

# WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL 2011 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00pm

**PRESENT**

Mr. J.R. Storer, Chairman  
 District Councillor: Mr M Wylie (MW),  
 Councillors: Mrs A Walker (AW), Ms S Brown (SB), Mrs Marianne Overton (MO), Mr A  
 Copley (TC), Mr S Short (SS), Mr R Gibson (BG), Mr Simon Lawson (SL), Mr V  
 Brealey (VB)  
 Mr M McBeath Parish Clerk

Richard Coxe, Robert Cross, Adam Paxton and Mark Crosby attended as members of the public.  
 PCSO Thomas reported on behalf of the Police.

		<u>ACTION</u>
04.01.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> The Police reported that one vehicle had been broken into during the month.	
04.02.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u> The Chairman had said all that he wanted during the Parish meeting.	
04.03.00	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Nil	
04.04.00	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007 (SI2007/0459)</u> Nil	
04.05.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 9 March 2011, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved. Proposed VB. Seconded TC.	
04.06.00 04.06.01 04.06.02 04.06.03 04.06.04	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u> <u>Fence Around Castle Hill</u> The clerk had not been successful in obtaining tenders to alter the fence by the causeway entrance as had been suggested at the site meeting following the previous council meeting. He should persevere and report. <u>Allotment Notice Board</u> There was no progress to report on the allotment notice board. <u>Wireless broadband</u> There was no interest from the VH Committee in exploiting the wireless broadband facility. <u>Cycle Play track</u> Mrs Patchett had agreed to chivvy the boys into working with Mr Batchelor on setting out the cycle track so as to be able to cost it but nothing had been done.	Clerk AW
04.07.00	<u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u> MW advised that agreement had finally been reached about the development of The Maltings at Sleaford.  MO suggested that new sources of funding should sought for Castle Hill. She drew attention to the Home Energy Grants now available from NKDC. She advised that she wanted to set up a trades directory for use within the Cliff Villages and sought support from the Parish Website.	MO Clerk
04.08.00 04.08.01	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u> <u>Potholes</u> The Clerk reported that he had been in regular consultation with the Highways Officer for the village and that most of the recent potholes had been repaired. Mr Brealey had repaired some smaller holes using his own time and	

	materials.	<u>ACTION</u>
04.08.02	<u>Elections</u> The clerk had been mistaken about there not being an election for District councillors as there indeed would be.	
04.08.03	<u>Beck Level</u> Without any adjustment to the main outfall the Beck had found a level and was now overflowing satisfactorily through the sheepwash outfall	
04.08.04	<u>Internal auditor</u> Mrs Bull had declined the request to carry out the internal audit this year but Mrs Fischer of High Street, an experienced accounts clerk, had agreed to take on the task.	
04.09.00	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u> The Financial Report showed expenditure of £644 for the preceding month with a balance of £26,165.	
04.10.00	<u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u>	
04.10.01	<u>Highways, Footways and Drains</u> The culvert was finished and work had started on the hedge to Mr Andrew's field in preparation for the next stage.	
04.10.02	<u>Village matters</u> The Village Hall committee had had their AGM where Mrs Berridge and Mrs Hinton had indicated that they wished to relinquish their posts of Chair and Sec respectively. New officers would be appointed at their next meeting. The Chairman remarked that it would be most unfortunate if the VH Committee should default since this would force the Parish Council to take over running the Hall.	
04.10.03	<u>Castle Hill</u> Most of the heavy timber was now off the site and the grass had recently been mown. The soil was by now extremely hard because of the drought. English Heritage had agreed to come to site to give advice on how best to make good the tractor damage to the surface, A full report on the remaining trees was being sought with a view to developing a proper maintenance plan. Over £250 had been taken in timber sales.	
04.10.04	<u>Allotments</u> No problems to report. Some rents had been paid.	
04.10.05	<u>Community Liaison</u> The recent meeting of the Cluster Group had agreed to seek ideas for suitable projects for it to action. They had agreed to investigate funding so as to be able to employ a youth worker for the benefit of the area youth. The lessons of the previous Waddington Air Show would be applied this year. There was to be a major agricultural convention on Boothby Graffoe Heath in mid June where significant local traffic congestion was expected but the Police did not accept this view as traffic plans had been made. It was intended to work together over the Localism Bill.	
04.11.00	<u>AFFORDABLE HOUSING</u> It was agreed that the conclusions of the report were not supported by the reported facts. There was concern that the report did not convey an accurate picture. The clerk was instructed to convey this view to NKDC.	Clerk
04.12.00	<u>DOG FOULING</u> A minority of dog owners were failing to clear up after their dogs to the general detriment of all. A resident had been witnessed not clearing up and the police had agreed to 'advise' the offender. It had come out in the Annual Parish Meeting that the rules also applied on the Stepping Out walks and that the Rangers were now empowered to impose spot fines. The Clerk would put a note in the Parish Magazine to this effect..	All/ Clerk

