 7.30 pm</p>	ALL

There being no further matters to discuss, the chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.28pm