

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th MAY 2008 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

05.01.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME</u> The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.	<u>ACTION</u>
05.02.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> Members of the meeting were informed by one of the residents living in Cow Lane that the District Council's grass cutting contractor was leaving part of the grassed area outside his bungalow uncut. Councillor Overton agreed to investigate, and sort out the problem.	Cllr MO
05.03.00	<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, and Mr B Wildblood Parish Clerk. Also present for part of the meeting was one member of the public.	
05.04.00	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies had been received from Mr S Short and District Councillor M Wylie.	
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 9 th April 2008, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members of the parish council, were amended, approved, and signed.	
05.07.00 05.07.01	<u>ELECTION OF OFFICERS</u> <u>CHAIRMAN:</u> - Mr Brealey nominated Mr Storer, seconded by Mr Barry. There were no other nominations. Mr Storer was elected chairman unanimously.	
05.07.02	<u>VICE-CHAIRMAN:</u> Mr Brealey nominated Mr Goodhand, seconded by Mrs Overton. There were no other nominations. Mr Goodhand was elected vice-chairman unanimously.	
05.08.00	<u>ELECTION OF WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE</u> Mr Barry agreed to carry on representing the Parish Council on the Village Hall Management Committee.	
05.09.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT / FINANCIAL REPORT</u> Copies of the clerk's Financial Report for May 2008 were made available to all members of the meeting. There was no Clerk's Report.	
05.10.00 05.10.01	<u>COUNTY COUNCIL / DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u> 1. <u>District Councillor Overton's Report</u> Copies of District Councillor Overton's May Report had been made available to all Welbourn Parish Councillors, either by e-mail or by hand. In addition Councillor Overton is working to get concessionary fares starting earlier or all day as quite a number of users of the scheme find the start time doesn't fit in with their 'bus journey. Councillor Overton felt that the cuts to the library and museum service have not been	

05.10.01 contd.	<p>helpful to our stated objectives and has written to the Audit inspectors to ask them to consider the changes in their review.</p> <p>The mobile library times have now changed and the van will only be in the village for 30 minutes.</p> <p>Schools will have their own mobile library service visits and times.</p> <p>Councillor Overton explained about a 'Home Delivery' library service which housebound people has not used but would be welcome to do so.</p>	<u>ACTION</u>
05.11.00 05.11.01	<p><u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u></p> <p><u>Mr T Copley: Neighbourhood Watch: -</u> Mr Copley gave the meeting his report regarding The North Kesteven Police and Community Forum that he had attended on behalf of the parish council, on Tuesday 15th April last.</p> <p>The meeting had opened with the Chairman's introduction and overview of the financial problems that the Lincolnshire Police Authority has in ensuring that they are able to provide the county with the level of policing that is required. The Police Authority was still waiting to see if their increase in the policing requirements as requested through the local council tax had been capped or not. The outcome may not be known until June or July.</p> <p>Supt. Freeman then gave members of the meeting a breakdown of plans for North Kesteven area. It was hoped to have additional 20 police officers, which will help provide additional community beat managers. A further 13 additional civilian staff are required. They would deal with crime administration, and will free up 13 police officers. Recruiting and training will take place over a two-year period, however, the police and the Authority stated that there would not be any further increase in the police council tax requirements.</p> <p>The meeting was then opened to the public so that any local issues could be discussed. These included parking on pavements, police response times especially 999 calls, hare coursing, and youth problems.</p> <p>The meeting was concluded by the chairman stating that if the government did not allow the increase to stand the administration of the rebate would cost the County Council in the region of £300k.</p>	
05.11.02	<p><u>Mr W Goodhand: - Rural Payment Agency Representative</u> Mr Goodhand informed the meeting that he had now completed the relevant form(s) in order to claim the next cycle of payments for Castle Hill Field from the Rural Payments Agency.</p>	
05.11.03	<p><u>Mr W Goodhand: - Stepping Out Walks leaflets</u> There were still some mistakes on the Parish Stepping Out Walks leaflets.</p>	
05.11.04	<p><u>Mr R Storer: - Liaison with Leadenham Parish Council</u> Mr Storer gave details of the meeting he had attended on behalf of Welbourn with Leadenham Parish Council. The question of 'Affordable Housing' had been discussed with a representative from NKDC. It is planned to carry out a survey of each of the villages to see if there was indeed a need for 'Affordable Housing'.</p>	

