

# WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2004 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

		<u>ACTION</u>
10.01.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME</u> The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
10.02.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> No matters raised	
10.03.00	<u>PRESENT</u> Mr J R Storer (Chairman), Councillors Mrs A Broadbent, Mrs M Overton, Mr M Barry, Mr D Close, Mr W Goodhand, Mr S Lawson, Mr S Short, and Mr B Wildblood. Parish Clerk.	
10.04.00	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received from District Councillor M Wylie.	
10.05.00	<u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u> No interests declared at this stage of the meeting.	
10.06.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2004, which had been circulated earlier to members of the parish council, were approved, and signed.	
10.07.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT / FINANCIAL REPORT</u> Copies of the clerk's report and financial report for October had been handed to members of the parish council prior to the start of the meeting.	
10.08.00 10.08.01	<u>PLANNING MATTERS</u> <u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u> a. N/72/1306/04: Residential development (outline): Borfa-Wen Farm, Hall Orchard Lane, Welbourn It was agreed by members of the meeting that the comments as made to the previous outline planning application for the same site should be resubmitted, together with a few minor amendments.	
10.08.02	<u>SITE MEETING REPORTS:</u> a. LBC 1841: Renovation and reproofing of existing shed: Myrtle Cottage, The Green, Welbourn. b. CA/72/75: Notification of intention to fell, lop, top, or uproot trees in a Conservation Area Members of the meeting were given details of both site meetings. Both planning applications had been supported in principle. It was noted by members of the site meeting that the application for Myrtle Cottage was 'retrospective'.	
10.08.03	<u>PLANNING PERMISSION</u> a. N/72/1200/04: Erection of conservatory to rear: 22 Dycote Lane, Welbourn. Details of the permission were given to members of the meeting.	

10.08.04	<u>PLANNING ACTS 1990 WITHDRAWAL OR NON-DETERMINATION OF PLANNING APPLICATION</u> N/72/1101/04 & LBC1838: Conversion and extension of outbuildings to form new dwelling: land at Greystone Cottage, The Green, Welbourn Details of the withdrawal of the application were given to members of the meeting.	<u>ACTION</u>
10.08.05	<u>PLANNING ENFORCEMENT POLICY. NORTH KESTIVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL</u> Details of the document were given to members of the meeting.	
10.09.00	<u>PARISH PLANS</u> The final version of the proposed questionnaire was now being edited, and being sorted into some form of format. It was hoped to deliver copies of the questionnaire to all the households in the parish by the last week in October, and collect in the completed questionnaires by the last week in November. It was hoped that once the entire information etc. gleaned from the questionnaire had been collated, then the information may be published.	
10.10.00	<u>HIGHWAY MATTERS</u> Details of the meeting that had been held on 6 <sup>th</sup> October between representatives from the parish council, County Councillor Wyrill, and Lincolnshire County Council Highways were given to the meeting. As a result of the meeting, 'Highways' have agreed to modify part of the footpath at the junction of Little Lane, and Beck Street, together with modifications to the footpath outside 'Holly Cottage', The Green. This should improve the road safety aspect as far as the school's walking 'bus is concerned. The painting of the white line on The Green will also be going ahead. However, details of other improvements to The Green area could be made available to the parish council via the European Parliament, which has projects by which conservation areas can be improved. Details of the contact will be sent to the council at a later date. Some villages in Lincolnshire have already benefited from the scheme.	LCC
10.11.00	<u>GREEN LANES – TEMPLE BRUER</u> There has been further progress in getting the green lanes at Temple Bruer registered as public rights of way. Lincolnshire County Council will act as the agent for receiving claims from the parish council and members of the public that the lanes should be recorded as accessible to the public, and that this be endorsed on the appropriate documents ie Ordnance Survey maps etc., The claim requires a minimum of six witnesses for its support. Mr Goodhand and Mr Close agreed to prepare the paperwork ready in support of the claim.	WG/DC
10.12.00	<u>STEPS - RAILWAY EMBANKMENT</u> A visual inspection of the steps in question has been carried out, and the steps are safe to use. However it was agreed that the Countryside Ranger be contacted for advice.	BW
10.13.00	<u>PUBLIC FIELDPATHS</u> Mr Storer reported that the contractor concerned has now cut some of the fieldpaths. It was agreed that the NKDC fieldpaths were not kept in good condition this year, as they are part of the 'stepping out' network.	
10.14.00	<u>BLACKSMITH'S SHOP [WELBOURN FORGE]</u> The welding equipment for the forge has now been purchased, and will be put to good use by the 'Friends of Welbourn Forge'. Parishioners will now be able to take more types items for repair to the forge. The clerk informed the meeting that he had received an anonymous donation of £150. The money will be used to offset some of the costs of purchasing the welding equipment. Further funding has been promised from NKDC's Micro Project funds.	

