

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WENESDAY 11th MAY 2005 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

		<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> No matters raised.	
05.03.00	<u>PRESENT</u> Mr J R Storer (Chairman), Councillors Mrs A Broadbent, Mr M Barry, Mr D Close, Mr W Goodhand, Mr S Lawson, Mr S Short, Mr J Wilkinson, and Mr B Wildblood. Parish Clerk. Also present was District Councillor M Wylie.	
05.04.00	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received from Mrs M Overton	
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> The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13 th April 2005, which had been circulated earlier to members of the parish council, were approved, and signed.	
05.07.00	<u>ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN</u> Chairman: Mr Goodhand nominated Mr Storer, seconded by Mr Barry. No other nominations were made. Mr Storer was elected as Chairman unanimously. Vice Chairman: Mr Lawson nominated Mr Goodhand, seconded by Mr Close. No other nominations were made. Mr Goodhand was elected as Vice Chairman unanimously. Both officers agreed to accept their posts as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively. Mr Storer then, in accordance with the National Code of Conduct, as set out in the Local Government Act 2000, signed a copy of 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'.	
05.08.00	<u>ELECTION OF VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE(S)</u> Mr Close and Mr Wilkinson agreed to continue to represent the parish council on the Village Hall Committee.	
05.09.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT / FINANCIAL REPORT</u> Copies of the financial report for May 2005 had been handed to members of the parish council prior to the start of the meeting. There was no clerk's report.	
05.10.00	<u>DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u> Councillor Wylie said that there wasn't much to report. 1. A copy of the District Council's submission regarding the planning inquiry as to the Planning Department refusing to allow the temporary siting of gypsy caravans at Station Yard, Leadenham, has been forwarded to the Planning Inquiry Inspector at Bristol. 2. A 'safety barrier' has now been erected at the side of the old railway bridge on the A607. (The County Council has confirmed in writing with the parish council that it has no funds to carry out any major alterations to the bridge, nor the highway). 3. The Audit Commission's report on the District Council is a good one. 4. Leadenham is experiencing an 'anti-social' problem at present, and this is being Monitored.	

05.11.00	<u>PLANNING MATTERS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
05.11.01	<u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u> a. N/72/0520/05 Erection of extension to front of garage: 17 Crosby Lane, Welbourn b. N/72/0595/05 Erection of front porch: 41 Dycote Lane, Welbourn Members of the meeting agreed to support both planning applications.	
05.11.02	<u>PLANNING MEETING REPORTS</u> a. N/72/1420/04 & LBC 1852: Amended drawings: conversion of out building: Greystone Cottage, Hall Lane, Welbourn b. N/72/0479/05: Proposed solar panels: 7 Beck Street, Welbourn Members of the planning meeting has ad supported both planning applications.	
05.11.03	<u>PLANNING APPEAL: - SITE AT STATION YARD, CLIFF ROAD, LEADENHAM</u> <u>PARISH COUNCIL'S RESPONSE</u> The clerk has now forwarded the council's response to the planning appeal for the site. The council continues to support the District Council's Planning Services regarding their refusal to grant planning permission to allow the site to be used as a temporary 'Gypsy Caravan Site' (N/72/1715/04) for a period of two years. It is to be noted that the area of the site in question is within Welbourn parish.	
05.11.04	<u>PLANNING ACTS 1990 – WITHDRAWAL OR NON-DETERMINATION OF PLANNING APPLICATION</u> The meeting was given details as to Planning Application N/72/0161/05 – Erection of eight dwellings: Land off Beck Street, Welbourn, being withdrawn. The application will be filed away, and no further action will be taken on it. (Letter dated 3 rd May 05 refers).	
05.12.00	<u>PARISH PLAN</u> The steering group has recently met, and each individual working group has now been tasked with producing a 'table of requirements/wishes'. Evidence for this will be collated from the findings recorded from the Parish Plan Questionnaire. The appraisal of the findings is in hand, and Mr Goodhand is producing this. An application for more funding to help produce The Parish Plan is now in hand.	
05.13.00	<u>GREEN LANES – TEMPLE BRUER</u> There was no further progress to report.	
05.14.00	<u>RISK ASSESSMENTS contd</u> Members of the meeting continued to discuss as to how 'Risk Assessments' affected the parish council. Amongst the items discussed this time were 'To identify and regularly review the Council's priorities'. Risk assessment to be on the council's meetings agenda at least quarterly.	
05.15.00	<u>HOUSING NEED STUDY NKDC</u> It was agreed that the council should argue the case regarding 'affordable housing'. The parish council endeavors to support schemes where 'affordable housing' is taken into consideration, as part of any planning application, but the present 'rule of thumb' will not always allow this. Mr Short agreed to draft a reply on the subject, on behalf of Welbourn for onward transmission to the District Council. (Reply to contain the term: - 'sustainability').	SS
05.16.00	<u>PARISH ALLOTMENTS</u> As a follow on from the recent inspection by councillors of the parish allotments, members of the meeting discussed as what the way ahead was regarding the future use of the twelve allotments, a number of which are now vacant. As a trial it was agreed that one of the now vacant allotments should be ploughed up and divided into smaller areas. The remaining vacant ones to be kept clean and tidy.	

