

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 10th OCTOBER 2007 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 Mr M Barry, Mr V Brealey, Mr A Copley, Mr. W. Goodhand, Mr. S. Lawson, Mr S Short, and Mr B Wildblood Parish Clerk. Also present was District Councillor M Wylie.	
10.04.00	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received from Mrs M Overton.	
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 12 th September 2007, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members of the parish council, were amended, approved, and signed.	
10.07.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT / FINANCIAL REPORT</u> Copies of the clerk's Financial Report for October were made available to all members of the meeting. There was no Clerk's Report.	
10.08.00	<u>DISTRICT COUNCIL / COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS</u> District Councillor Wylie brought members of the meeting their attention to the following matters: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Wylie thanked the chairman for his report regarding the cleaning etc of the ditches and drains in the parish. • The County Council could give more weight to the Parish Plan. (Mr Goodhand reminded the meeting that the parish council had already met with representatives of the County Council and had discussed Welbourn's Parish Plan with them). • There had been a proposal to set up a 'Community Speed Watch'. Volunteers will be trained to use the equipment, and will be issued with protective clothing. • 'Dial-a-ride' scheme is to finish, as it is proving expensive to run. The District Council has given the County Council 6 months notice of its intention to end the scheme. • It is hoped that access by the public to the Leadenham Waste Disposal Site will include Friday openings soon. <p>District Councillor Overton's October report had been e-mailed to parish councillors where possible to do so.</p>	

10.09.00	<u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
10.09.01	<p><u>SITE MEETING REPORTS</u></p> <p>a. CA72/88: Welbourn Nursing Home, Hall Lane, Welbourn: Intended works to trees in Conservation Areas + Permission</p> <p>Members of the site meeting had supported the application to carry out work to the trees in question. Permission has now been granted by the District Council Tree Officer for the work to be carried out.</p>	
10.09.02	<p><u>REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION</u></p> <p>a. Erection of 2 dwellings (revised house types) Plots 6 & 7 Castlebeck, Hall Orchard Lane, Welbourn</p> <p>Details of the refusal were given to members of the meeting.</p>	
10.09.03	<p><u>ADOPTION OF NORTH KESTEVEN LOCAL PLAN. 21ST SEPTEMBER 2007</u></p> <p>North Kesteven District Council has now adopted their Local Plan.</p>	
10.09.04	<p><u>ENGLISH HERITAGE ENQUIRIES: 53 HIGH STREET, WELBOURN</u></p> <p>There has been enquiries from the Planning Department of the District Council as to whether 53 High Street, Welbourn, built in the 17th Century, should be considered to be registered as a Listed Building.</p> <p>The District Council requires any supporting documentation etc. as to the building's age so that a claim for listing status can be made to English Heritage.</p>	WG
10.09.05	<p><u>Local Development Scheme & Statement of Community Involvement. Lincolnshire County Council</u> Web Site: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Details of the County Council's Local Development Scheme have now been released, and that copies of the document are now available on their web site. Hard copies are also available. It was agreed to ask for a hard copy for the parish council's files.</p>	BW
10.10.00	<p><u>WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL EXTENSION</u></p> <p>Details as to what further progress has been made in obtaining a lottery grant should be known during the month of December.</p>	
10.11.00	<p><u>PARISH PLAN</u></p> <p>Representatives of the steering group have asked that they meet with the parish council in order to discuss the Plan. It was agreed that they be invited to the councils November meeting.</p>	
10.12.00	<p><u>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - FLOODING ETC</u></p> <p>The chairman gave the meeting details as to the document he has prepared setting out what, and where the 'flooding' problems are, together with plans as to where the drainage system in the village exists, plus what state of repair it is in, considering that part of the system is very old.</p> <p>Additional routes are required for floodwater, and water should be stopped if possible from being routed down Cow Lane from the A607. Surface water collected from most of the ditches in the village is routed so that it goes under the old railway line embankment.</p> <p>Anglian Water is investigating the route of the drainage system in the village.</p> <p>As part of the remedial work the chairman said he would draft a letter which would go to all farmers and other land owners owning land in the parish, requesting that they clean out the ditches and drains that serve the plots of land in question. Areas to include Mill Hill, and the east side of the A607.</p> <p>The meeting was also given details of the proposed visit by the District Council's Environmental Officer. There has evidently been a complaint made that the garden of the bungalow sited next to the water outlet on Castle Hill is very wet. It was pointed out to the meeting that the bungalow was built on what once formed part of the old moat area, and</p>	JRS

	that water from Castle Hill Field would probably also filter through into the garden.	<u>ACTION</u>
10.13.00	<u>HIGHWAY MATTERS</u> Most of the highway matters had been dealt with as part of Item 10.13.00. There was still no response from the County Council regarding the request for speed checks to be carried out on the A607.	LCC
10.14.00	<u>PARISH FIELD PATHS</u> The chairman reported that the steps, which lead up to the old railway embankment behind the school, require repairing. The meeting was then informed that there was to be cutbacks as to the maintenance of the 'stepping out' walks in the parish. The chairman was of the opinion that there was already poor maintenance of the paths. The field path which crosses from Graves Hill to the A607 has been closed on a temporary basis as it lies within the 'Blue Tongue Corridor', an area where the movement of cattle and sheep is at present forbidden.	
10.15.00	<u>THREAT TO RURAL POST OFFICES</u> Details as which rural Post Offices are affected by the proposed closures are now known. Welbourn together with Leadenham Post Offices are to remain open full time, whereas the Brant Broughton Post Office is to be downgraded to 'outreach services'. The final date for the public consultation on the closures is 12 th November. The chairman proposed that the parish council should continue to object to the proposed closures of any rural post offices. Mr Goodhand agreed to respond accordingly.	WG
10.16.00	<u>FREE TREES FOR PARISHES SCHEME 2007</u> Mr Brealey has contacted both local schools and they will respond themselves if they require any free trees. There was no requirement for the parish council itself to request any trees.	
10.17.00	<u>NOTIFICATION: CLUSTER MEETING 31ST OCTOBER 2007</u> Details of the meeting, together with its agenda were given to members of the meeting.	
10.18.00	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> Mobile Police Office. Visit 23 rd November 2007 9.30am - 12.00pm (Reminder) Ways to tackle Climate Change. defra Rural Links	
10.19.00	<u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following cheques was approved. Proposed by Mr Copley, and seconded by Mr Short: - BOC.....Cylinder Hire. Blacksmith's shop.....£103.52 Chris Bleaden Ground Maintenance.....Grass cutting. Village verges etc.....£508.54 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.....Poppy wreath. Remembrance Day.....£050.00 Transfer HICA to CA.....£300.00	
10.20.00	<u>MATTERS FOR URGENT DISCUSSION OR FOR NEXT AGENDA</u> a. The clerk reminded the meeting that Remembrance Sunday would soon be here and that it was normal practice to purchase a poppy wreath. Mr Storer proposed that the council should donate £50 towards the 'Poppy Appeal'. Mr Barry seconded the proposal. Members of the meeting fully supported the proposal. b. The chairman gave details of a leaflet he had been given whilst attending the local police forum. The leaflet set out details of Lincolnshire Police's shortfall in their funding for this FY, and that when they set their Precept requirements they will have to ask for more funding via the local council tax if the Government is not forthcoming with giving them additional funding to meet all of their commitments.	

10.21.00	<u>PRESS RELEASES</u> There were no items requiring any press release.	<u>ACTION</u>
10.22.00	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 14 th November 2007 at 7.30pm.	ALL

There being no further matters to discuss, the chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.23pm