10.15.00	<u>JUBILEE CAUSEWAY</u> There was no further progress to report in obtaining quotes for the chicken wire to fix to the timber-walking surface.	<u>ACTION</u>
10.16.00	<u>ELECTORAL REVIEW OF WARDS IN NORTH KESTEVEN - BOUNDARY COMMITTEE FOR ENGLAND - PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS</u> The chairman asked Mrs Overton to give fellow parish councillors an update as to what had been proposed as far as the 'Cliff Village Ward' was concerned. It appears that the team carrying out the review has recommended that Leadenham Parish is moved from the 'Cliff Villages' and is linked to the 'Cranwell & Byards Leap Ward', as they appear to be short of electorate. It was agreed by the meeting that should the recommendation be approved then this could have implications so far as Welbourn was concerned. Our geographical link with Leadenham is strong, and this is good as far as funding projects between the two villages is concerned. There were other reasons also that Leadenham and Welbourn remained in the same District Council Ward. Leadenham Waste Disposal Site was one major factor as far as the two parishes were concerned. Leadenham old railway sidings are another. Having discussed the review in some detail, and noting that our area has the correct percentage of voters, it was agreed that the parish council should send a letter supporting that the status should remain as it is, with a copy to Leadenham Parish Council.	
10.17.00	<u>POPPY WREATH: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2004</u> The meeting agreed to support the annual Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, and that a poppy wreath be ordered on behalf of the parish. It was agreed that £30 be donated to the appeal. Mr Goodhand agreed to arrange for the wreath to be laid on the parish's behalf on Remembrance Sunday.	WG
10.18.00	<u>WATER METER: CASTLE HILL FIELD</u> Mr Lawson has checked with the water supply authorities as to costs etc in either removing or retaining the meter to Castle Hill Field. Based on the charges given, it was agreed that the meter should remain connected to the water supplies, as this in the long run was the cheaper option. It was agreed that the parish council should take over the 'ownership' of the meter, and any charges raised against it.	
10.19.00	<u>FOOTPATH - A607</u> The chairman has received a hand written note complaining as to the footpath on the A607 where it passes in front of Welbourn Hall Nursing Home. Details of complaint to be passed onto 'Highways'.	
10.20.00	<u>REPORT: LEADENHAM WASTE DISPOSAL SITE</u> The meeting was given details regarding the site meeting that had recently been held at Leadenham Waste Disposal Site, between Leadenham and Welbourn Parish Council representatives, and representatives managing the site. Trees had now been planted, and the management of the site seems to be much improved. One concern however was gleaned from the meeting, in that the licence for 'Public Amenity Site' that opens up to the public at the weekend runs out in March 2005. It was agreed that the parish council should write to the County Council asking that the facility should continue. If the facility is closed, then this could result in fly tipping in the local green lanes starting up again.	
10.21.00	<u>BUS STOPS - WALKING 'BUS</u> Members of the meeting were asked if it was at all possible for the village 'walking 'bus' to have access to the barrier which is across the front of the blacksmith's shop. It was agreed that the request should be taken up with the 'Friends of Welbourn Forge'.	

10.22.00	<u>GRASS CUTTING: FY 2005/2006</u> The meeting was reminded that it was soon time to consider the council's Precept for 2005/2006, and that the cost of grass cutting was met from the Precept. As the costs of cutting the grass in the village was a major item to fund, then the contract should be re-tendered. The clerk agreed to write to a number of potential contractors, asking for written quotes from them to cut and strim the grassed areas concerned.	
10.23.00	<u>BRITISH TRUST FOR CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS - MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL</u> It was agreed that the council should renew its membership at a cost of £25.	
10.24.00	<u>CONSULTATION: CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS</u> Details of the consultation area available on a web site: <a href="http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consultation/index.htm">www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consultation/index.htm</a>	
10.25.00	<u>TRAINING WORKSHOP: LOCAL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARISH COUNCILS</u> <u>TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2004 7.30pm WELLINGORE VILLAGE HALL</u> Members of the meeting were given details of the workshop. A number of councillors indicated that they would like to attend the workshop. The clerk also would be attending.	
10.26.00	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> Annual Report. Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils [LALC] AGM. LALC. 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2004. Lincolnshire County Training Partnership. Funding for training for councillors & clerks An Introduction to Rukba [ The Royal United Kingdom Beneficent Association] in the East Midlands	
10.27.00	<u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following cheques was approved. Proposed by Mrs Overton and seconded by Mr Close: -  Welbourn Village Hall Committee.....Sponsorship. Art Exhibition.....£050.00 Sarah Gleave.....Parish Dog Warden Services.....£058.06 Chris Bleaden Ground Maintenance....Grass cutting. Village verges, Castle Hill Field, etc. £505.29 ABB.....Footway lighting maintenance charges £088.67 D Stansfield.....Reimbursement – Photocopying – Parish Plans £017.27 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.....Purchase of Poppy Wreath.....£030.00 BTCV.....Membership renewal.....£025.00 Transfer HICA to CA.....£370.00	
10.28.00	<u>MATTERS FOR URGENT DISCUSSION OR FOR NEXT AGENDA</u> Mrs Broadbent asked for 'Parking on grass verges' to be discussed at the November meeting.	
10.29.00	<u>PRESS RELEASES</u> There were no items warranting a press release.	
10.30.00	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2004 at 7.30pm. Mr Close, and Mr Goodhand tendered their apologies, as they will be unable to attend the November meeting.	ALL

There being no further matters to discuss, the chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.27pm