

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2010 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

PRESENT

Mr. J.R. Storer, Chairman
 District Councillor: Mr M Wylie (MW),
 Councillors: Mr S Short (SS), Mrs A Walker (AW), Mr V Brealey (VB),
 Ms S Brown (SB), Mr R Gibson (BG), Mr A Copley (TC)

Mr M McBeath Parish Clerk
 Mr N Patchett, and Aaron Patchett participated in the meeting about the cycle track and left afterwards,
 Mr Mark Crosby was present during the Council Meeting as a member of the public.
 PC Pete Hanson and PCSO P Thomas represented the Police and left after the Public Forum.

		ACTION
11.01.00	<p><u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> The Patchetts presented a sketch of the requested cycle play track which it was agreed the Council would seek to have built. The Clerk was tasked with taking the drawing to Mr Batchelor. Mr Crosby had nothing to say. The police reported that there had not been any recorded crimes in the village in the preceding month but that the theft of catalytic converters was becoming prevalent in the area.</p>	Clerk
11.02.00	<p><u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u> Nil</p>	
11.03.00	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u> Mr Lawson was unable to attend due to family commitments. Cllr Overton had other meetings to attend.</p>	
11.04.00	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007 (SI2007/1159)</u> Nil</p>	
11.05.00	<p><u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 14 October 2010, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved. Proposed VB. Seconded SS.</p>	
11.06.00	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u></p>	
11.06.01	<p><u>Beck.</u> NKDC had given permission for tree work at the Beck and the contractor had been informed. It was intended to start the work soon after leaf fall to avoid the Beck filling up again after it had been cleared.</p>	
11.06.02	<p><u>Allotment Notice Board</u> The Chairman had not yet instructed the handyman to build a notice board for the Allotments.</p>	RS
11.06.03	<p><u>Hall Orchard Lane Dyke</u> The bank beside no 3 had been cleared but the residue had been left to fall into the dyke. That outside no 1 had not yet been cleared. A resident had expressed concern about the elderly ash tree on the highways side of the dyke in this area. As the tree seemed hazardous, Highways had agreed to inspect it and report.</p>	Clerk
11.06.04	<p><u>Extraordinary Meeting of 25 October</u> The meeting to discuss the parish plan and the proposed community survey had concluded that the survey was unnecessary and that the Parish Plan was being steadily implemented where it was still relevant and that it should be positively monitored in future.</p>	BG
11.06.05	<p><u>Newcomer's Welcome Pack</u> The meeting of 25 October had revealed the need for a Newcomers' Welcome Pack. The Clerk intended to create one using the relevant page from Two Villages (with permission) and the appropriate page from the Village website.</p>	Clerk

11.06.06	<u>Emergency Planning</u> LCC had suggested that it would be advantageous for each village to have an emergency 'plan'. All that was required was a simple list of key holders and who has what, where, plus contact numbers. The list should be located wherever it might be readily accessible, with copies sent to LCC. The Clerk undertook to create this list.	<u>ACTION</u> Clerk
11.07.00	<u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u> A sum of £10,000 had been agreed by NKDC in respect of the S106 subsidy to be provided by the developer of the Brooke House site. The Parish Council was advised to get their bid in early for how this sum might be spent. Councillor Wylie was much concerned at the manner in which this sum had been arrived at. He felt that the qualifying criteria were too vaguely worded. There was a debate about affordable housing in which it was pointed out that there was a perception that the so called affordable homes had been sold to people for whom they were not intended and that local people had missed out. Councillor Wylie undertook to see what could be done to follow up this issue and prevent its repetition (if proven).	Clerk MW
11.08.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u>	
11.08.01	<u>Tree Works on the Moat.</u> The tree officer had requested more detail of the work intended in the Moat so the Clerk had sent in a detailed schedule. NKDC had not yet replied.	Clerk
11.08.02	<u>Gritting</u> LCC had published details of their planned gritting coverage for next winter. There appeared little change in our area from last year.	
11.08.03	<u>Parishioner's Complaint</u> Mr S Robinson of Little Lane had written to the Council expressing concern at the recent fatal accident on the rail bridge on the A607 and requesting that the Council takes steps to improve safety there and that the bridge be removed as it is clearly redundant. The matter had been referred to Highways, as the responsible agency, for a response.	
11.08.04	<u>Maintenance</u> The Clerk noted that the fences beside the path leading to the causeway and the gate leading to the bridleway at Orchard House were rotting and would need repair in the near future.	
11.09.00	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u> The Financial Report showed expenditure of £1500 for the preceding month with a balance of £18,200. Several charities had acknowledged the donations..	
11.10.00	<u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u>	
11.10.01	<u>Police and NHW</u> The SPiD had been repaired despite our poor opinion of its usefulness. A last minute offer to take children to PGL had only been arranged thanks to extra efforts by Councillor Copley.	
11.10.02	<u>Highways, Footways and Drains</u> There had been a report of flooding on the High Street due to a sudden rush of water from the Beck. It had been thought that this was due to vandalism but it appeared that leaves blocking the outfall had been cleared or had given way allowing a surge. This was a known fault on this drain which Mr Hart of Castle Hill intended to fix.	
11.10.03	<u>Environment and Village Matters</u> It was noted that the owners of Hunt House had allowed ivy on their wall to grow into the High Street footpath at eye height. The Clerk was tasked to ask them to remove it.	Clerk
11.10.04	The Clerk had reported recent damage to the BT phone box to BT and the police.	
11.11.01	<u>DOG WASTE BIN</u> It was agreed to replace the rusted dog waste bin outside the Village Hall at a cost of c£100 incl VAT. The Clerk was tasked with obtaining it.	Clerk

11.12.00	<u>FOOTPATH SURFACE ORCHARD HOUSE</u> Councillor Brealey had obtained a quantity of road planings with the help of Mr Crosby and had spread them on the Orchard House footpath as an example. The Council agreed that further loads should be obtained and spread using local help. Mr Crosby was thanked for his assistance.	<u>ACTION</u> VB
11.13.00	<u>CASTLE HILL</u> A second tender for tidying the trees in the moat area had been obtained. It was considered that the Simpson Arboriculture quote offered better value for money and should be adopted. The clerk was required to so advise the contractors (subject to NKDC permission.)	Clerk
11.14.00	<u>PLANNING MATTERS</u> The application for an extension at 30 Dycote Lane had been approved.	
11.15.00	<u>CHEQUES.</u> Payment of the following cheques was approved: Chris Bleaden for grass cutting in October £274.53 Cliff Villages Property Maintenance £81.25 Two Villages Magazine as a S137 parish subsidy £50.00 M McBeath for salary and expenses £120.76 PO - McBeath PAYE £25.87 Transfer of £400 from savings account to current account was authorised.	Clerk
11.16.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Councillors were reminded to consider the next year's budget.	
11.18.00	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 12th January 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.	All

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

Copies to:

District Councillors M Wylie and M Overton, All PC Members.