

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 9th JULY 2008 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

		<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> Members of the public (see 07.03.00) had attended the meeting in order to discuss with the parish council their concern regarding flooding in The Nookin with water which was originally coming from Grave's Hill. Mr Wallbutton said the water floods into a field as the existing outlet is blocked. Mr Wallbutton gave members of the meeting copies of maps, together with a copy of photographs outlining as to where the problems appeared to be. Mr Storer explained that Welbourn Parish Council has no power over farmers, nor any of the local landowners. The local farmers and landowners were unable to carry some of the work required, as there were restrictions on the times of the year when certain maintenance jobs could be carried out. There was still a 'verbal agreement' with Mr Derek Overton in that, once the time was right, he would form a ditch in his field in order to allow surface water to drain away. This would prevent any further flooding of The Nookin. Once the ditch working then, as the ditch crosses one of the local public fieldpaths, a bridge will be constructed over it.</p>	
07.03.00	<p><u>PRESENT</u> Mr. J.R Storer, (Chairman), Councillors Mr M Barry, Mr V Brealey, Mr B Gibson, Mrs M Overton, Mr. W. Goodhand, Mr S Lawson, and Mr B Wildblood Parish Clerk. Also present were County Councillor R Phillips, District Councillor M Wylie, and 3 members of the public (Mr and Mrs B Wallbutton and Mr R Thompson). Mrs Broadbent was also present representing Welbourn Village Hall Development Project.</p>	
07.04.00	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies had been received from Mr A Copley and Mr S Short.</p>	
07.05.00	<p><u>TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007 (SI 2007/1159)</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 11th June 2008, 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 July 2008 were made available to all members of the meeting. There was no Clerk's Report.</p>	
07.08.00	<p><u>COUNTY COUNCIL / DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u> Copies of Councillor Overton's July Report had either been e-mailed where possible to members of the Parish Council.</p>	
07.08.01	<p>1. <u>District Councillor Wylie's Report</u> Councillor Wylie gave members of the meeting details of the incident which had occurred recently at the local post offices (Welbourn and Leadenham) when allegedly two females managed to obtain an amount of cash by means of deception. There was concern from both post offices that the response by Lincolnshire Police was open to criticism, in that the two females managed to get away. This was due to the time taken</p>	

07.08.01 contd.	by the responding police officer who was 'slow' in getting to Leadenham Post Office, as appears that due to police procedures he was unable to use his vehicles' blue lights or his siren as he hadn't been trained to do so.	<u>ACTION</u>
07.08.02	<p>2. <u>County Councillor Phillips's Report</u> In response to Councillor Wylie's Report, Councillor Phillips informed members of the meeting that he had spoken to the Inspector at the Bracebridge Police Station, and he had confirmed that he had a total of 12 officers and that they worked shifts, each shift having 4 officers.</p> <p>Councillor Phillips was now collecting feedback regarding the reduction in hours of the opening times of the local libraries, together with the reduction of the service given by the mobile library when it visits the outlying villages.</p>	
07.08.03	<p>2. <u>District Councillor Overton's Report</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Councillor Overton informed members of the meeting that a further £15k had now been added to the budget for 'concessionary fares'. This would help cover the additional hours during which the scheme would work. b. The Police Authority's share of the local council tax requirements has now been capped. c. Regarding school transport, pupils over the age of 16 shouldn't be paying 'bus fares to get to and from school. d. There was to be a strike by County Council and District Council staff on 15th/16th July next. 	
07.09.00 07.09.01 07.09.02 07.09.03 07.09.04	<p><u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u></p> <p><u>Mr M Barry: Village Hall Management Committee Representative</u> Mr Barry reported that the village hall committee has many events planned for the remainder of this year and that there was now an 'events book' in which cash flow, attendance, and weather will be recorded.</p> <p><u>Mr W Goodhand</u> Mr Goodhand reported that he had forwarded a copy of Welbourn's Parish Plan Questionnaire to Brant Broughton Parish Council. Mr Goodhand informed members of the meeting that the information boards on Castle Hill were becoming illegible.</p> <p><u>Mr B Gibson</u> Mr Gibson informed members of the meeting the nettles on the boundary of Castle Hill Field had now been cut and that there were a number of bench seats on the site that required urgent attention, as their timbers had rotted and the seats weren't safe to sit on. The handrail that was part of the Jubilee Causeway was also in need of attention.</p> <p><u>Mr R Storer</u> Mr Storer told members of the meeting that there was a section of hedge on Castle Hill Field opposite to The Beck which required cutting as it was beginning to hang over the public footpath. It was agreed to ask Mr Brian Wills to carry out the necessary work. The parish clerk agreed to get in touch with Mr Wills.</p>	BW
07.10.00 07.10.01	<p><u>PLANNING MATTERS</u></p> <p><u>SITE MEETING REPORTS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. CA72/92: Notification of intention to fell, lop, top, or uproot trees Raise crown of large sycamore tree: Hunt House, The Green, Welbourn <p>Members of the site meeting had supported the application.</p>	

