

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2010 IN WELBOURN C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL, HIGH STREET,
WELBOURN AT 7.30pm

PRESENT

Mr. J.R. Storer, Chairman
 Councillors: Mr W Goodhand (WEG), Mr S Lawson (SL), Mr V Brealey (VB), Mr S Short (SS), Mrs A Walker (AW), Mr A Gibson (BG)
 District Councillors: M Wylie (MW) and M Overton (MO)
 Mr Goodhand recorded the meeting.
 Also present for part of the meeting were PC P Hanson and PCSO S Lingard.

		ACTION
02.01.00	<p><u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> PC Hanson reported that, in January, there had been but a case of a shed burglary. He added that the Police were concerned about local incidents of fly tipping and asked residents to report all incidents to the Police with as much detail as possible. He remarked that in cases where household debris is dumped both the householder and the dumper are culpable in law. He also reported that the Speed Indicator Device (SpID) needed further repairs. A group from Nottinghamshire suspected of several criminal incidents had left the area.</p>	
02.02.00	<p><u>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</u> The Chairman pointed out that the budget for the Village Hall Project which was now nearing completion was very tight. An extension to the Car Park was an urgent priority but lacked funding. Volunteers would soon be needed to refurbish the Parish Office by transferring documents and furnishings from the container now parked on the playing field. Straw bales had been placed in the Beck to help keep the water clear of nitrate-based pollutants.</p>	
02.03.00	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u> Mr Copley was away on business. Mr McBeath was away on holiday.</p>	
02.04.00	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007 (SI2007/1159)</u> No interests declared.</p>	
01.05.00	<p><u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 13th January 2010, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved. Proposed VB. Seconded SS.</p>	
02.06.00	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u> Copies of the Clerk's report were given to the meeting. The Chairman highlighted a number of points from the report: It had been confirmed that the Village Hall and Playing Fields, the Allotments and Castle Hill were registered at the Land Registry as belonging to the Parish Council. Only Bell Tree Green, however was, registered with the LCC as a village green. The Clerk now had the necessary documents for registering further items as greens. Work was in hand with LCC to clear blocked gullies at the foot of Mill Hill and the top of Hall Lane. A complaint had been received that the hedge at Willow Cottage was encroaching onto the foot path. It would be useful in the year to come to review the Annual Parish Meeting, Risk Assessment policy, Parish assets, emergency planning and Standing Orders.</p>	

02.07.00	<p><u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u></p> <p>The Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) produced copies of the current balance sheet which showed that the Council were still within the projected annual budget. Expenditure to date was £11,701. The Chairman reminded Council that more expenses should be anticipated in setting up the refurbished Village Hall, specifically the repair of the fence between the Beck and the Hall and installation of protective bollards and a chain to keep vehicles off the playing fields. Works to be undertaken by the Village Handyman during the next financial year would need to be agreed at the next Meeting.</p>	<p><u>ACTION</u></p> <p>ALL</p>
02.08.00	<p><u>COUNTY COUNCIL / DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u></p> <p>Councillor Wylie reported that the recent Cluster Meeting had discussed methods of dealing with traffic anticipated for the Waddington Air Show. These included extra admission gates and interception of traffic further out to avoid local conflicts. He recommended that the Council write to NKDC setting out the local needs which could be funded under Condition 6 of the Planning Permission for the former Brook House site.</p> <p>Councillor Overton drew attention to the revised formula for funding additional needs for schools which would probably disadvantage rural primary schools. She noted that future budgets for local government would be tight and that LCC had particularly resolved to cut back on highway expenditure (by as much as 30% !!). She pointed out that it was proposed to close care homes in Sleaford and Grantham (Bonner House and Harrison House respectively) . This was much to be regretted as they provide excellent respite care for their residents.</p>	<p>WEG</p>
02.09.00	<p><u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u></p>	
02.09.01	<p><u>Allotments</u> Councillor Walker reported that new plots would be allocated in March with Welbourn residents having priority. There had been 10 applicants in all. Rents for 2010/11 would be £20 per full plot and £10 per half plot.</p>	<p>AW</p>
02.09.02	<p><u>Cliff Villages Cluster Meeting</u> Councillor Gibson reported that the SpID was not working well to date. There was still some current-development funding available.</p>	
02.09.03	<p><u>Planning and Countryside</u> Councillor Goodhand suggested that we follow up the idea mentioned at the January Meeting with a more detailed appraisal of Welbourn's needs in affordable housing based on the Village Plan and Appraisal. He stated that DEFRA had advised that their inspection did not support the case for recording Castle Hill Field as solely agricultural land. Natural England were being approached with a view to establishing a Countryside Stewardship agreement covering this land.</p>	<p>WEG</p>
02.10.00	<p><u>PLANNING MATTERS</u></p>	
02.11.01	<p><u>Planning Permissions</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
02.11.02	<p><u>Planning Applications</u> The owner of no 11 Beck Street had appealed against the decision to refuse permission for his car port.</p>	
02.11.00	<p><u>VILLAGE HALL PROJECT</u></p> <p>The Village Hall Project was still on schedule with handover anticipated by the end of the first week of March. Funds were still very tight to ensure all the desired outcomes.</p>	
02.12.00	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NKDC: invitation to a Standards Committee meeting. 2. LCC: Good Citizens awards. No details available to the meeting. 3. LALC: Invitation to renew annual subscription at £65. 	

	4. Cliff Villages Voluntary Car scheme. Current invoice and details of the scheme had been distributed to members.	<u>ACTION</u>
02.13.00	<u>CHEQUES.</u> Payment of the following cheques was approved: Cliff Villages Voluntary Car Scheme £20.23 Clerk's Salary 14.10.09 to 31.12.09 £385.25 HMRC for Clerk's PAYE £94.21 Clerk's salary Jan £146.13 Post Office (Clerk's' PAYE) £36.60	
02.14.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Members requested that the following items be put on the Agenda for the next meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allotments. 2. Condition of highways in the village and 3. The Beck 	
02.15.00	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 10 th March 2010 at 7.30pm in the Primary School.	ALL

There being no further matters to discuss, the chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

Copies to:

All PC Members

County Councillor R Phillips.

District Councillors M Wylie and M Overton.

Beat Manager: PC Hanson, Bracebridge Heath Police Station