

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th JUNE 2008 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

		<u>ACTION</u>
06.01.00	<p><u>CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME</u> The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
06.02.00	<p><u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> PCSO Thomas used this part of the meeting to inform the parish council that, between the 14th May - 10th June, there had been only one 'reported crime' in Welbourn. PCSO Thomas then informed the meeting that thefts involving cast iron feeding troughs were causing concern, together with the thefts of drain covers.</p>	
06.03.00	<p><u>PRESENT</u> Mr. J.R Storer, (Chairman), Councillors Mr M Barry, Mr V Brealey, Mr A Copley, Mrs M Overton, Mr B Gibson, Mr. W. Goodhand, Mr S Lawson, Mr S Short and Mr B Wildblood Parish Clerk. Also present was District Councillor M Wylie, Mrs A Broadbent, representing Welbourn Village Hall Development Project, and PCSO Thomas who was present for part of the meeting</p>	
06.04.00	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u> None received</p>	
06.05.00	<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>	
06.06.00	<p><u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th May 2008, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members of the parish council, were amended, approved and signed.</p>	
06.09.00	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT / FINANCIAL REPORT</u> Copies of the clerk's Financial Report for June 2008 were made available to all members of the meeting. There was no Clerk's Report.</p>	
06.10.00	<p><u>COUNTY COUNCIL / DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u> Copies of Councillor Overton's June Report had either been e-mailed or delivered by hand to all of Welbourn Parish Councillors.</p>	
06.10.01	<p>1. <u>District Councillor Overton's Report</u> Councillor Overton gave the meeting the latest update about the Concessionary Fares Scheme which operates within NKDC's area. The travel passes issued by the District Council can be used before 9.30am from 1st July of this year, the District Council having negotiated a fee with the coach companies involved in the scheme. Unfortunately South Kesteven District Council did not join in with the new scheme.</p> <p>The voluntary car scheme is now up and running and the telephone line is working. It is hoped to arrange a meeting with all the volunteer drivers.</p> <p>Rural Transport: It is hoped to introduce a new 'Dial-and-Ride' scheme soon.</p>	

06.10.02	<p>2. <u>District Councillor Wylie's Report</u> Councillor Wylie informed the meeting that he had doubts about how often the 'Speed Indicator Device (SID), which the Cliff Village Cluster Group were intending to purchase, would be used. (See para 06.19.00 for further details).</p>	<u>ACTION</u>
06.11.00	<p><u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u></p> <p>06.11.01 <u>Mr M Barry: Village Hall Management Committee Representative</u> Mr Barry gave the meeting the Village Hall Management Committee's thanks for paying the costs of the mole traps, etc (£246.75) which were used on the playing field.</p> <p>06.11.02 <u>Mr W Goodhand: Rural Services</u> The meeting was informed that the removal of pay phone booths was still ongoing and that the contract regarding the management of the 'Card Account', which is used to pay out pensions at local Post Offices, is going out to tender.</p> <p>06.11.03 <u>Mr T Copley: Neighbourhood Watch</u> Mr Copley gave members of the meeting details of the interactive presentation 'Local Crime. Community Sentence' which he had arranged to take place in the village hall as part of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, for which he is lead co-ordinator. The presentation was given by the National Probation Service, Lincolnshire, the presenters consisting of a Magistrate, Julie Close-Mitchell and Rachel Martel representing the Probation Service. Overall they had both conducted a lively and informative debate which had given the audience an insight into the working of the Probation Service and its interaction with the Magistrates' Court, with particular reference to Community Sentencing.</p> <p>It is hoped that the frontage to the old Co-Op Shop on The Green will be painted as part of the Community Sentencing scheme.</p>	
06.12.00	<p><u>PLANNING MATTERS</u></p> <p>06.12.01 <u>PLANNING PERMISSIONS</u> a. LBC2252: Alterations and installation of satellite dish: Hunt House, The Green, Welbourn</p> <p>06.12.02 <u>SITE MEETING REPORTS</u> a. N72/0433/08: Erection of carport: 27 The Green, Welbourn</p> <p>Details of the site meeting were given to members of the meeting. The application had in principle been supported.</p>	
06.13.00	<p><u>WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT</u></p> <p>Mrs Broadbent informed members of the meeting that the Grants Officer of the Big Lottery Fund had been in touch with her concerning clause 2 of the Deed of Dedication. As far as the application for funding the project is concerned this clause basically means that as long as the Big Lottery is informed of any changes to the project, and that they don't significantly hinder the overall aims and outcomes of the project agreed at the outset, then the fund will consent to these changes, and the Project Management Group won't be in breach of any terms and conditions. Mrs Broadbent then continued by saying that the Parish Council will not be responsible for funding any legal charges as it does not apply to Parish Councils.</p> <p>As far as the Business Plan is concerned evidence showing who will use the village hall needs to be compiled. 'Focus Consultants' will be used to compile the Business Plan as they have the expertise to do so; this has been budgeted at £5k + VAT. The overall budget for the project has been set at £350k.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">As for the VAT.....</p>	