07.10.02	<p><u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>a. N72/0622/08: Demolition of existing sunroom, and erection of proposed extension to Existing bungalow: 28 The Green, Welbourn</p> <p>Details of the application were given to members of the meeting. It was agreed to convene a site meeting in order to discuss the application.</p>	<u>ACTION</u>
07.10.03	<p><u>PLANNING PERMISSIONS</u></p> <p>a. N72/0433/08: Erection of carport: 27 The Green, Welbourn</p> <p>Details of the planning permission were given to the meeting.</p>	
07.11.00	<p><u>WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (TO INCLUDE RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS PLAN)</u></p> <p>Mrs Broadbent reported that the group managing the project now requires the Parish Council to adopt the project's draft 'Business Plan'. The Plan forms part of Stage 2 of the application to The Big Lottery for funding the project, the application being due to be forwarded by 20th August of this year. Members of the Parish Council are also required to complete a 'Skills Sheet' as part of the application.</p>	
07.12.00	<p><u>UPDATE - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: FLOODING ETC</u></p> <p>Mr Storer had already given the update as part of the Public Forum.</p>	
07.13.00	<p><u>HIGHWAY MATTERS</u> (see para 07.17.00)</p> <p>Mr Storer confirmed to the meeting that the ditches in Dycote Lane had now been cleaned out by the local farmers and landowners.</p>	
07.14.00	<p><u>INFORMATION BOARDS. CASTLE HILL FIELD</u></p> <p>Mr Goodhand reported to members of the meeting that Jenny Siget, NKDC, had looked at the information boards on Castle Hill. There was now perhaps a possibility of an information board for the orchard giving details as to what variety of apple was growing there, together with its position.</p> <p>Mr Goodhand will now contact local contractors for quotes to make such an information board for the orchard.</p>	WG
07.15.00	<p><u>CLIFF VILLAGES PARISH CLUSTER MEETING. THURSDAY 3rd JULY 2008. THE PAVILION, ST.JOHN'S RECREATION GROUND, BRACEBRIDGE HEATH, LINCOLN</u></p> <p>a. <u>Meeting Report</u> Mr Storer gave the meeting details as to what had been discussed at the meeting. Notes from the meeting had been passed on to parish councillors, either by e-mail, or by hard copy.</p> <p>b. <u>Purchase of 'Speed Indication Device' (SID)</u> Mr Storer informed the meeting that it had been agreed that the group purchases a SID, and although that it will not affect their manpower, Lincolnshire Police would operate it.</p>	
07.16.00	<p><u>PARISH PLAN</u></p> <p>Plan not discussed.</p>	
07.17.00	<p><u>INTRODUCTION OF AREA RESPONSE TEAMS. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL</u></p> <p>Details of the new scheme were given to the meeting.</p> <p>The Two-Person Response Teams, of which there are ten, will deal with minor road issues reported by the public. This will include such things as potholes, damaged paving slabs, or kerbs, dirty road signs and overgrown hedges, which were posing safety risks.</p> <p>It was then agreed that councillors should now look around the village to see if they could identify any jobs that fitted in with the scheme.</p>	ALL

07.18.00	<u>ROADSIDE VERGE SURVEY. WILD FLOWERS. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL</u> Mr Lawson agreed to carry out the survey, and report his findings back to the County Council.	<u>ACTION</u> SL
07.19.00	<u>FREE TREES FOR PARISHES. 2008</u> Mr Brealey reported to the meeting that he was not aware of anyone wanting any of the free trees that were on offer by the County Council. Mr Storer suggested that the parish council could perhaps ask for two apple trees for the orchard as two of the apple trees were showing signs of dying off.	
07.20.00	<u>INTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS. FY 2007-2008</u> The Clerk asked members of the meeting if they would approve that Mr Storer, as Chairman, and, as there was to be no August meeting, sign the document which would give details of the completion of the internal audit of the council's accounts. This would then enable the clerk to forward the document on to the external auditor, Clement Keys, without having to wait until the September meeting. Mr Goodhand proposed and Mrs Overton seconded that to sign the document would be in order. Members of the meeting supported the proposal.	
07.21.00	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> Annual Report. CPRE. Lincolnshire Branch LCR. NALC July 2008 What's On. July 2008 J Parker. Wholesale Catalogue	
07.22.00	<u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following cheques was approved. Proposed by Mrs Overton, and seconded by Mr Barry: - Chris Bleaden Ground Maintenance.....Grass cutting. Village verges etc.....£504.00 Lawnmower Service (Lincoln) Ltd.....Servicing of PC's strimmer.....£042.00 ABB Ltd.....Upgrade footway lantern. Beck St....£176.00 E.ON.....Energy charges. Footway lighting....£252.16 <i>Donations: -</i> Lincolnshire Playing Fields Association.....£010.00 Winged Fellowship Trust.....£010.00 Age Concern – Kesteven.....£010.00 Sleaford and District Citizens Advice Bureau.....£010.00 Kesteven Blind Society.....£010.00 Strut Ltd.....£010.00 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 Telephone Transfer HICA to CA.....£1080.00	
07.23.00	<u>MATTERS FOR URGENT DISCUSSION OR FOR NEXT AGENDA</u> No matters raised.	
07.24.00	<u>PRESS RELEASES</u> There were no items requiring any press release.	
07.25.00	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 10 th September 2008 at 7.30pm. There will be no August meeting.	ALL

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