	Mrs Broadbent agreed to draft an advert regarding the vacant allotments in the Two Villages parish magazine, to see if anyone would be interested in taking on the tenancy of a 'smaller' allotment. The chairman agreed to contact the grass-cutting contractor for what the costs would be to carry out the proposals.	<u>ACTION</u> AB RS
05.17.00	<u>STANDING ORDERS</u> Having now read through the current copy of the council's standing orders, Mrs Broadbent gave the meeting details of sections which may require to be amended in order to bring them up to date with current legislation. Suggested amendments to be discussed at the June meeting.	AB
05.18.00	<u>WHY NEIGHBOURHOODS MATTER (NEIGHBOURHOOD ARRANGEMENTS)</u> Members of the meeting discussed the document briefly, having received an explanation by Mrs Broadbent to what the document entailed.	
05.19.00	<u>BOUNDARY WALL: WELBOURN MANOR NURSING HOME</u> There has been a reply from the proprietors of the nursing home regarding the home's boundary wall, which is in places in a poor state of repair. It was agreed that the matter was becoming urgent, and that the proprietor should be written to again regarding the state of the wall.	BW
05.20.00	<u>EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL PLAN TO 2006: CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR A REVIEW</u> Mr Goodhand agreed to read through the document setting out the proposals on question, and to report back his findings at the June meeting.	WG
05.21.00	<u>EAST MIDLANDS [REGIONAL PLAN – SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL APRIL 2005</u> Document to be circulated amongst members of the parish council.	ALL
05.22.00	<u>WORKSHOP – PARISH PARTNERSHIPS</u> The chairman gave details setting out as to what the 'Parish Partnership' workshop was all about to the meeting. Mr Close agreed to represent the parish council at the workshop. Details to be passed on to the District Council.	DC
05.23.00	<u>FLY POSTERS – WELBOURN VILLAGE</u> Parish councillors have noted that there was quite a number of 'trade posters' being attached to various electricity poles within the village. Members of the meeting agreed that this type of poster should be removed when seen by members of the parish council.	ALL
05.24.00	<u>CHANGE OF COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE</u> County Council elections have recently been held, and this has resulted in Bassingham Ward, to which Welbourn belongs, having a change of representative. The newly elected County Councillor for the Ward is now Mr Ray Phillips (Conservative), South Hykeham. Mr Phillips replaces Mr 'Bill' Wyrill, who didn't stand for re-election. Members of the meeting agreed that Mr Wyrill should be written to, to thank him for his help and guidance given to the parish council whilst he was in office as County Councillor.	BW
05.25.00	<u>DONATIONS</u> It was agreed that the following local charities should continue to receive support from Welbourn Parish Council: - <i>Lincolnshire Playing Fields Association</i> <i>Winged Fellowship Trust</i> <i>Age Concern – Kesteven</i> <i>Sleaford and District Citizens Advice Bureau</i> <i>Kesteven Blind Society</i> <i>Strut Ltd</i>	

	<p><i>Samaritans – Grantham relate Lincolnshire Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service [L.I.V.E.S] Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance</i></p> <p>It was proposed by Mr Barry and seconded by Mr Lawson that the council should donate £10.00 to each of the charities. Members of the meeting supported the proposal. Cheques to cover donations to be presented for signature and payment at the June meeting.</p>	
05.26.00	<p>CORRESPONDENCE Mechanical road sweeping programme – Welbourn Village (see end of minutes for dates) Heartbeat Kesteven Health Walks. SW Lincolnshire Thank you letter – Mrs Bull Mobile Police Office – Friday 17th June 9.30am – 12.15pm LALC – Various Training Courses Creative Writing Showcase for North Kesteven district</p>	
05.27.00	<p>CHEQUES Payment of the following cheques was approved. Proposed by Mr Goodhand, and seconded by Mr Lawson: -</p> <p>Sarah Gleave.....Parish Dog Warden Services.....£058.06 Allianz Cornhill Insurance PLC...Parish Council Insurance Annual Premium.....£486.42 Chris Bleaden Ground Maintenance Grass cutting & weed control.....£524.58 Welbourn Village Hall Committee Annual Grant etc.....£625.00 Mrs A Broadbent.....Reimbursement. Purchase of refreshments Parish Plan Public meeting.... £039.08 Transfer HICA to CA.....£1740.00</p>	
05.28.00	<p><u>MATTERS FOR URGENT DISCUSSION OR FOR NEXT AGENDA</u> a. <u>Burial Ground Survey</u> Completion of survey still in hand.</p>	
05.29.00	<p><u>PRESS RELEASES</u> There were no items warranting a press release.</p>	
05.30.00	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 7th June 2005 at 7.30 pm</p>	ALL

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