

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th JULY 2007 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00pm

		<u>ACTION</u>
07.01.00	<p><u>CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME</u> The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
07.02.00	<p><u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> The following matters were raised by members of the public, and discussed later in the meeting by the Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Bus stop. The Green • Flooding. A607, Cow Lane, Moat Lane, Mulberry Court + other areas in parish. 	
07.03.00	<p><u>PRESENT</u> Mr. J.R Storer, (Chairman), Councillors Mr V Brealey, Mr A Copley, Mr. W. Goodhand, Mr. S. Lawson, and Mr B Wildblood Parish Clerk. Also present were District Councillor M. Wylie, County Councillor R Phillips, and two members of the public.</p> <p>Councillor V Brealey and A Copley each signed their copies of 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office/Local Code of Conduct' at the start of the meeting.</p>	
07.04.00	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received from Mr M Barry, Mrs M Overton, and Mr S Short</p>	
07.05.00	<p><u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u> No interests declared at this stage of the meeting.</p>	
07.06.00	<p><u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th June 2007, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members of the parish council, were approved, and signed.</p>	
07.07.00	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT / FINANCIAL REPORT</u> Copies of the clerk's Financial Report for June were made available to all members of the meeting. There was no Clerk's Report.</p>	
07.08.00	<p><u>DISTRICT COUNCIL / COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS</u> District Councillor Wylie brought members of the meeting their attention to the following matters: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph 12 'Code of Conduct. May 2007'. This section of the Code supports your role as a community advocate, representing and speaking for the concerns of your community, even where you have a prejudicial interest. If and when the Council adopts the revised Code of Conduct, then the District Council's solicitor is to be informed. • There is to be a review of licensed premises. • The District Council has begun its study of 'Conservation Areas'. The village of Heighington has already been done, and Harmston's study is at present in it's 'draft version'. 	
07.09.00	<p><u>WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL EXTENSION</u> There was nothing as yet to report regarding any progress in obtaining funding for the village hall extension.</p>	

07.10.00	<u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
07.10.01	<u>SITE MEETING REPORTS</u> a. Notification of Intention to Fell, Lop, Top or Uproot trees in a Conservation Area: CA72/87: Pollard 3 No Horse Chestnuts: The Grange, The Green, Welbourn Details of the site meeting were given to members of the meeting.	
07.10.02	<u>PLANNING PERMISSIONS</u> a. N72/0425/07: Erection of detached house and associate garage (amended application) Plot 11, Hall Orchard Lane, Welbourn b. N72/0558/07: Extension of existing garage: 12 Dycote Lane, Welbourn Details of both Permissions were given to members of the meeting.	
07.10.03	<u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u> a. N72/0763/07: Erection of bungalow: 'Damson Dene', 21 Crosby Lane, Welbourn It was agreed to convene a site meeting in order to discuss the application in more detail.	
07.11.00	<u>PARISH PLAN</u> There wasn't anything further to report regarding the application to the Big Lottery for funding towards the proposed village hall extension, and improvements.	
07.12.00	<u>HIGHWAY MATTERS/FLOODING MOAT LANE ETC</u> Members of the meeting discussed the flooding of various areas within the village and some of the properties bordering the A607 in great detail. The fire brigade had also attended in order to pump water from the A607 properties, and for Health & Safety (H&S) reasons the A607 was closed to through traffic to enable the brigade to carry out their work in safety. There were also problems caused by the excess rainfall along Moat Lane, High Street, Beck Street, Dycote Lane, The Green, and Mulberry Court. Blocked drains had caused most of the problems. The size of the drainpipe under the A607 was inadequate to cope with the flow of the additional rainwater. The chairman has been around the village with a representative from 'Highways', and they have agreed to carry out any remedial work as soon as possible.	LCC
07.13.00	<u>ADOPTION OF REVISED 'MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT (the Code) 3rd MAY 2007</u> Members of the meeting were reminded that the 'Code of Conduct 3 rd May 2007 will be on the September meeting agenda in order that it can be adopted by the Council. Copies of the guide for the code as produced by the Standards Board for England have already been distributed to all members of the Council.	ALL
07.14.00	<u>COUNCILLOR'S PORTFOLIOS</u> The chairman had produced a list of items/portfolios, and each councillor was given an 'area of responsibility'.	
07.15.00	<u>THREAT TO RURAL POST OFFICES</u> Mr Goodhand still had no further news to report on the matter.	
07.16.00	<u>CONSULTATION: - 'SHAPING HEALTH FOR LICOLNSHIRE' LINCOLNSHIRE NHS</u> Members of the meeting discussed the document outlining the consultation. It was agreed that councillors would respond individually to the Consultation, and not as a parish council as a whole.	
07.17.00	<u>STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. MARCH 2007. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL</u> It was agreed that the document be left in the Information Technology (IT) room in order that councillors can read it for themselves.	ALL

