

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 14th MARCH 2007 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

		<u>ACTION</u>
03.01.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME</u> The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
03.02.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> No matters raised	
03.03.00	<u>PRESENT</u> Mr J R Storer (Chairman), Councillors Mr M Barry, Mr W Goodhand, Mr S Lawson, and Mr B Wildblood. Parish clerk. Also present for part of the meeting was District Councillor M Wylie.	
03.04.00	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received from Mrs M Overton, and Mr D Close.	
03.05.00	<u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u> No interests declared at this stage of the meeting.	
03.06.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14 th February 2007, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members of the parish council were approved and signed.	
03.07.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT / FINANCIAL REPORT</u> Copies of the clerk's financial report for March 2007 were handed to parish councillors at the beginning of the meeting. The clerk also gave the meeting his report for the month of March.	
03.08.00	<u>DISTRICT COUNCIL / COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Councillor Wylie remarked as to his admiration regarding the recent request to build a tree house in Dycote Lane. b. The Standards Board were reviewing the rules regarding 'Declaration of Interest' and were adjusting the rules as to declaring 'Prejudicial Interests'. c. The meeting was given a résumé as to how pub licences were issued, and some of the reasons as to why the issue of licences could be refused. 	
03.09.00	<u>VILLAGE HALL EXTENSION</u> No progress report given to members of the meeting.	
03.10.00	<u>PLANNING MATTERS</u>	
03.10.01	<u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. N/72/0094/07: Erection of dwelling and detached garage (revised house type): Plot 10 Hall Orchard Lane b. LB/2120: Change door to rear, reduction in window size, and installation of external alarm box: Wisteria Cottage, 27 High Street, Welbourn c. N/72/0257/07: Increase roof height and extensions to include dormer windows to front and rear (revised application) 38 Beck Street, Welbourn <p>Site meetings to be arranged.</p>	

03.10.02	<p><u>SITE MEETING REPORTS</u></p> <p>a. <u>Notification of intention to fell, lop, top, or uproot trees in a Conservation Area</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CA72/84:- Fell 7 No poplar trees: - Orchard House, 3 Poplar Court, Welbourn 2. TPO:-N363/3 3 No Silver Birch - Reduce height by 50% & shape branches Orchard House, 3 Poplar Court, Welbourn <p>Details of the site meetings were given to the meeting. Members of both the site meetings were of the opinion that they could not support either of the applications.</p> <p>NB: Item a2 has now been refused by the District Council Tree Officer.</p>	<u>ACTION</u>
03.10.03	<p><u>NORTH KESTEVEN LOCAL PLAN – PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS</u></p> <p>Mr Goodhand has responded on behalf of the council in respect of three points, which he wished to raise regarding The Plan. One point was regarding ‘Affordable Housing’ The chairman thanked Mr Goodhand for carrying out the response.</p>	
03.11.00	<p><u>PARISH PLAN</u></p> <p>No update given to meeting.</p>	
03.12.00	<p><u>HIGHWAY MATTERS</u></p> <p>The Highways Dept. of the County Council have confirmed in writing that they will be arranging for a traffic count, and the relevant speeds, plus the vehicle type, to take place along the A607 where it passes through Welbourn parish, within the next 2-3 months. A copy of the findings will be passed on to the parish council. It has also been noted that the footpaths (A607) between the Sir William Robertson High School and the chicken farm have been cleared of weeds etc.,.</p>	LCC
03.13.00	<p><u>VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION OF PARISH COUNCIL LAND</u></p> <p>Item to be discussed at the April meeting, as Mr Close wasn’t available to given the meeting his latest update.</p>	
03.14.00	<p><u>THREAT TO RURAL POST OFFICES</u></p> <p>Mr Goodhand has written a response on behalf of the parish council, the details of which were given to the meeting. Our local MP, Mr Douglas Hogg QC has responded back to Mr Goodhand with details as to where the nearest PayPoint outlets are where one can buy TV licence stamps, as they are not now available from local post offices. Locations were listed as Metheringham, North Hykeham, Foston, and Heckington, none of which are easily accessible by anyone living in Welbourn, unless one has a car. Using a local ‘bus was out of the question.</p>	WG
03.15.00	<p><u>REPORT: CONSERVATION DAY. 20th FEBRUARY 2007</u></p> <p>Details as to what work had been carried out by members of the parish council and a team of workers from Hill Holt Wood, were given to the meeting. Trees had been cut on Castle Hill, and rubbish cleared from around The Beck. Some litter picking had also taken place as part of the project. The clerk was asked to write to Hill Holt Wood to thank them for their support in making the event a successful one.</p>	
03.16.00	<p><u>REPORT: WELBOURN FORGE OPEN DAY</u></p> <p>The meeting was given details as to the Welbourn Forge Open Day. Some visitors had come from as far as Manchester, Essex, and Nottinghamshire.</p>	
03.17.00	<p><u>BIDS FOR PROVISION OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT</u></p> <p>Mr Storer informed the meeting that the council’s bid for a laptop computer from LALC had been successful.</p>	
03.18.00	<p><u>CONSULTATION: AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS</u></p> <p>Item discussed earlier in the meeting with Councillor Wylie.</p>	

