

# WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2006 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

		<u>ACTION</u>
12.01.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME</u> The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
12.02.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> No matters raised	
12.03.00	<u>PRESENT</u> Mr J R Storer (Chairman), Councillors Mrs M Overton, Mr D Close, Mr W Goodhand, Mr S Lawson, Mr S Short, Mr J Wilkinson, and Mr B Wildblood. Parish clerk.	
12.04.00	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received from Mr M Barry	
12.05.00	<u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u> No interests declared at this stage of the meeting.	
12.06.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2006, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members of the parish council were approved and signed.	
12.07.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT / FINANCIAL REPORT</u> Copies of the clerk's financial report for December 2006 were handed to parish councillors at the beginning of the meeting. There was no clerk's report.	
12.08.00	<u>DISTRICT COUNCIL / COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS</u> a. District Councillor Overton informed members of the meeting that Council Tax levels for the forthcoming financial year were now being set by the District Council, and that the County Council's grant to the District Council was to be improved. The District Council has proposed that there be an increase of 2% to the Council Tax for FY 2007/2008. b. To assist in the fight against global warming, and to lower the use of burning fossil fuels, there is to be a trial run of burning a new type of bio fuel. The fuel consists of briquettes made with wood waste (sawdust). The briquettes can be mixed in, and burnt along with other types of fuel, such as coal. Distribution of the briquettes is due to start very shortly.	
12.09.00	<u>PLANNING MATTERS</u>	
12.09.01	<u>NOTIFICATION OF AMENDED PLANS</u> a. N/72/0977/06: Erection of two detached houses and associated garages (revised scheme) Plot 4 & 5 Hall Orchard Lane, Welbourn (Information only)	
12.09.02	<u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u> a. N/72/1378/06: Alterations and extension to dwelling: 19 The Nookin, Welbourn b. N/72/1442/06: Increase roof height and extensions to include dormer windows to front and rear: 38 Beck Street, Welbourn Members of the meeting were given details of the site meeting that had been held to discuss the application regarding 19 The Nookin, and the comments that had been made regarding the proposed removal of a number of trees which would be involved in order for the application to go ahead.	

12.09.03	<p>Members of the meeting then agreed that a site meeting be held on Saturday morning next at 9.15am in order to discuss the planning application for 38 Beck Street.</p> <p><u>MEETING – 106 AGREEMENTS-AFFORDABLE HOUSING. NORTH HYKEHAM TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES. 7.00pm TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2006</u></p> <p>Members of the meeting were given details of the proposed meeting that has been arranged by North Hykeham Town Council in order to discuss further, 106 Agreements and Affordable Housing. Mr Goodhand indicated to the meeting that he would attend the meeting on behalf of the parish council. Mrs Overton also said she would attend the meeting.</p>	ACTION
12.10.00	<p><u>VACANCY: WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL</u></p> <p>As there have been no formal requests to hold an election to fill the current vacancy on the parish council, the council can now co-opt someone, providing they fulfill the correct criteria, to fill the vacancy on the parish council.</p>	
12.11.00	<p><u>PARISH PLAN</u></p> <p>Item not discussed.</p>	
12.12.00	<p><u>HIGHWAY MATTERS</u></p> <p>The clerk informed the meeting that it appears there has been a number of occasions when vehicles are leaving the road along Pottergate, and have been damaging the hedgerow. The farmer concerned owning the hedge has been asked by Leadenham Parish Council to monitor the problem, so that County Council Highways can be informed.</p> <p>The fingerpost has been removed from the junction of Pottergate, and Mill Hill. Its renovation is part of a programme to restore all the fingerposts in the county.</p>	
12.13.00	<p><u>CONSERVATION DAY CASTLE HILL FIELD / THE BECK</u></p> <p>The clerk, having now spoken to watchNK regarding setting a date for a conservation day, has been informed that the team involved do not work weekends, and so it isn't possible to use Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2007 as Conservation Day.</p> <p>Members of the meeting agreed to a change of date, the proposed new date being Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2007. The clerk agreed to get in touch with watchNK to see if this date was convenient for them.</p>	BW
12.14.00	<p><u>VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION OF PARISH COUNCIL LAND</u></p> <p>Mr Close informed the meeting that the registration of the playing field area was now complete, and that the land was now registered officially with the Land Registry. The parish council will keep a copy of the registration on file. The deeds to the village hall, and the allotment area require to be traced now, so that these can be registered also.</p>	
12.15.00	<p><u>PUBLIC CONSULTATION: REVIEW OF REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY FOR THE EAST MIDLANDS</u></p> <p>As agreed at the November meeting of the parish council, members of the meeting discussed the document regarding the Review, the document itself having been left in the IT Room in order to allow any parish councillor to read it for themselves.</p> <p>Mr Goodhand having already responded to the District Council on behalf of the parish council regarding the document gave the meeting details of his response. Members of the meeting once having heard the details, agreed that a similar response be made back to the East Midlands Assembly, who in the first place had initiated the public consultation regarding the Review. A copy of the response was handed to the parish clerk for the parish council records.</p> <p>The chairman then thanked Mr Goodhand on behalf of the parish council for studying the document in the first place, and for his responses to it.</p>	WG

