

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th APRIL 2008 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 Mr M Barry, Mr V Brealey, Mr A Copley, Mrs M Overton, Mr. W. Goodhand, and Mr B Wildblood Parish Clerk.	
04.04.00	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies had been received from Mr R Gibson, 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 12 th March 2008, 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 2008 were made available to all members of the meeting. There was no Clerk's Report.	
04.08.00 04.08.01	<u>COUNTY COUNCIL / DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u> 1. <u>District Councillor Wylie's Report:</u> District Councillor Wylie informed the meeting that there appeared to be a problem getting the planning application to get permission for the go-ahead to erect a pair of semi-detached cottages (N72/0208/08) in Hall Orchard Lane, despite the parish council having supported in principle the application. According to the planners at NKDC there was no evidence to support this type of property being built i.e. for first time buyers. The District Council evidently requires some form of 'evidence of need'. It was pointed out to Councillor Wylie that such evidence was set out in The Welbourn Parish Plan. Councillor Wylie will speak to the planners tomorrow regarding the planning application, and in turn the Parish Council will write to the Executive Planning Officer	MW WG
04.08.02	2. <u>District Councillor Overton's Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of District Councillor Overton's April Report had been e-mailed to parish councillors where possible. • The volunteer committee formed to assist with the Cliff Villages Voluntary Car Scheme would like to see a representative from Welbourn joining them for future meetings. There will be roughly 4 meetings a year when the committee will meet, and the scheme has £2k already banked towards it's funding. Future funding could be made through each parish council in the scheme making grants through its Precept requirements. • There is to be a reduction in the opening hours for libraries within the county. A public meeting has been called for April 15th, when the reductions will be discussed. • 21st April will see the start of a Leadenham-Sleaford Connect 'bus service. It is hoped to look if a 'bus service from Leadenham to Newark would be viable or not. 'Bus passes for the existing scheme can only be used after 9.30am. 	

04.08.02 contd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The County Fire Brigade is to be supplied with new matching fire tenders (64 total in number) The police authorities capping exercise for its funding requirements are still ongoing. 	<u>ACTION</u>
04.09.00 04.09.01 04.09.02	<p><u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u></p> <p><u>Mr Barry. Village Hall Committee Representative:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was concern as to the number of times the football pitch area grass was cut. The committee was looking at the possibility of purchasing some new goal posts. It has been suggested that a list of fixtures, plus times be kept for future use of the football pitch area. A first aid box should be made available to teams playing football on the football pitch. <p>The parish council has received a bill to cover ridding the playing field of moles, and the supply of replacement of missing mole traps. Although not everyone present were in favour, Mr Storer proposed, and Mr Brealey seconded that the council should pay the bill. (£246.75)</p>	
04.10.00 04.10.01 04.10.02	<p><u>PLANNING MATTERS</u></p> <p><u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>a. N72/0251/08: Remove temporary limit condition 1 of planning permission N72/0153/07 to allow the permanent flying of noise emitting engine-powered aircraft between the hours of 10.00 and 21.00 Monday to Friday: Land off Dycote Lane, Welbourn</p> <p>b. N72/0257/08: Extension to village hall: Welbourn Village Hall, Beck Street, Welbourn</p> <p>c. AG/0251: Construction of clay lined reservoir for irrigation use: Gartholme Farm, High Street, Welbourn</p> <p>Details of the meetings to discuss the applications were given to members of the meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The request to remove the temporary limit condition of planning permission N72/0153/07 had not been supported. The application to construct an additional reservoir (AG/0251) had been supported in principle, on condition that the area was landscaped, and that the fieldpath which ran through the area was reinstated. <p><u>PLANNING PERMISSIONS</u></p> <p>a. N72/0028/08: Installation of wall mounted wind turbine on south elevation of science building: Sir William Robertson High School, Welbourn</p> <p>b. N72/0112/08: Erection of conservatory to rear of dwelling: 28 Dycote Lane, Welbourn</p> <p>The details of the permissions were given to members of the meeting.</p>	
04.11.00	<p><u>WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT</u></p> <p>Mr Storer gave the meeting an update of progress for the project. The Big Lottery Fund now requires some form of assurance that the parish council owns the land on which the present village hall now stands. In order to do this Mr Storer has now visited the council's solicitors (Wilkin, Chapman, Epton, Blades) in person, and can confirm that they hold the deeds to Welbourn Village Hall, Castle Hill Field, Welbourn Playing Field area, parish allotments, and although not owned by the parish council, the strip of land behind Long Cottage, The Green. The areas in question are also registered with Land Registry. However the land on which the village hall stands on and the play area do not appear to be registered. In order to bring the village hall plot in line with everything else, Mr Storer has asked the solicitor to register the area with the Land Registry. For this there will be a fee of £200.00. Mr Brealey proposed, and Mrs Overton seconded that Mr Storer, as chairman of the parish council should sign all the documents where required on the council's behalf.</p>	

