

# WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2008 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

		<u>ACTION</u>
02.01.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME</u> The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
02.02.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> No matters raised	
02.03.00	<u>PRESENT</u> Mr. J.R Storer, (Chairman), Councillors Mr M Barry, Mr V Brealey, Mr R Gibson, Mr. W. Goodhand, Mr. S. Lawson, Mrs M Overton, and Mr B Wildblood Parish Clerk. Also present was District Councillor M Wylie.	
02.04.00	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies had been received from Mr A Copley, and from the Police Team. Bracebridge Heath.	
02.05.00	<u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u> No interests declared at this stage of the meeting.	
02.06.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2008, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members of the parish council, were approved, and signed.	
02.07.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT / FINANCIAL REPORT</u> Copies of the clerk's Financial Report for February 2008 were made available to all members of the meeting. There was no Clerk's Report.	
02.08.00	<p><u>COUNTY COUNCIL / DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u></p> <p>District Councillor Wylie asked what were the Council's views regarding the planning application to erect palisade fencing to the front of The New Forge at Leadenham (Welbourn Parish). Mr Goodhand explained that a site meeting had been held, and that members of the meeting had spoken with one of the directors of the firm in question. Screening had been recommended to soften the impact of the proposed fence on the local surrounding countryside</p> <p>Mr Goodhand then informed Councillor Wylie that 14 days to respond to 'tree planning applications' was not enough.</p> <p>District Councillor Overton thanked the Parish Council for their support at the parish cluster meeting that had been held at Waddington.</p> <p>Councillor Overton then continued by reporting that: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a meeting scheduled to be held at Navenby to discuss Voluntary Car Schemes on the 18<sup>th</sup> February next. It was hoped to have a common co-ordinator for the Cliff Villages</li> <li>• There were a number of bungalows (sheltered accommodation) available now in Manor Close for anyone over the age of 60 years of age.</li> <li>• Clusters of District Councils can compete for any affordable housing.</li> <li>• Navenby Play Area is now open. There is no available parking area.</li> <li>• The traffic increase in Lincolnshire is 17%</li> <li>• It is proposed to move the Lincoln Eastern Bypass further out.</li> <li>• More housing will create funds to construct the infrastructure for the development</li> </ul>	

02.08.00 contd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The District Council only gets 10% of council tax raised. The remainder goes to the County Council.</li> </ul> <p>District Councillor Overton's February Report had been e-mailed to parish councillors where possible, together with hard copies where parish councillors didn't have e-mail facilities.</p>	<u>ACTION</u>
02.09.00	<p><u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u> Mr Barry, Welbourn Village Hall Committee, and Parish Council representative has recommended that the Committee that they should have an 'Events Register' in order to record as to - a) How many attended the event? b) What income was raised? c) Weather conditions.</p>	
02.10.00	<p><u>CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS</u> The Chairman welcomed Mr Gibson to the meeting, Mr Gibson having shown his interest in to being co-opted onto the Parish Council. Mr Storer proposed that their co-option onto Welbourn Parish Council should go ahead. Mr Brealey seconded the proposal. Members of the meeting were in full agreement with the proposal. Mr Gibson then signed all the required documentation as to his 'Acceptance of Office'.</p>	
02.11.00  02.11.01          02.11.02    02.11.03	<p><u>PLANNING MATTERS</u></p> <p><u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PL\0167\07: To establish a large waste pre-treatment facility for the recycling of non-Hazardous waste material: Leadenham Landfill and Stone Quarry, Pottergate Road, Leadenham</li> <li>N72/1526/07: Erection of 2.4m palisade fencing fronting A607: The New Forge, Grantham Road, Leadenham, Lincoln. (Welbourn Parish)</li> <li>N72/0028/08: Installation of wall mounted wind turbine on south elevation of science building: Sir William Robertson School, Main Road, Welbourn</li> <li>Notification of intention to fell, lop, top or uproot trees in a Conservation Area: -       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CA73-71: Various trees: St. Chad's churchyard, Welbourn</li> <li>CA73-72: Yew tree: Rose Cottage, The Nookin, Welbourn</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>Details of the applications were given to members of the meeting, together with comments made at the various site meetings that had been held to discuss them.</p> <p><u>PLANNING PERMISSIONS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N72/1406/07: Erection of detached house: Damson Dene, 21 Crosby Lane, Welbourn</li> <li>N72/0984/07: Extension &amp; alterations to dwelling: 53 High Street, Welbourn</li> </ol> <p>Details and Conditions of the permissions were given to members of the meeting.</p> <p><u>NORTH KESTEVEN LANDSCAPE CHARACTER ASSESSMENT</u> Details of the assessment can be found by logging on to the District Council's Web Site: - <a href="http://n-kesteven.gov.uk/section.asp?docid=4250">http://n-kesteven.gov.uk/section.asp?docid=4250</a></p>	
02.12.00	<p><u>WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT</u> £20k has been already allocated to the project at this stage in order to begin getting plans, planning permissions etc. prepared for the next stage of the Lottery application. Mr Storer remarked that he was concerned as to some of the legal requirements required in order for the group involved to apply for further grants from the Big Lottery Fund.</p>	WVHPG

