

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 12th MARCH 2008 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 V Brealey, Mr A Copley, Mr R Gibson, Mr. W. Goodhand, and Mr B Wildblood Parish Clerk.	
03.04.00	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies had been received from Mrs M Overton, Mr S Lawson, and District Councillor M Wylie.	
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 13 th February 2008, 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 2008 were made available to all members of the meeting. There was no Clerk's Report.	
03.08.00	<u>COUNTY COUNCIL / DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u> District Councillor Overton's March Report had been e-mailed to parish councillors where possible.	
03.09.00	<u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u> <u>Mr Goodhand: Post Office Closure Update: -</u> The meeting was given an update regarding Post Office closures, and how the closures were still continuing. Essex County Council is looking in to the possibility of taking over the various Post Offices in their county that have been earmarked for closure. In Surrey some Post Offices are profitable, but have still been placed on the 'closure' list.	
03.09.02	<u>Mr Copley: Neighbourhood Watch: -</u> The meeting was given details as to an interactive presentation that has been arranged for the parish neighbourhood watch scheme, and will last 1½ hours. It will take place in the village hall on Tuesday 10 th June next, and is called 'Local Crime, Community Sentence'. A magistrate, and a probation officer will give the presentation. It hoped to paint the frontage of the old Co-Op shop under the scheme.	
03.09.03	<u>Mr Copley: Action Plan Group Representative: -</u> The group has approached the Sir William Robertson High School with the view of them using the parish website, and having some input from the school for the Parish Plan. Mr Copley has also written to Mrs Baker, Lincolnshire County Council Highways asking that a lower speed limit still be considered for the A607. Mrs Baker has replied that in conjunction with the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, speed checks will take place in the near future.	

03.09.04	<u>Mr Storer: Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils (LALC): -</u> Mr Storer, and Mr Barry agreed to represent the Parish Council at the next LALC Forum.	<u>ACTION</u>
03.10.00	<u>PLANNING MATTERS</u>	
03.10.01	<u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u> a. N72/0112/08: Erection of conservatory to rear of dwelling: 28 Dycote Lane, Welbourn b. N72/0208/08: Erection of pair of semi-detached cottages: Land adjacent 3 Hall Orchard Lane, Welbourn Details of both applications were given to the meeting. Both applications had been supported.	
03.10.02	<u>PLANNING PERMISSIONS</u> a. N35/0038/08: To establish a large waste pre-treatment facility for the recycling of non-hazardous waste material: Leadenham Landfill and Stone Quarry, Pottergate Road, Leadenham (PL\0167\07) b. Notification of intention to fell, lop, top, or uproot trees in a Conservation Area: - 1. CA73-71: Various trees: St Chad's Churchyard, Welbourn 2. CA73-72: Yew tree: Rose Cottage, The Nookin, Welbourn Details and Conditions of the permissions were given to members of the meeting.	
03.11.00	<u>WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT + VAT CLAIMS</u> Mr Storer confirmed to the meeting that there was now a requirement for the Council to confirm that it owns the village hall, and that a 'Deed of Dedication' needs to be completed. Mr Storer agreed to meet with the Council's solicitors, Wilkin, Chapman, Epton, Blades. There was still an issue over Valued Added Tax (VAT) which needed to be resolved before the next stage of the Big Lottery Application proceeds.	
03.12.00	<u>UPDATE - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: FLOODING ETC</u> The chairman gave the meeting his latest progress report regarding what has been happening as regards work being carried out to prevent any future flooding in the village. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting has taken place between the Upper Witham Drainage Board, and Mr Storer. • Mr Faulkes has a new machine, and it hoped he can arrange for the ditches down Dycote Lane to be cleaned out sometime in May. • Anglian Water have earmarked £1.5k towards helping divert some of the surface water so that less water goes down Cow Lane. It is hoped to divert the surface water so that it goes along side of the A607, or to take some of the water towards Graves' Hill. • Mr Richard Overton has been asked to form a dyke which will run from the A607 towards The Nookin. 	
03.13.00	<u>HIGHWAY MATTERS</u> The potholes along High Street still need attention by 'Highways'. 'Highways' have as yet still to raise the height of the kerb outside Stephen Francis's property on the A607 to help prevent further flooding. The chairman, and Mr Goodhand have met with representatives from the District Council in order to discuss with them the new 'Stepping Out Walks' leaflets. Four of the existing walks have now been combined to form two walks only. Mr Goodhand will reply to the District Council with his comments regarding the first draft of the new leaflets.	LCC WG
03.14.00	<u>VOLUNTARY CAR SCHEME</u> It was agreed to put the details regarding the new scheme in the parish magazine. 'Cluster funding' has been set aside to assist towards setting up the scheme.	

03.15.00	<p><u>QUOTES: MAINTENANCE OF TREES ETC</u> Further quotes have now been received for the work to the trees on, and around the edge of Castle Hill Field. Members of the meeting discussed the quotes, and it was agreed that the quote given by Woodpecker Tree Services of £750 be accepted. The quote excluded any work involved to the Horse Chestnut tree (Jubilee Tree) growing on The Green. Before any work is carried out to the tree, it was agreed to seek the views of the District Council's Tree Officer as to his opinion regarding the tree's condition etc. Mr Brealey agreed to arrange such a meeting.</p>	<u>ACTION</u> VB
03.16.00	<p><u>GRASS CUTTING. FY 2008-2009</u> The contractor has now confirmed, in writing, his 3% increase in the grass cutting costs for the next financial year.</p>	
03.17.00	<p><u>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING. 2008</u> Date of meeting yet to be agreed, depending on availability of the village hall. It was hoped to include a presentation regarding the Village Hall Development Project, and an update regarding the flood preventative measures that have taken place over the past month or so in and around the village.</p>	BW
03.18.00	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> LCR March 2008 What's On. March 2008 Calendar of meetings 2008-2009. NKDC</p>	
03.19.00	<p><u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following cheques was approved. Proposed by Mr Copley, and seconded by Mr Barry: -</p> <p>NKDC.....Emptying of dog waste bins. 4No.....£320.00 Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils Annual Subscription 2008-2009 + Copy of Local Council Review £177.83 ABB Ltd.....Maintenance of footway lighting.....£099.33 British Telecommunications Telephone Account. IT Room.....£065.35 B Wildblood.....Parish clerk's quarterly salary. Jan/March 08.....£250.00 B Wildblood.....Parish clerk's quarterly expenses. Jan/March 08.....£045.00</p> <p>Transfer HICA to CA.....£950.00</p> <p><i>The following payment was made after the February meeting:</i></p> <p>NKDC.....Planning Application. Village Hall Development.....£132.50 Transfer HICA to CA.....£140.00</p>	
03.20.00	<p><u>MATTERS FOR URGENT DISCUSSION OR FOR NEXT AGENDA</u> April Agenda: 1. Police Forum. 15th April 2008. Metheringham Village Hall. 2. Date of Annual Parish Meeting.</p>	
03.21.00	<p><u>PRESS RELEASES</u> There were no items requiring any press release.</p>	
03.22.00	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 9th April 2008 at 7.30pm.</p>	ALL

There being no further matters to discuss, the chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.11pm