07.18.00	<p><u>'BUS STOP SIGN. THE GREEN</u></p> <p>Mr Duckett had attended the public session of the meeting, asking that the parish council should support his request for the County Council to arrange for a 'bus stop sign to be erected at the stop which is for the Lincoln bound 'bus service.</p> <p>In agreement with Mr Duckett's request, the meeting discussed the matter regarding a 'bus stop: -</p> <p>The chairman began the discussion by reminding members of the Council as to the objections that had been received from parishioners living on The Green as to erecting such a sign in the first place. The objections had been raised during two public consultations that had been held between all interested parties. The parish council agreed that it should honour the request that only one sign be erected, and this was to be on the Grantham bound side of the highway.</p> <p>After much discussion it was agreed that the original objections should be upheld, and that a letter be written to Mr Duckett accordingly, explaining the outcome of his request.</p> <p>Chairman to draft letter.</p>	<p><u>ACTION</u></p> <p>JRS</p>
07.19.00	<p><u>GRASS CUTTING: CASTLE HILL FIELD</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the height of the grass growing on the field be kept short for the remainder of the growing season.</p>	
07.20.00	<p><u>FREE TREES FOR PARISHES SCHEME</u></p> <p>Mr Brealey agreed to look around the parish to see if there were areas which would benefit from the 'free trees' scheme</p>	VB
07.21.00	<p><u>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT: LINOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (LALC)</u></p> <p>Chairman to read through agreement, and sign if happy with wording etc.,</p>	RJS
07.22.00	<p><u>DONATIONS</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the Council should donate £10.00 to each of the charities as set out by the clerk in the meeting's agenda. (see Item 07.24.00 Cheques)</p>	
07.23.00	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p>LALC News June 2007 LCR July 2007 Notices: Various training days, Venues, and dates Client Services. What do we do? NKDC</p>	
07.24.00	<p><u>CHEQUES</u></p> <p>Payment of the following cheques was approved. Proposed by Mr Copley, and seconded by Mr Lawson: -</p> <p>Brian Wills.....Hedge cutting. Castle Hill Field.....£060.00 Welbourn Village Hall Committee.....Hire of Village Hall. Neighbourhood Watch...£012.50 Welbourn Village Hall Committee.....Hire of Village Hall. Parish Council AGM.....£012.50 Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils Contribution. IT Scheme Community Computers £058.75 Powergen.....Energy charges. Footway lighting.....£183.93</p> <p>Donations: -</p> <p>Lincolnshire Playing Fields Association.....£010.00 Winged Fellowship Trust.....£010.00 Age Concern – Kesteven.....£010.00</p>	

07.24.00 Cont.	<p>Sleaford and District Citizens Advice Bureau.....£010.00 Kesteven Blind Society.....£010.00 Strut Ltd.....£010.00</p> <p>Donations. Continued: -</p> <p>Samaritans – Grantham.....£010.00 relate Lincolnshire.....£010.00 Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service [L.I.V.E.S].....£010.00 Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance.....£010.00</p> <p>Transfer HICA to CA.....£420.00</p> <p>It was then proposed by Mr Storer, and seconded by Mr Lawson that any invoices received during the August recess should be paid as part of the normal routine for signing cheques etc.,.</p>	<u>ACTION</u>
07.25.00	<u>MATTERS FOR URGENT DISCUSSION OR FOR NEXT AGENDA</u> No matters raised	
07.26.00	<u>PRESS RELEASES</u> There were no items requiring any press release.	
07.27.00	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 12 th September 2007 at 7.30pm.	ALL

There being no further matters to discuss, the chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.34pm