

# WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2007 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

02.01.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME</u> The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.	<u>ACTION</u>
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 D Close, Mr W Goodhand, Mr S Lawson, Mr S Short, and Mr B Wildblood. Parish clerk. Also present was Mrs N Buckingham and representatives from the 'Village Hall Extension' Parish Plan Action Group.	
02.04.00	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received from Mrs M Overton	
02.05.00	<u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u> No interests declared at this stage of the meeting.	
02.06.00	<u>VILLAGE HALL EXTENSION</u> Bids for funding to pay for the proposed extension were in hand. One source being the 'Big Lottery Building Fund'. It will be August before anyone knows if the application is successful. It was proposed by Mr Storer, and seconded by Mr Close, subject to two minor amendments to the 'Terms of Reference', that the parish council should accept them. Members of the parish council present at the meeting fully supported the proposal. An update regarding the progress in obtaining funding etc. will be given to the parish council at their monthly meeting.	
02.07.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2007, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members of the parish council were approved and signed.	
02.08.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT / FINANCIAL REPORT</u> Copies of the clerk's financial report for February 2007 were handed to parish councillors at the beginning of the meeting. The clerk also gave the meeting his report. for the month of February.	
02.09.00	<u>DISTRICT COUNCIL / COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS</u> No matters raised	
02.10.00	<u>PLANNING MATTERS</u>	
02.10.01	<u>PLANNING PERMISSIONS</u> a. N/72/1378/06: Alterations and extensions to dwelling: 19 The Nookin, Welbourn Details of the permission were given to the meeting.	
02.10.02	<u>OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSIONS</u> a. N/72/1306/04: Residential development: Borfa-Wen Farm, Hall Orchard Lane, Welbourn Details of the permission were given to the meeting.	

02.10.03	<u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u> a. N/72/0051/07: Single storey extension: Swallow Barn, The Nookin, Welbourn Details of the application were given to the meeting.	<u>ACTION</u>
02.10.04	<u>NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO FELL, LOP, TOP, OR UPROOT TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA</u> a. CA72/84: Fell 7 No Poplar trees: Orchard House, 3 Poplar Court, Welbourn b. TPO N363/3: 3 No Silver Birch: Reduce height by 50% and shape branches: Orchard House, 3 Poplar Court, Welbourn It was agreed to convene a site meeting for Saturday morning next, at 9.30am to discuss the application.	
02.10.05	<u>REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION</u> a. N/72/1442/06: Increase roof height and extensions to include dormer windows to front and rear: 38 Beck Street, Welbourn. Details of the refusal were given to members of the meeting.	
02.11.00	<u>CASUAL VACANCY: WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL</u> The chairman, having invited Mrs Buckingham to the meeting, gave members of the meeting details regarding Mrs Buckingham's wishes as to her being considered by members of the parish council to be co-opted onto the council. After a short discussion Mr Storer proposed, and Mr Close seconded the proposal that Mrs Buckingham should be co-opted onto the parish council. Members of the meeting supported the proposal unanimously. Subject to signing an 'Acceptance of Office and Local Code of Conduct' and a 'Declaration of Interests' Mrs Buckingham will now be able to participate in parish council business.	
02.12.00	<u>PARISH PLAN</u> Mr Close gave the meeting details as to a number of events the Parochial Church Council were possibly planning for the villagers to participate in during the forthcoming summertime, Castle Hill field being an ideal venue for most of the events.	
02.13.00	<u>HIGHWAY MATTERS</u> It had been noted that the road sign at the junction of the A607 with Hall Lane had been demolished. Clerk still to check if the 'finger post' that was at the junction of Mill Hill, and Pottergate is away being refurbished.	BW
02.14.00	<u>SPEED CHECKS. A607</u> As a follow on from the Neighbourhood Watch meeting when a number of parishioners had complained as to what appeared to be excessive speeds being carried out by drivers using the A607, and on taking advice from the Rural Sector Inspector based at Bracebridge Heath Police Station, it was agreed to write to the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership to request that such speed checks be made on the A607.	BW
02.15.00	<u>THREAT TO RURAL POST OFFICES</u> Mr Goodhand had the parish council's response to the consultation in hand.	WG
02.16.00	<u>PURCHASE OF DISPLAY CABINET(S) WELBOURN FORGE</u> It was confirmed that the parish council would act as sponsors if and when any display cabinets were obtained.	
02.17.00	<u>BIDS FOR PROVISION OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT: LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (LALC)</u> Mr Storer gave the meeting details as to the scheme by which the parish council could obtain computer equipment, and software through LALC at very low cost (£50). It was agreed to bid for a 'laptop' for the council to use. The equipment will also supplement the Information Technology (IT) room equipment.	

