

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th OCTOBER 2010 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00pm

PRESENT

Mr. J.R. Storer, Chairman
 District Councillors: Mr M Wylie (MW), Mrs M Overton (MO)
 Councillors: Mr S Lawson, (SL), 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
 Mrs C Patchett, Ms J Crosby, Mr M Barringer and Mr N Benton attended the meeting about the cycle track and left afterwards,
 Mr Mark Crosby was present during the Council Meeting as a member of the public.
 PCSO P Thomas represented the Police and left after the Public Forum.

		<u>ACTION</u>
10.01.00	<p><u>PUBLIC FORUM</u></p> <p>The Council meeting was preceded by a public meeting at which Aaron Patchett and five friends supported by 4 adults had presented his ideas for a cycle play track behind the mounds on the Playing Fields. He produced a sketch, a costed estimate and 4 letters of support from parents. The Council were very impressed by the quality of Aaron's bid.</p> <p>PCSO Thomas reported that there had been one recorded crime – theft from a car - in the village during the previous month. Mr Crosby had nothing to say.</p>	
10.02.00	<p><u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u></p> <p>The formal meeting started at 7.25 pm after the parents and children had left. The Chairman reminded the Council that it seemed likely that it would be necessary to obtain and lay reinforcing netting for the grass of the extension car park. He also pointed out that although much expenditure was planned it would still be necessary to retain a prudent reserve.</p>	
10.03.00	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Nil</p>	
10.04.00	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007 (SI2007/1159)</u></p> <p>Cllr Lawson's son was amongst those seeking support for the cycle play area. (Agenda item 12.) MO stated her involvement with the Voluntary Car Scheme and Relate (Agenda item 11) Neither spoke during the relevant discussion.</p>	
10.05.00	<p><u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 8th Sept 2010, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved. Proposed AW. Seconded VB.</p>	
10.06.00 10.06.01	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>Beck</u>. Those affected by the intention to tidy the Beck (except the Harts) had been informed and notice of intention to work on trees had been given to NKDC. NKDC intended to visit but unless they commented, positive confirmation of approval was required before work started. The contractor intended to start after the willows had shed most of their leaves.</p>	Clerk
10.06.02	<p><u>Allotment Notice Board</u> It was queried whether so much should be spent on a notice board. It was agreed that a simple panel on two posts would suffice. The Chairman undertook to instruct the Handyman to erect one.</p>	RS
10.06.03	<p><u>Hall Orchard Lane Dyke</u> The riparian owners at Nos 1 and 3 Hall Orchard Lane had been asked to tidy the Hall Orchard Lane dyke next to their section of it.</p>	

10.07.00	<p><u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u></p> <p>NKDC had reviewed their organisation in view of the expected cuts and were reasonably confident about being able to cope. It was hoped that local communities would be able to make good the resulting shortfalls in service provision.</p> <p>The bid to maintain the level of funding allocated to supporting extramural activities and special needs children in schools had been successful.</p> <p>NKDC would be seeking extra staff to help conduct the national census next year.</p> <p>The discussion between the Brooke House site developer and NKDC over the amount to be provided under S106 was still not resolved.</p>	<u>ACTION</u>
10.08.00 10.08.01 10.08.02 10.08.03	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p>LCC Highways had not advised Welbourn of the intention to start repair work on the railway bridge. The only source of information had been the note in Two Villages from the Leadenham Parish Clerk. Information about all the notified work was being displayed on the Parish Notice Board.</p> <p><u>Parishioner's Complaint</u> Mr S Robinson of Little Lane had written to the Council to point out that he had previously drawn the Clerk's and Mr Lawson's attention to a small erosion in the footpath leading to the bridge over the Moat which he considered to be hazardous and that nothing had been done and he was hoping that the path would soon be made safe. The Council agreed to add this task to the many on the Handyman's lists. Mr Robinson had also complained about a loose paving slab under the picnic table on Castle Hill.</p> <p><u>Bell Tree Green bench repair</u> The Clerk noted that the bench on Jubilee Green had recently had new laths fitted. Mr Brealey had again done this at his own initiative and expense. The Council thanked Mr Brealey for his repeated contribution to the community.</p>	RS
10.09.00 10.09.01 10.09.02	<p><u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u></p> <p>Copies of a list of the Council's assets had been sent to all members.</p> <p>The Financial Report showed expenditure of £1300 for the preceding month with a balance of £18,900. The annual LCC grass cutting subsidy had been received.</p>	
10.10.00 10.10.01 10.10.02 10.10.03 10.10.04	<p><u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u></p> <p><u>Allotments</u> There had been difficulties since an allotment holder was persisting in driving their car down the track and creating ruts but AW had asked him/her to desist. It might prove necessary to fit a split gate to prevent this problem in future.</p> <p><u>Parish Plan & Public Liaison</u> Some work had been done on reviewing the Parish Plan but it was felt that more help was needed. After some debate it was agreed to convene an extraordinary meeting on 25 October at 1930 to discuss this issue.</p> <p><u>Police and NHW</u> The value of continuing to support the SPiD had been queried. There was a consensus that the whole exercise had been a waste of time and that the machine should be scrapped. This view would be conveyed to the next Cluster Meeting.</p> <p><u>Highways, Footways and Drains</u> Work had started on setting out the lower section of the new flood prevention ditch which had to be completed before the other sections were done. The culvert under the road would be completed sometime in December, it was hoped.</p>	BG/Clerk TC
10.11.00 10.11.01	<p><u>ANNUAL DONATIONS TO CHARITY</u></p> <p>The beneficiaries of previous years were reviewed: it was agreed that that the individual charities should each receive £20 and that The Voluntary Car Scheme should replace Skylarks and that St Barnabas' Hospice should replace the Lincolnshire Playing Fields Association. List in June 2009 Minutes refers; amended as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Age Concern – Kesteven... £020.00</p>	