04.12.00	<p><u>UPDATE - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: FLOODING ETC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A representative from the Upper Witham Drainage Board has now met with the chairman. • Top water from the ditch adjacent to the A607 is to be diverted towards Grave's Hill, From here it will be diverted towards The Nookin. • 'Highways' will clear out the blocked drain under the A607. • It was confirmed that there was a verbal agreement with Mr Richard Overton, to form a new dyke from the A607 to The Nookin. The fieldpath, which will cross the new dyke, Will still be usable. • The dyke edge, A607 to Mr Andrews's field will be cleared out. (This will require cable-tracing etc.). • A watching brief is to be convened in order to monitor seepage of water from the reservoir at the bottom of Mill Hill. 	<u>ACTION</u>
04.13.00	<p><u>HIGHWAY MATTERS</u></p> <p>Potholes in the village still require attention.</p>	
04.14.00	<p><u>CLIFF VILLAGES VOLUNTARY CAR SCHEME</u></p> <p>See Councillor Overton's Report.</p>	
04.15.00	<p><u>MAINTENANCE OF TREES: HORSE CHESTNUT, THE GREEN (LEADING TO DYCOTE LANE</u></p> <p>Mr Brealey reported that Nigel Sanderson, County Council Tree Officer has now visited the village, and has carried out a visual inspection of the tree in question. Mr Sanderson has confirmed that the tree appears to be budding nicely, and doesn't require to be felled this year, at least.</p>	
04.16.00	<p><u>LINCOLNSHIRE AGGREGATES LEVY SUSTAINABILITY FUND</u></p> <p>Details of the letter explaining the scheme were given to members of the meeting. It was thought that the scheme might be more beneficial to the Village Hall Committee, and not the parish council. Mr Barry agreed to pass the letter on to them.</p>	MB
04.17.00	<p><u>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING. 2008</u></p> <p>Date of meeting still to be confirmed by clerk. The date of 20th May wasn't convenient for everyone.</p>	BW
04.18.00	<p><u>NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM</u></p> <p>The clerk confirmed that details of the local Neighbourhood Policing Team were now on display on the parish council notice board. A further copy had been put on display in the window of the Information Technology (IT) Room of the village hall.</p>	
04.19.00	<p><u>LOCAL POLICE FORUM: NORTH KESTEVEN AREA: 15th APRIL 2008. METHERINGHAM VILLAGE HALL</u></p> <p>Details of the forum were given to members of the meeting.</p>	
04.20.00	<p><u>VARIOUS DEEDS: CONFIRMATION OF SAFE KEEPING WITH SOLICITORS</u></p> <p>See Para: 04.11.00.</p>	

04.21.00	<p><u>STEPPING OUT WALKS: WELBOURN PARISH</u></p> <p>Mr Goodhand confirmed that he had now responded to the draft leaflet, which sets out the 'Stepping Out Walks' in the parish.</p> <p>A number of observations have been made regarding the draft, namely that: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. St. Chad's is not mentioned anywhere in the leaflet. 2. There is no correct information regarding Welbourn Castle. 3. A number of features in the village are not mentioned. 4. A 'Right of Way' has been missed out. 5. Regarding the Ridge Walk. There is a panoramic view of Trent Valley, not a 'glimpsed view'. 	<u>ACTION</u>
04.22.00	<p><u>BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2008</u></p> <p>It was agreed not to enter the competition.</p>	
04.23.00	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p>What's On. April 2008</p>	
04.24.00	<p><u>CHEQUES</u></p> <p>Payment of the following cheques was approved. Proposed by Mr Copley, and seconded by Mr Barry: -</p> <p>Chris Bleaden Ground Maintenance.....Grass cutting. Village verges etc....£252.04 Chris Bleaden Ground Maintenance.....Mole control. Welbourn Playing Fd..£246.75 Allianz Insurance Plc.....Insurance Premium Renewal.....£536.28 Community Lincs.....CPRE Affiliation Fee.....£025.00</p> <p>Transfer HICA to CA.....£1060.00</p>	
04.25.00	<p><u>MATTERS FOR URGENT DISCUSSION OR FOR NEXT AGENDA</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An invitation has been received from Leadenham Parish Council to join them for their April meeting (14th April), when they have a representative from NKDC talking to them regarding 'Affordable Housing'. Mr Storer agreed to attend the meeting on behalf of Welbourn. 	
04.26.00	<p><u>PRESS RELEASES</u></p> <p>There were no items requiring any 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 14th May 2008 at 7.30pm.</p> <p>Inspection of parish allotments to be carried out prior to meeting. Meet allotment area at 7.15pm.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>

There being no further matters to discuss, the chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.55pm