03.19.00	<u>CONSULTATION: LINCOLN WESTERN GATEWAY PROPOSALS</u> Mr Goodhand gave the meeting details as to what the proposals consisted of.	<u>ACTION</u>
03.20.00	<u>PARISH/DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS. THURSDAY 3rd MAY 2007</u> The clerk informed members of the meeting that he was now in possession of 'Election Packs' if anyone present was interested in standing once again as a Parish Councillor, and that completed forms were to be with the Electoral Services. NKDC by 12 noon Wednesday 4 th April.	
03.21.00	<u>EAST MIDLANDS RURAL ACTION PLAN 2007-2013</u> Document to be left in IT room for councillors to study it for themselves.	ALL
03.22.00	<u>COMPLAINTS Re: DOG FOULING</u> A number of complaints have been received as to dog owners allowing their dogs to foul the grass verges along Cow Lane. The chairman however thought that over the last few days the problem appears to have resolved itself. Mr Lawson offered to check to see if there were any local bylaws that may cover such highways as Cow Lane given that part of the lane was outside the 30mph limit. There was also a problem with dogs fouling the footpath along Beck Street.	SL
03.23.00	<u>NKDC COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS 2006-2007</u> Members of the meeting discussed the as to who was possibly an ideal candidate in the village to recommend for such an award. Mr Barry proposed as to who should be recommended, and everyone present was in full agreement with his proposal. Mr Barry then agreed to complete the relevant documentation, and forward it on to NKDC.	MB
03.24.00	<u>LAUNCH OF PARISH PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES – 29th MARCH 2007</u> Mr Storer agreed to attend the launch on behalf of Welbourn.	
03.25.00	<u>COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS EVENT 20th APRIL 2007. NATURAL WORLD CENTRE, WHISBY</u> No one was available to attend the event.	
03.26.00	<u>PARISH ALLOTMENTS</u> The meeting was given details as to a written request from Miss Sarah Brown, Dycote Lane to erect a movable hen coup and run on Allotment No 9 (front half), and to plant some fruit trees on the same allotment. Mr Barry proposed, and Mr Storer seconded that the parish council grant both requests. The fruit trees to be planted close to the wire fence on the northern boundary. Another condition was that no cockerels be kept anywhere on the allotment, or any of the adjoining allotment.	
03.27.00	<u>BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION</u> It was agreed that Welbourn should not be entered in the competition.	
03.28.00	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> LCR March 07 Letter re: Navenby Village Hall	
03.29.00	<u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following cheques was approved. Proposed by Mr Barry, and seconded by Mr Storer: - ABB Ltd..... Upgrade of 2 No footway lights.....£876.55 ABB Ltd..... Maintenance Charges. Footway lighting.....£093.51 NKDC..... Emptying of dog waste bins FY 2006-2007.....£280.00 Philip Baumber..... Hedge cutting. Welbourn Playing Field.....£190.94 British Telecommunications plc..... Telephone Account. IT Room.....£048.41	

03.29.00 contd.	R A Laing.....Resiting & maintenance of PC Notice Board....£097.00 Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils Annual Subscription Fee + Local Council Review £149.00 Welbourn Village Hall Committee.....Hire of village hall. Neighbourhood Watch.....£010.00 CPRE.....Affiliation Fee.....£020.00 B Wildblood.....Parish clerk's Q/Salary. Jan/March 07.....£250.00 B Wildblood.....Parish clerk's Q/Expenses. Jan/March 07.....£045.00 Transfer HICA to CA.....£2060.00	<u>ACTION</u>
03.30.00	<u>MATTERS FOR URGENT DISCUSSION OR FOR NEXT AGENDA</u> a. April Agenda: Review of parish allotment annual rents	
03.31.00	<u>PRESS RELEASES</u> There were no items warranting any press releases.	
03.32.00	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 11 th April 2007 at 7.30pm	ALL

There being no further matters to discuss, the chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.28pm