02.18.00	<u>FOOTWAY LIGHTING</u> The clerk gave the meeting an update regarding what lamps still required to be upgraded as part of the council's plan to improve the footway lighting in the village. There were still a total of 15 lamps that required to be upgraded.	<u>ACTION</u>
02.19.00	<u>CONSULTATION: - AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS</u> Mr Close agreed to study the document to see if there were any changes that may affect parish councillors.	
02.20.00	<u>CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PROVISION REVIEW PANELS: LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL</u> Details of the call for the nominations for the Primary School Provision Review Panels were given to members of the meeting. Mrs Buckingham, having now been co-opted onto the parish council, told the chairman that she would be interested in taking on such a role.	
02.21.00	<u>QUESTIONNAIRE: LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY</u> Mr Lawson agreed to respond to the questionnaire.	SL
02.22.00	<u>LETTER TO CHIEF CONSTABLE. LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE FORCE</u> The parish council has now received a number of letters in response to their letter which had originally been written to the Chief Constable as to the concerns of village residents concerns regarding the high number of undetected break-ins that have recently occurred in the village	
02.23.00	<u>LETTER RE: - NOMINATIONS – WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL &amp; PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE</u> In reply to the Village Hall Committee's letter asking for nominations from the parish council to serve on the village hall committee, Mr Barry said that he would represent the council as and when necessary. Other nominations were Mrs Buckingham, and Mr Wilkinson, although this could change when the May Parish Council Elections take place in May this year. At least one representative will endeavour to attend any of the committee meetings.	
02.24.00	<u>LETTER RE: - REQUEST FOR TREE HOUSE, DYCOTE LANE</u> The chairman gave details as to a letter that has been received from one of the younger residents living in Dycote Lane asking that the parish council build a tree house that children could go and play in. After much discussion, it was agreed that due to Health & Safety requirements, and the question of insurance for anyone using such a facility, the request for the tree house was not possible at this stage to agree to. Location was also a factor, which played a big part in the decision, as the council did not own any land in Dycote Lane. The chairman agreed to reply to the applicant on behalf of the council. Members of the meeting asked that the letter should also contain details of the parish council's admiration for the applicant's enterprise in asking for the tree house in the first place.	
02.25.00	<u>NORTH KESTIVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT</u> Document to be left in IT room so that councillors can read it for themselves.	
02.26.00	<u>MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: - CAMPAIGN FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND</u> It was agreed to renew the council's membership to the group.	
02.27.00	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> As discussed by chairman	

02.28.00	<u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following cheques was approved. Proposed by Mr Short, and seconded by Mr Close: -  Welbourn Village Hall Committee.....Hire of village hall. Neighbourhood Watch Meeting £012.50 Powergen.....Energy charges.Footway lighting.....£181.92 Anglian Water.....Water meter charges. Castle Hill Field.....£010.30 Welbourn Village Hall Committee.....Hire of village hall. Intergenerational Week £653.00  Transfer HICA to CA.....£857.00	<u>ACTION</u>
02.29.00	<u>MATTERS FOR URGENT DISCUSSION OR FOR NEXT AGENDA</u> No matters raised	
02.30.00	<u>PRESS RELEASES</u> There were no items warranting any press releases.	
02.31.00	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2007 at 7.30pm	ALL

There being no further matters to discuss, the chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.52pm