06.13.00 contd.	<p>As for the VAT which is payable when the invoices get paid, Mr Goodhand suggested that it may be a good idea for the Parish Council to obtain a bank loan, as the Big Lottery doesn't include VAT when it reimburses funding and this could leave the Parish Council overdrawn on its bank accounts.</p> <p>Members of the meeting then agreed that the Chairman of the Parish Council was in order to sign any of the paperwork if or when required to do so.</p>	<u>ACTION</u>
06.14.00	<p><u>UPDATE - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: FLOODING ETC</u> There was no further progress to report regarding remedial work to prevent further flooding along the A607. Dycote Lane has now been closed to allow farmers and land owners to clean out their respective sections of ditches etc.</p>	
06.15.00	<p><u>HIGHWAY MATTERS</u> The clerk has received a complaint regarding overhanging tree branches growing over the footpath is between Leadenham and the Sir William Robertson High School. The complaint has been passed on to the County Council Highways for their attention.</p>	
06.16.00	<p><u>GRASS CUTTING: COW LANE</u> The section of grass verge which was causing residents in Cow Lane some concern has now been cut. It appears that the District Council's contractor has not cut this section of grass verge for quite some considerable time.</p>	
06.17.00	<p><u>FOOTWAY LIGHTING</u> A letter from one of the parishioners living in Welbourn asking that the Parish Council considers some additional footway lighting within the village has been received by the Parish Clerk. The clerk has invited the parishioner to the meeting but they failed to turn up. Members of the meeting agreed that the footway lighting within the village was quite adequate enough and that the clerk reply to the parishioner accordingly.</p>	BW
06.18.00	<p><u>'BUS SHELTERS</u> Further to the letter requesting an increase in the footway lighting a letter has been from another parishioner living in Welbourn asking that the Parish Council considers having 'bus shelters installed, if possible, at the various 'bus stops within the village. It was agreed that there is still a possibility of erecting at least one 'bus shelter in the village, and that it could possibly be sited at the 'bus stop adjacent to the plot of land opposite the Post Office, subject to the Parish Council successfully negotiating with the developer when the land itself gets houses built on it. In order to give the parishioner the Council's views on the matter, the clerk agreed to write back to the parishioner.</p>	BW
06.19.00	<p><u>PURCHASE OF 'SPEED INDICATION DEVICE (SID). CLIFF VILLAGES CLUSTER GROUP. (TO INCLUDE 'SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT')</u> Members of the meeting were informed that it was the intention of members of the Cliff Villages Cluster to purchase a S.I.D, which although it belonging to parishes forming the cluster, will be operated by the police. The method of purchase will be through one of the Parish Councils within the cluster, using part of the funding already earmarked for the cluster. Members of the meeting agreed that Welbourn Parish Council should act as the purchaser of the device, the purchase being overseen by Mr Copley, lead co-ordinator for the village's Neighbourhood Watch.</p>	

06.20.00	<p><u>FREE TREES FOR PARISHES 2008</u> Details regarding the free trees which are being given away by Lincolnshire County Council were given to the meeting. Mr Brealey agreed to investigate to see if there were any requirements for any of the trees within the parish.</p>	<p><u>ACTION</u></p> <p>VB</p>																																				
06.21.00	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> What's On. June 2008 Client Services-What do we do? NKDC</p>																																					
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06.23.00	<p><u>MATTERS FOR URGENT DISCUSSION OR FOR NEXT AGENDA</u></p> <p>a. <u>Items for July Agenda</u> Parish Plan</p> <p>b. <u>Parish Allotments</u> The clerk was today in receipt of a letter from Miss Sarah Brown seeking permission to introduce a cockerel and a further 6 (six) hens, together with the appropriate coop, and run on to her parish allotment. Members of the meeting discussed the request, and it was agreed that subject to no complaints being received from any of the neighbouring properties regarding the cockerel, then it is in order for Miss Brown to go ahead and introduce the cockerel, etc. on to her allotment.</p> <p>c. <u>Robert (Bob) Laing</u> Members of the meeting were informed that Mr Laing had recently passed away. It was agreed that the meeting's minutes should record Welbourn Parish Council's appreciation regarding the help they had received from him over the number of years that he had lived in Welbourn. Repairing bench seats, notice boards, and painting doors were amongst his many talents. His campaign regarding stopping dog owners allowing their dogs to foul the verges along Cow Lane will also be remembered. A campaign which came to a successful conclusion.</p>	<p>BG</p>																																				
06.24.00	<p><u>PRESS RELEASES</u> There were no items requiring any press release.</p>																																					
06.25.00	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 9th July 2008 at 7.30pm.</p>	<p>ALL</p>																																				

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