

# WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2006 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

		<u>ACTION</u>
08.01.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME</u> The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
08.02.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> No matters raised.	
08.03.00	<u>PRESENT</u> Mr J R Storer (Chairman), Councillors Mrs A Broadbent, Mrs M Overton, Mr M Barry, Mr D Close, Mr W Goodhand, Mr S Short, Mr J Wilkinson, and Mr B Wildblood. Parish clerk. Also present for part of the meeting was District Councillor M Wylie.	
08.04.00	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received from Mr S Lawson.	
08.05.00	<u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u> No interests declared at this stage of the meeting.	
08.06.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2006, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members of the parish council, were amended, approved and signed.	
08.07.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT / FINANCIAL REPORT</u> Copies of the clerk's financial report for August were handed to parish councillors at the beginning of the meeting. There was no clerk's report.	
08.08.00	<p><u>DISTRICT COUNCIL / COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS</u></p> <p>District Councillor Wylie gave members of the meeting details as to his meeting with staff at the Leadenham Amenity Waste Disposal Site, which he had attended the previous Saturday. Now having spoken to the County Council Officer responsible for the site, it can be confirmed that the additional opening of the site to the general public will remain as Saturday and Sunday's only. There will be no additional opening times to the public.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. There is no planning permission required for the metal fence which has been erected around the plot of land opposite to Welbourn Post Office</li> <li>3. It has been noted that although the applicant stated that the land opposite to the Post Office has not been developed, this is in fact incorrect. The site has been developed previously, and the buildings (single house, and outbuildings) were demolished c1970.</li> <li>4. The District Council now has a charter for 'Training and Development'.</li> </ol> <p>The meeting was then given an update as to the Draft Local Plan, and what comments the Planning Inspector had made as to the various objections that had been received regarding the Plan. One comment the Inspector had made was that there was too much housing in the District, although 'affordable housing' should be taken into consideration. Once again the Inspector has agreed that the land off Dycote Lane should remain outside the village curtilage.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">District Councillor Marianne Overton referred to her July.....</p>	

	<p>District Councillor Marianne Overton referred to her July report which had been circulated and gave the meeting the following additional information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The County Council has withdrawn from plans to reduce grants to village halls, following significant lobbying. Coleby Village Hall has now been granted their money for phase 2.</li> <li>2. There is likely to be an increase in 'Home Care' charges, and Cllr Mrs Overton has asked for only small increments, to avoid an increase in falls as people try to manage without the care they need.</li> </ol>	<u>ACTION</u>
08.09.00	<u>PLANNING MATTERS</u>	
08.09.01	<p><u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>a. N/72/0595/06 Erection of conservatory: 56 The Green, Welbourn Members of the meeting discussed the application, and it was agreed to support the application</p>	
08.09.02	<p><u>PLANNING MEETINGS</u></p> <p>a. N/72/0803/06 Erection of two storey side, and rear extension: 3 Crosby Lane, Welbourn</p> <p>b. LBC 2061 Rebuild existing outbuilding in stone and re-tile with clay pantiles (retrospective application): Myrtle Cottage, The Green, Welbourn Members of the respective planning meetings had in principle supported both applications. In the case of Myrtle Cottage, members of the meeting had requested that the applicant uses traditional clay pantiles as recommended by the Planning Inspector in his Appeal Decision dated 9 Jan 2006 (Appeal Ref: APP/R2520/E/05/1186475) when the applicant appealed against NKDC's Planning Department's Refusal of Listed Building Consent LBC 1841 dated 17 Feb 05).</p>	
08.09.03	<p><u>PLANNING PERMISSIONS</u></p> <p>a. N/72/0551/06 Erection of two semi-detached houses and associated garages (amended application): Plots 14 &amp; 15 Hall Orchard Lane, Welbourn</p>	
08.09.04	<p><u>PLANNING REFUSAL</u></p> <p>a. N/72/0487/06 Erection of 9 dwellings and associated garages: land off Beck Street Welbourn. Details of the refusal were given to members of the meeting.</p>	
08.09.05	<p><u>AMENDED PLANS</u></p> <p>a. N/72/0136/06 Garage and side extension: Hall Barn, 3 Hall Lane, Welbourn Details of the amended plans were given to the meeting.</p>	
08.10.00	<p><u>REPORT: LIAISON MEETING WITH LEADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL</u></p> <p>The chairman reported that he and Mr Goodhand had attended Leadenham Parish Council's July meeting, and together had discussed the Leadenham Waste Disposal Site, and Primary School provision.</p>	
08.11.00	<p><u>PARISH PLAN</u></p> <p>Mrs Broadbent reported that the village hall committee were now investigating as to where they could apply for grants etc. to enable them to continue with the committee's plans to still go ahead with the village hall extension, for which planning permission was obtained some time ago. The meeting was also informed that the village hall committee now has a chairman, namely Mrs Sue Berridge.</p>	