05.12.00	<u>PLANNING MATTERS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
05.12.01	<u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u> a. LB/2252: Internal alterations and installation of satellite dish: Hunt House, The Green, Welbourn b. N72/0433/08: Erection of carport: 27 The Green, Welbourn Details of both applications were given to members of the meeting. The application for Hunt House had been supported. Site meeting to discuss the erection of the carport to be convened.	
05.12.02	<u>PLANNING PERMISSIONS</u> a. N72/0208/08: Erection of pair of semi-detached cottages at Land Adjacent 3 Hall Orchard Lane, Welbourn. (includes conditions 1-12 incl) b. N72/0251/08: Remove temporary time limit condition 1 of planning permission N72/0153/07 to allow the permanent flying of noise emitting engine powered aircraft between the hours of 10.00 and 21.00 hours. Monday to Friday: Land off Dycote Lane, Welbourn c. N72/0257/08: Extensions to Welbourn Village Hall, Beck Street, Welbourn The details of the permissions were given to members of the meeting.	
05.12.03	<u>NOTIFICATION OF COUNTY MATTER PLANNING APPLICATION</u> a. AG/0251: Construction of clay lined reservoir for irrigation use: Gartholme Farm, High Street, Welbourn Decision: Prior approval not required	
05.13.00	<u>WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT</u> Further funding is now required from The Big Lottery to cover fees to pay the council's solicitors for the registration of Welbourn Village Hall, and Village Hall Land, together with the Quantity Surveyors fees.	
05.14.00	<u>UPDATE - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: FLOODING ETC</u> Sandbags have now been placed at the side of Soggins Lane in order to strengthen the embankment. The culvert is now in good order. There is still a problem in Moat Lane. The problem is not helped by the presence of an underground telephone cable.	
05.15.00	<u>CLIFF VILLAGES VOLUNTARY CAR SCHEME</u> Mrs Overton gave the meeting an update on the Voluntary Car Scheme. Six Parish Councils - Leadenham, Welbourn, Wellingore, Boothby Graffoe, Coleby and Harmston, support the scheme. The scheme has £2k in the bank: £1k from the Parish Cluster devolved fund and £1k from DEFRA. Press launch of the scheme will be 15 th May next (tomorrow evening), at 7.30pm, Leadenham Village Hall. The contact telephone number for the 'Cliff Villages Voluntary Scheme' is 01522 723356. More volunteer drivers are still needed from each village.	
05.16.00	<u>REPORT: PARISH CLUSTER MEETING. 30th APRIL 2008. WADDINGTON</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The request for the cluster to be issued with a 'speed gun' has been turned down. • It had been agreed to purchase a mobile speed indication device (SID) for the cluster, and will be operated by the police. The SID would be used in daylight hours, secured and left, unmanned, in an identified location for 2 to 3 hours at a time. The SID would be used as often as the Police were able to resource it. The Community Police Panel would be the primary source of information for locating the SID 	

05.16.00 contd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting had been given an update regarding the launch of the Voluntary Car Scheme. The date, time and location of the next cluster meeting had been fixed for Thursday 3rd July next, at the Pavilion, St. John's Recreation Ground, Bracebridge Heath, starting at 7.00 pm 	<u>ACTION</u>
05.17.00	<p><u>MAINTENANCE OF CASTLE HILL FIELD</u> Two sections of fencing along the frontage of Castle Hill Field have now been replaced, and the area around the fence tidied up. The chairman thanked Mr Brealey for his assistance in helping to carry out the work. The invoice to pay for the materials and time involved by Mr Vic Brownlow will be presented for payment along with any other invoices already noted on the agenda.</p> <p>The maintenance work to a number of the trees on Castle Hill hasn't started yet.</p>	
05.18.00	<p><u>CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL GRANTS, DONATIONS, ETC</u> Members of the meeting discussed as to what the grant should be this financial year to be given to the village hall committee towards the upkeep of the fabric of the village hall, and as payment in lieu of loss of revenue for hire charges for use of the Information Technology (IT) room, instead of the lounge area. It was proposed that the grant be based again on last year's grant of £625. Members of the meeting were in full agreement with the proposal. The clerk agreed to prepare a list of the local charities to which the Council donated to each year, and put the list on the June Parish Council meeting agenda.</p>	BW
05.19.00	<p><u>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2008 - MONDAY 19th MAY 2008. WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL. 7.30pm</u> Members of the meeting were reminded as to the date, time, and venue for the councils Annual Parish Meeting 2008.</p>	ALL
05.20.00	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> What's On. May 2008 Rural Links. Spring/Summer 2008 LCR. May 2008 LALC News. March 2008 Interactive Play Inspection Guide (forwarded to Village Hall Committee via Mr Barry)</p>	
05.21.00	<p><u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following cheques was approved. Proposed by Mr Copley, and seconded by Mr Barry: -</p> <p>E.ON Energy.....Energy charges. Footway lighting...£252.16 Chris Bleaden Ground Maintenance.....Grass cutting. Village verges etc....£446.56 V Brownlow.....Repairs to fencing. Castle Hill Fd...£380.00 Welbourn Village Hall Committee.....Annual grant.....£625.00</p> <p>Transfer HICA to CA..... £1700.00</p>	
05.22.00	<p><u>MATTERS FOR URGENT DISCUSSION OR FOR NEXT AGENDA</u> There were no items for urgent discussion.</p>	
05.23.00	<p><u>PRESS RELEASES</u> There were no items requiring any press release.</p>	

05.24.00	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 11 th June 2008 at 7.30pm.	<u>ACTION</u> ALL
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There being no further matters to discuss, the chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.00pm