

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th MAY 2007 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00pm

		<u>ACTION</u>
05.01.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME</u> The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
05.02.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> Police matters – included a report on the recent theft of poultry in the parish for which two people have now been questioned and also the latest annual crime statistics for the North Kesteven District where the incidence of most categories of offences have fallen markedly while detection rates have improved.	
05.03.00	<u>PRESENT</u> Mr. J.R. Storer, (Chairman), Councillors Mr. M. Barry, Mr. W. Goodhand Mr. S. Lawson and Mrs. M. Overton and District Councillor Mr. M. Wylie. Mr. J. Duckett attended in the role of responsible officer in the absence of the Parish Clerk due to illness. The meeting agreed that the proceedings should be recorded by Mr. W. Goodhand.	
05.04.00	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received from Mr S Short	
05.05.00	<u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u> No interests declared at this stage of the meeting.	
05.06.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> Due to the illness and absence of the Parish Clerk, the full minutes of the meeting held on 11 th April 2007 were not available. However, the Vice Chairman, Mr. W. Goodhand provided outline notes on the key resolutions as guidance for the current meeting. Members agreed that the complete record of the April meeting should be held over until the Clerk had returned.	
06.07.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT / FINANCIAL REPORT</u> There was no Clerk's Report, or Financial Report available for the meeting.	
05.08.00	<u>ADOPTION OF COUNCILLORS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT</u> This was completed with the assistance of Mr. J. Duckett acting in his capacity as a former JP.	
05.09.00	<u>ELECTION OF OFFICERS</u> Chairman, Mr. J.R. Storer proposed by Mrs. M. Overton and seconded by Mr. M. Barry. Vice Chairman, Mr. W. Goodhand proposed by Mr. J.R. Storer and seconded by Mrs. M. Overton. Village Hall & Playing Field Representatives Mr. M. Barry and one vacancy.	
05.10.00	<u>DISTRICT COUNCIL / COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS</u> It was noted that the District Council elections had resulted in a Conservative majority also that "Pub-Watch" had resolved that bans on customers would apply across the whole of the district. The recent introduction of Parish Cluster Groups will provide an opportunity for more joint working and that this should not pose any threat to the future character of individual Parish Councils (Welbourn has been placed in Group 6 comprising the Cliff Villages and the parishes along the Witham Valley).	

05.11.00	<p><u>PARISH COUNCIL WORKING METHODS</u></p> <p>The Council considered in outline possible future methods of organising working practices, for example by the allocation of separate port-folios to each councillor. In the interim the planning sub-committee would continue in its present form, the membership being Mr. S. Short (Chairman) Mr. S. Lawson & Mr. W. Goodhand (Convenor). Members also noted the Caythorpe Parish Council practice of holding bi-monthly meetings with supporting sub-committees to consider key issues. It was resolved to fully examine each of these matters in detail once the Parish Council had been able to co-opt additional members up to the full complement of nine councillors.</p>	<u>ACTION</u>
05.12.00	<p><u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>17, The Nookin, Welbourn – the proposed felling of a eucalyptus tree growing close by this property. This was supported subject to the agreement of the District Council Tree Officer.</p>	
05.13.00	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p> <p>Members noted the following items received:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Standards Board – Revised Rules. • Lincolnshire County Council, information of coming events giving information on benefits. • North Kesteven District Council – planning training courses for Parish Councillors to be held at Sleaford on 7th & 14th June 4.30 – 7.30pm 	
05.14.00	<p><u>CHEQUES</u></p> <p>Payment of the following cheques was approved proposed by Mrs. M. Overton, seconded by Mr. S. Lawson:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. R.A. Laing, repairs to picnic table, Castle Hill, £54. • Mr. C. Bleaden, grass cutting, £326. 73 • Welbourn Village Hall and Playing Field Committee, annual grant for repairs and maintenance of the Village Hall, £650. <p>Transfer HICA to CA.....£400.00</p> <p>The Council also noted that matching funding of £79,000 would be required to complete the refurbishment of the Village Hall if the current application for the Big Lottery Fund was successful. It would be anticipated that the match funding would include a contribution from Welbourn Parish Council. A cheque of £25 was also received as a private donation in support of the Friends of Welbourn Forge. Temporary measures were also agreed to allow invoice payments to continue during the period of the Clerk's absence through illness.</p>	
05.15.00	<p><u>MATTERS FOR URGENT DISCUSSION OR FOR NEXT AGENDA</u></p> <p>A number of items were put forward including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog fouling and fly tipping within the parish. • Possible provision of an additional bus stop sign on the Green • The need to review the condition of certain willow trees at Castle Hill • The East Midlands Regional Assembly – draft spatial strategy – ongoing public inquiry. 	
05.16.00	<p><u>PRESS RELEASES</u></p> <p>There were no items requiring any press release.</p>	
05.17.00	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 13th June 2007 at 7.30pm.</p>	ALL

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