12.16.00	<p><u>SCOPING REPORT CONSULTATION: RIVER WITHAM CATCHMENT FLOOD MANAGEMENT PLAN</u></p> <p>Mr Wilkinson agreed to study the contents of the document setting out the details of the report in question, and to respond to it on behalf of the parish council, should a response be necessary.</p>	<p><u>ACTION</u></p> <p>JW</p>
12.17.00	<p><u>FOOTWAY LIGHTING UPGRADE PROGRAMME</u></p> <p>Details as to the written quote received from ABB Ltd to upgrade two more footway lights to Philips FGS 104-36 watt PL lanterns, were given to the meeting. The lights in question being situated a) Dycote Lane, and b) The Green. The quotes received were 1. To replace 2 old pole brackets, lanterns, c/w all night photocells would be £300.00 plus VAT and in addition, 2. To provide new plastic electricity supply boxes and overhead connections to the lights would be £446.00 plus VAT.</p> <p>Mr Lawson proposed that the quotes be accepted. This was seconded by Mrs Overton. Members of the meeting were in favour of the proposal.</p>	
12.18.00	<p><u>PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARD</u></p> <p>The clerk told members of the meeting that he was finding it very difficult now to gain access to the wooden notice board that was attached to the front of the local post office and stores. It was agreed to have site meeting next Saturday morning to consider how the problem of access could be resolved.</p>	
12.19.00	<p><u>HOSPITAL CAR SCHEME</u></p> <p>The chairman gave details regarding the North Kesteven voluntary scheme, which could possibly solve the problem that was being encountered regarding the village hospital car scheme.</p> <p>The scheme is run by Volunteer Centre, North Kesteven, and will provide transport to enable people to attend hospital appointments, or visits to the local doctor's surgery. The transport is booked through the volunteer centre which is based at Sleaford, telephone number: 01529 415417. At present there is a cost of 40 pence per mile to the person requiring the transport. (This will also include mileage to and from the driver's home). This is paid direct to the driver, and the person using the transport should ask for a receipt from the driver.</p> <p>Details of the scheme to be published in the parish magazine.</p>	
12.20.00	<p><u>FLAGPOLE. VILLAGE HALL</u></p> <p>The chairman gave details as to the complaint he had received regarding the flagpole outside the village hall. The problem with the flag rope has now been resolved. The problem was caused by the flagpole being vandalised earlier in the year. Work to make good the flagpole was now in hand.</p>	
12.21.00	<p><u>OLD CO-OPERATIVE STORES. THE GREEN</u></p> <p>Civil Defence Supply has now responded to the parish council's letter, which had set out its concern as to the state of repair of the building, which the firm owns on The Green. Their letter of response states that they have every intention of conducting a complete refurbishment of the building sometime in Spring 2007.</p>	
12.22.00	<p><u>PRECEPT: BUDGET REQUIREMENTS FY 2007-2008</u></p> <p>The clerk reminded members of the meeting that during January 2007 the District Council will require details as to what Precept was required for the forthcoming financial year.</p>	
12.23.00	<p><u>COMPLETION OF ACCOUNT AUDIT FY 2005-2006</u></p> <p>Members of the meeting were informed that the auditor Moore Stephens has now signed off the account audit for FY 2005-2006, and that the audit was now complete.</p>	

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12.24.00	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>  Travel &amp; Transport Briefing. November 2006 LCC  Road Lincs: Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership  County Circular November 2006 LCC  Links  Register of Electors (One copy per parish councillor)</p>	
10.25.00	<p><u>CHEQUES</u>  Payment of the following cheques was approved. Proposed by Mr Goodhand, and seconded by Mr Storer: -</p> <p>G W King &amp; Sons.....Grass cutting/strimming  St.Chad's churchyard.....£174.00  Powergen.....Energy charges. Footway lighting.....£181.00  British Telecommunications plc...Telephone Account....IT Room.....£048.82  M R Holmes.....Reimbursement. Materials.Refurbishment  Repair Picnic Table. Castle Hill.....£105.85  Moore Stephens.....Fees. Account Audit FY 2005/06.....£141.00  B Wildblood.....Parish clerks quarterly salary Oct/Dec 06.....£250.00  B Wildblood.....Parish clerk's quarterly expenses.Oct/Dec 06...£045.00  ArbreCare Tree Services.....Fell 2 No trees. Castle Hill.....£090.00</p> <p><i>Intergenerational Week - 20<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> September 06 (Grant aided)</i></p> <p>Viva Imaging Ltd.....Display panel to magnet vinyl.....£293.75  Transfer HICA to CA.....£1330.00</p>	
12.26.00	<p><u>MATTERS FOR URGENT DISCUSSION OR FOR NEXT AGENDA</u>  a. There were no items for urgent discussion.  b. Item for January's Agenda: Rural Post Offices</p>	
12.27.00	<p><u>SOGGIN LANE</u>  Mrs Overton declared a 'personal interest' regarding Soggin Lane, and did not take part in the discussion.  Mr Goodhand gave remaining members of the meeting an update as to the 'status of Soggin Lane'. The map received from the County Council did not shed any light on the matter, and neither was information received from Ordnance Survey helpful in assisting with solving the matter in hand.</p>	
12.28.00	<p><u>PRESS RELEASES</u>  There were no items warranting any press releases.</p>	
12.29.00	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u>  The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at 7.30pm.</p>	ALL

There being no further matters to discuss, the chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.35pm