

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 14th JULY 2010 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

PRESENT

Mr. J.R. Storer, Chairman
 Councillors: Mr S Short (SS), Mrs A Walker (AW), Mr V Brealey (VB), Mr T Copley (TC), Ms Sarah Brown (SB)
 District Councillor: Mrs M Overton (MO) (arrived after item 12)
 Malcolm McBeath Parish Clerk
 Mr Mark Crosby was present as a member of the public.
 PC P Hanson represented the Police and left after the Public Forum.

		ACTION
07.01.00	<p><u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> Mr Crosby had nothing to say. PC Hanson had reported that no crimes had been recorded during the previous month. He pointed out that more rogue trading incidents were expected in the summer and remarked that the traffic management arrangements for the Waddington Air Show appeared to have worked satisfactorily</p>	
07.02.00 07.02.01	<p><u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u> A new chicken rearing enterprise was being started on the field next the reservoir beside the A607. The Clerk had been given full access to internet banking of the Council's accounts with the Chairman still able to monitor on line.</p>	
07.03.00	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u> Mrs Overton was delayed at another meeting. Councillors Wylie and Lawson were involved in last minute urgent family matters. Councillor Gibson was on holiday.</p>	
07.04.00	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007 (SI2007/1159)</u> No interests declared.</p>	
07.05.00	<p><u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 9th June 2010, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved. Proposed AW. Seconded TC.</p>	
07.06.00	<p><u>CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER</u> NKDC had advised the Council that it was proper for them to co-opt a new member to fill the vacancy. Ms Sarah Brown was duly co-opted to the Council. The Clerk was required to complete the necessary formalities.</p>	Clerk
07.07.00 07.07.01	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u> <u>Dykes.</u> The Clerk advised that, according to the Highways Officer, the riparian owner is responsible for maintaining any ditch between his/her property and the highway. The Clerk had brought the attention of the new owner of 17A The Green, to the dyke between the entrance to Orchard House and The Hall and to his responsibility for it. VB had also discussed the matter with the owner..</p>	
07.07.02	<p><u>Bollards</u> The original contractor had come back and reset 4 bollards at the direction of the Chairman and they were now satisfactory. The VH&PF Cttee intended to replace the removable bollard.</p>	
07.07.03	<p><u>Insurance</u> The increased premium was due to the increased value of the street lamps which were now insured at replacement cost rather than purchase price. The overdue premium had now been paid. It would be necessary to seek competitive quotes next year.</p>	Clerk
07.07.04	<p><u>Field House Bungalow hedge.</u> As instructed, the clerk had delivered a note about the</p>	