	<p style="text-align: right;">Cliff Villages Voluntary Car Scheme £020.00</p> <p>Sleaford and District Citizens Advice Bureau £020.00 The Royal British Legion £020.00</p> <p style="text-align: right;">South Lincolnshire Blind Society £020.00 St Barnabas' Hospice £020.00</p> <p>Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service [LIVES] Strut Ltd £020.00 £020.00</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Samaritans – Grantham £020.00 Relate Lincolnshire £020.00</p> <p>Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance £020.00</p>	<u>ACTION</u>																
10.12.00	<p><u>CYCLE PLAY TRACK</u></p> <p>In view of the work done by Aaron Patchett and the quality of his presentation, the Council unanimously agreed to the proposal. The VHPFC had been informed in principle and did not object provided that the area did not encroach upon the football pitches. It was suggested that in future it might be necessary to fence off the area to protect very young children. It was agreed to ask Ian Batchelor to mark out the proposed track for consultative agreement before real work was begun.</p>	Clerk																
10.13.00	<p><u>CASTLE HILL TIDYING</u></p> <p>Arbre Care (now trading as Simpson Arboriculture) had quoted as requested to clear and tidy the Moat Area of Castle Hill but the Council instructed the Clerk to get further quotes.</p>	Clerk																
10.14.00	<p><u>FOOTPATH SURFACE ORCHARD HOUSE</u></p> <p>It was necessary to consider resurfacing the footpath/bridleway by Orchard House as it was again becoming unacceptably muddy. After an unresolved discussion about the most suitable material, it was agreed to see what could be found. Mr Crosby agreed to lend his time and trailer to fetch it. The Chairman offered to speak with Stephen Francis about laying it.</p>	RS																
10.15.00	<p><u>PROPOSED COMMUNITY SURVEY</u></p> <p>The subcommittee did not agree with the contents of the draft survey prepared by the Clerk. It was decided to resolve the issue at the meeting called for 25th October.</p>	All																
10.16.00	<p><u>PLANNING MATTERS</u></p> <p>Nothing to report</p>																	
10.17.00	<p><u>CHEQUES.</u></p> <p>Payment of the following cheques was approved:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Chris Bleaden for grass cutting in September</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£274.53</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">King and Sons for churchyard in August and September</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£264.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">E-on for lighting charges</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£179.46</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">BOC for rent of gas bottles for the Forge</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£139.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Cliff Villages Property Maintenance - playing field, Beck and Moat, Sep</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£137.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">BT for IT office broadband (DD)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£52.87</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">M McBeath for salary and expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£76.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">PO - McBeath PAYE</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£18.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Transfer of £1100 from savings account to current account was authorised.</p>	Chris Bleaden for grass cutting in September	£274.53	King and Sons for churchyard in August and September	£264.00	E-on for lighting charges	£179.46	BOC for rent of gas bottles for the Forge	£139.35	Cliff Villages Property Maintenance - playing field, Beck and Moat, Sep	£137.25	BT for IT office broadband (DD)	£52.87	M McBeath for salary and expenses	£76.06	PO - McBeath PAYE	£18.00	Clerk
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10.18.00	<p><u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>The date of the next regular Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 10th November 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. But the extraordinary meeting on</p>	All																

	25/10/2010 is still expected.	
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There being no further matters to discuss, the chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

Copies to:

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