08.12.00	<p><u>HIGHWAY MATTERS</u> Lincolnshire County Council has now advertised the fact that the 30mph speed limit signs situated in Hall Lane, Cow Lane, and Moat Lane are, providing there are no objections, to be re-sited, and moved nearer to the A607. The meeting then discussed, and agreed that the hedge that is on the playing field boundary should be cut. The lengths of hedge in question bound Moat Lane, and the A607.</p> <p>Members of the meeting then discussed Pottergate, the local newspaper having run an article regarding the speed limits on main roads. It was agreed that perhaps this was the time to take up the directive to see if Pottergate could have some form of road safety scheme imposed on it, given the number of accidents that have occurred over the years on this stretch the highway. Clerk to write to the County Council Highways on the matter, with a copy to The Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership</p>	<b>ACTION</b>
08.13.00	<p><u>PARISH FIELDPATHS</u> The 'railway path' which is part of the stepping out scheme has now been cut. The fieldpath (not part of the stepping out scheme) which goes by Mr Close's has also been cut. The section where it crosses an open field to the A607 still requires to be cut. This however is the field's owner's responsibility. The clerk agreed to speak to the field's owner regarding the problem with the long grass. Members of the meeting agreed that the District council should be written to regarding the state of some of the fieldpaths in the parish, and that council taxpayers were not getting 'value for money'.</p>	
08.14.00	<p><u>PARISH PARTNERSHIPS - DRAFT MAY 2006</u> Mr Lawson, having read the draft document on Parish Partnerships, recommended that the parish council should support the document, and await what ever the outcome is to its contents.</p>	
08.15.00	<p><u>INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT: WELBOURN VILLAGE - SEPTEMBER 2006</u> The event will now take place during the last week of September.</p>	
08.16.00	<p><u>CONSULTATION: PRIMARY SCHOOL PROVISION. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (Update)</u> Mr Goodhand gave the meeting an update as to what was happening as to the consultation regarding 'Primary School Provision'. Having now attended a meeting, which was held at Sleaford on 19<sup>th</sup> July, Mr Goodhand reported that the meeting had been poorly attended. (25 including speakers), and that it had been revealed at the meeting that at least 30 schools in the county had spare spaces, and another 18 were only three-quarters full. The primary age pupil population has fallen by 2,365 to 52,819 in four years (app 4%). The meeting was also given other statistics, which the County Council has published as part of their consultation document. The consultation runs to 12<sup>th</sup> October of this year, and the responses to the consultation will be collected and reported to the Children's Services PDG on 10<sup>th</sup> November next. Mr Goodhand agreed to draft a response document on behalf of the parish council, and that other parishioners should also respond to the consultation. The July edition of the parish magazine also carried an article regarding the consultation. The article urged its readers to speak out in support of both Welbourn and Leadenham Primary Schools, rather than assume that their virtues are already fully appreciated in all quarters</p>	WG/BW

08.18.00	<u>CASTLE HILL FIELD / THE BECK MAINTENANCE</u> The chairman drew the meetings attention to the fact that there was a need to tidy up the area around The Beck, and the Castle Hill Field hedge were it meets with the public footpath. The work to also include strimming the nettles which are overgrowing the footpath in a number of places. Members of the meeting agreed that the work should go ahead, and that the chairman should arrange for this to be done.	ACTION          RS
08.19.00	<u>WASTE BIN. THE GREEN</u> Meeting to agree on colour, size and style of required waste bin at September parish council meeting.	
08.20.00	<u>PROPOSED CUTS TO HOSPITAL SERVICES - GRANTHAM HOSPITAL</u> Mrs Overton gave details as to the meeting she had attended recently regarding the funding cuts that were required to hospital services throughout the county. It appears that there are at least 14 different areas where cuts are required. Consultations on the proposed cuts are due to take place between February - March 2007. Members of the meeting agreed that the parish council should respond now, in order to state the council's concerns as to any proposed cuts, especially if Grantham hospital is part of the cuts. (The Accident and Emergency (A&E) Department, together with the maternity department have been mentioned in the local press). Mr Close agreed to draft a letter of response, and to copy it to parish councillors for prior approval, before it is forwarded on to the appropriate department.	DC/BW
08.21.00	<u>CANCELLATION OF POLICE MERGER</u> Details of the cancellation of the proposed Lincolnshire Police merger with neighbouring police forces were given to the meeting. There had been 3600 'on line' responses to the consultation.	
08.22.00	<u>POLICE AND COMMUNITY FORUM: NORTH KESTEVEN AREA - LEASINGHAM VILLAGE HALL. 7.30pm 26<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2006</u> Details of the venue time and date of the next North Kesteven Area Police and Community Forum were given to members of the meeting.	
08.23.00	<u>WELBOURN FORGE</u> There has now been a change of District Council coordinator for Welbourn Forge. The new contact is Denise Spearman, and can be contacted through the Sleaford tourist bureau office	
08.24.00	<u>RETIREMENT PRESENTATION: Pc ROBERTS</u> The chairman reported that the retirement presentation to Pc 'Andy' Roberts went off without a hitch. A copy of the photograph of the presentation was also put on the front page of the August edition of the parish magazine. A letter of thanks has also been received from Pc Roberts as to his presentation.	
08.25.00	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> Thank you letter: Pc Roberts	
08.26.00	<u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following cheques was approved. Proposed by Mrs M Overton, and seconded by Mr J Wilkinson: -  Sarah Gleave.....Parish Dog Warden Services.....£075.83 Chris Bleaden Ground Maintenance...Grass cutting. Village verges, Castle Hill Field,etc.....£493.81 G W King & Sons.....Grass cutting/trimming. St. Chad's Churchyard £280.00 Transfer HICA to CA.....£850.00	

08.27.00	<p><u>MATTERS FOR URGENT DISCUSSION OR FOR NEXT AGENDA</u>  The following points were discussed as they were not on main agenda: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Plans to re-site the parish council notice board were in-hand</li> <li>b. Details as to next years parish council elections to be displayed in parish magazine</li> <li>c. Mr Goodhand will complete lottery survey form for Castle Hill Field</li> <li>d. Rural Paypoints were discussed</li> <li>e. Letter to be sent to Mr Jack Harmston to thank him for clearing up broken glass scattered around play equipment on Welbourn Playing Field.</li> </ul>	<u>ACTION</u>
08.28.00	<p><u>PRESS RELEASES</u>  There were no items requiring any press release.</p>	
08.29.00	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u>  The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at 7.30pm.</p>	ALL

There being no further matters to discuss, the chairman duly closed the meeting at 10.00pm