	hedge at Field House Bungalow and the hedge had duly been trimmed back.	<u>ACTION</u>
07.08.00	<p><u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u> Councillor Overton reported that LCC faced a significant cut in its budget from central government and intended to apply this to Highways and Supporting People administration. Education was funded directly but would still be cut back. The Police budget would also be reduced. She had been successful in retaining planned maintenance of the worst parts of the A607 north from Wellingore. The decision by LCC about Care Homes had yet to be made as she had called it in since she believed that various relevant cost factors had not been properly considered.</p>	
07.09.00	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u> <u>Sagging walls</u> The Clerk had drawn the state of her sagging front wall to the attention of the Manager of the Manor. The owners of Nos 33 and 35 High Street were in discussion with a view to repairing the crumbled wall overhanging the footpath behind no 35.</p>	
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07.09.02	<p><u>Electrical Safety Reports</u> The Clerk had explored the issue of getting certificates of electrical safety for the street lights and had a quote of £12.50 per light but was still exploring other options.</p>	
07.09.03	<p><u>Beck Street Hedge.</u> The hedge in Beck Street had been cut back to leave the foot path wholly unencumbered. The Clerk had thanked the owner.</p>	
07.09.0	<p><u>BT Charges.</u> The Clerk had set up paper-free billing with BT in respect of the Village Hall account to offset the handling charge for not using Direct Debits. Our MP had been brought into the loop because of the wider implications of BT's charging policy.</p>	
07.10.00	<p><u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u> The Financial report showed expenditure of £1240 for the period with reserves at £24,800.</p>	
07.10.01	<p>The Clerk drew members' attention to the automated Budget summary that accompanies each monthly report. He was concerned that some items might go over budget.</p>	
07.11.00	<p><u>AUTHORISED SIGNATORIES</u> A replacement signatory was required in lieu of Mr Goodhand. It was agreed that this should be Councillor Lawson. The Chairman undertook to obtain the relevant papers from the Bank. Current signatories were RS, SS and MO.</p>	RS
07.12.00	<p><u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u> <u>Constitution/Audit/Village Hall</u> RS, TC and the Clerk had attended a meeting of the Village Hall and Playing Field Committee. The Ctte had been reminded that the PC had contributed nearly £6000 to the New Hall project. The Ctte was discussing improving the playing field to make it adequate for use by proper football teams but had insufficient facts to make any decision. RS had advised that the PC would be prepared in principle to consider any application for funding for this purpose.</p>	
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07.12.02	<p><u>Highways Footways and Drains</u> LCC had started preliminary work on the new drainage ditch but further meetings to resolve outstanding issues were still required.</p>	
07.12.,03	<p><u>Bridleway</u> Mr Pay had been reminded of the problem of his hedge growing into the bridle way. Mrs Barke, the relevant officer at LCC, had been informed of the Parish Council's views on the matter of the bridleway diversion. The problem remained, however, that LCC was not prepared to condone the improper occupation of land. Until such time as the matter was formally notified, however, it remained with the parties concerned to resolve the issue.</p>	
07.12.04	<p><u>Environment and Village Matters</u> VB reported there was a semi-fallen tree in the Moat which appeared dangerous to the children who play in the area. He suggested that it should be removed. The fence around the Moat was also damaged near North End. The Clerk was tasked with obtaining quotes to remove the tree. The Clerk would need to apply to NKDC for permission to do tree work in due course. <u>Handyman tasking</u> The Council instructed the Clerk to inform Mr Thorpe that he should prioritise removal of the brambles on the footpath from the causeway, clearance of the dyke at the top of Moat Lane and repairing of the moat fence near North End.</p>	Clerk Clerk

07.12.05	<u>Allotments</u> AW reported that, in order to pacify complaints from other allotment holders, Ms Brown had strimmed the long grass in the orchard but had left patches of wildflowers. AW was aware of other issues affecting the allotments and was working on them. The Clerk reported that he had not yet identified a source of a new notice board for the allotments.	<u>ACTION</u> Clerk														
07.12.06	<u>Parish Plan & Public Liaison</u> TC suggested that he and BG should re-examine the Parish Plan with a view to identifying those objectives which had been met and those which were still outstanding and to report back to the Council. This was agreed.	TC/BG														
07.13.00	<u>INTERNAL RISK ASSESSMENT</u> Since SL (whose point this was) was absent, the Chairman suggested that this item be deferred till the next meeting.	Clerk														
07.14.00	<u>PLANNING MATTERS</u> NKDC had granted retrospective permission for the garage at 26 The Green. Tree works at No 6 The Nookin and Manor Cottage had been notified and the Council's comments passed to the Tree Officer. ('Nil' and 'no objection' respectively.)															
07.15.00	<u>CONDITION OF THE BECK</u> It was agreed that The Beck needed further work. The Clerk was tasked with finding contractors with view to dredging the Beck and tidying the banks.	Clerk														
07.16.00	<u>CHEQUES.</u> Payment of the following cheques was approved: <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>AON - annual insurance premium</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£846.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cliff Villages Property Maintenance - playing field, Beck and allotments</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£287.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Welbourn VH and Playing Field Committee – hall hires</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chris Bleaden - grass cutting in June</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£549.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E-on - street lighting power</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£179.46</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M McBeath salary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£105.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PO - McBeath PAYE</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£26.20</td> </tr> </table> Transfer of £2100 from deposit account to current account was approved.	AON - annual insurance premium	£846.50	Cliff Villages Property Maintenance - playing field, Beck and allotments	£287.50	Welbourn VH and Playing Field Committee – hall hires	£40.00	Chris Bleaden - grass cutting in June	£549.05	E-on - street lighting power	£179.46	M McBeath salary	£105.22	PO - McBeath PAYE	£26.20	Clerk
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07.17.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Internal risk assessment 2. Parish Plan 3. Annual Maintenance contracts 	Clerk TC/BG Clerk														
07.18.00	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 8th September 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.	All														

There being no further matters to discuss, the chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

Copies to:

All PC Members

County Councillor R Phillips.

District Councillors M Wylie and M Overton,

Beat Manager: PC Hanson, Bracebridge Heath Police Station