02.13.00	<p><u>UPDATE - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: FLOODING ETC</u> The chairman gave the meeting his progress report regarding what has been happening as regards work being carried out to prevent any future flooding in the village.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A lot of work has now been carried out to dykes in the parish.</li> <li>• A meeting has been held with County Council Highways in order to discuss the road between Welbourn and Brant Broughton. Work to clear some of the ditches has started, but there is a problem with spoil at the moment. The road needs to be closed in order to carry out any further work.</li> <li>• As for drainage on the A607, the dykes have now been cleaned out. It is hoped to obtain further advice from the Upper Witham Drainage Board. There may be a fee.</li> <li>• The dyke in The Nookin will be cleaned out at a later date.</li> <li>• It is hoped to construct an additional culvert under the A607 near to the bungalow next to the playing field. (Mr Briggs).</li> </ul>	<u>ACTION</u>
02.14.00	<p><u>HIGHWAY MATTERS</u> There were quite a number of potholes along Pottergate Road, close to South Barn Farm.</p>	
02.15.00	<p><u>REPORT: PARISH CLUSTER (CLIFF VILLAGES) MEETING. 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2008. WADDINGTON</u> £4k has been earmarked to fund a speed camera, and a local Hospital Car Scheme for the Cliff Village Cluster.</p>	
02.16.00	<p><u>CONSULTATION: ORDERS AND REGULATION RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS IN ENGLAND. COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT</u> Members of the meeting discussed the document.</p>	
02.17.00	<p><u>PUBLIC CONSULTATION: JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE STRATEGY FOR LINCOLNSHIRE</u> Mr Goodhand has read through the document, and Mr Lawson has agreed to complete the questionnaire on behalf of the parish council.</p>	SL
02.18.00	<p><u>QUOTE: UPGRADE FOOTWAY LIGHTING</u> Quotes to replace the mercury type lanterns with Philips FGS 104-36 watt PL types, adjacent to the old Coop shop, The Green and to No 10 Beck Street have been received. The quotes given are £150.00 each plus VAT. It has also been recommended that the lantern to the streetlight adjacent to The Joiners Arms, High Street, be also replaced. The meeting agreed that the quotes are accepted, and all three lanterns replaced.</p>	BW
02.19.00	<p><u>VOLUNTARY CAR SCHEMES</u> Mrs Overton asked that Welbourn sends a representative on 18<sup>th</sup> February next to the meeting due to be held in Navenby, and that the Council gives a donation towards the scheme. Volunteer drivers also should be asked for via the Two Villages magazine.</p>	
02.20.00	<p><u>GRASS CUTTING: FY 2008-2009</u> The price increase for the next financial year to cut the various grassed areas in the village will be increased by 3%. Mr Brealey proposed that the parish council should accept the price increase, subject to it being confirmed in writing by the contractor. Mr Barry seconded the proposal. Clerk to ask contractor to confirm the details of the increase.</p>	BW
02.21.00	<p><u>BIRD SCARING DEVICES</u> The chairman has received a complaint from a member of the public, a Mr Oakley, regarding the use of bird scarers in the area. He stated his opposition to bird scaring devices, and felt that the gas guns used scare him a lot, and he feels that this is unfair. Members of the meeting agreed that bird scarers are only used during daylight hours, and that it was felt that this is part of living in the countryside. The parish council felt that some noises come from the Leadenham Waste Disposal Site, and others come from scarers that</p>	

02.21.00 contd.	Are far outside the village. Mr Oakley has been asked to ascertain as to where the noises he hears are coming from, and the parish council will endeavour to address the problem as asked by Mr Oakley.	<u>ACTION</u>
02.22.00	<u>AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS; FY 2006-2007</u> Moore Stephens have now audited the accounts for FY 2006-2007. External Auditors. Mr Storer proposed that Mrs Bull be reimbursed for the time she took in order to carry out the Internal part of the audit. This was seconded by Mrs Overton, and supported by the remaining members of the meeting. Cheque to the value of £50.00 to be sent to Mrs Bull. Notice of the completion of the audit to go on parish notice board.	BW
02.23.00	<u>APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS: FY 2008-2009</u> The Audit Commission has appointed Clement Keys as the Council's external auditor for the next five year period, commencing with the 2007/08 accounts.	
02.24.00	<u>NKDC COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS 2007-2008</u> Mr Lawson agreed to complete the necessary documentation.	SL
02.25.00	<u>LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS FORUM. 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2008</u> <u>CRANWELL VILLAGE HALL</u> It was hoped that Mr Storer, and Mr Lawson will attend the forum on behalf of the Council.	
02.26.00	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> Visit of Mobile Police Station. 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2008. 9.30am to 12.00 mid-day Local Crime Community Sentence VAT Claim. FY2006-2007: £1193.21 What's on. February 2008 Thank you letter. Mr & Mrs Taylor. Crosby Lane	
02.27.00	<u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following cheques was approved. Proposed by Mrs Overton, and seconded by Mr Lawson: -  Moore Stephens.....External Account Audit. FY2006/2007.....£158.63 ABB Ltd.....Replacement of faulty lantern. The Green.....£164.50 Welbourn Village Hall Management Committee Hire of village hall. Neighbourhood Watch meeting 24 <sup>th</sup> July 07.....£017.50 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct 07.....£012.50 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 08.....£012.50 Mrs E Bull.....Internal Audit of Accounts.....£050.00 Transfer HICA to CA.....£100.00	
02.28.00	<u>MATTERS FOR URGENT DISCUSSION OR FOR NEXT AGENDA</u> a. Annual Parish Meeting b. Village Hall Lottery Grant	
02.29.00	<u>PRESS RELEASES</u> There were no other items requiring any press release.	
02.30.00	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 7.30pm.	ALL

There being no further matters to discuss, the chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.40pm