

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT

Mr. Mr John Lucas (JL)

Chairman

Councillors: Mr John Storer (RS), Mrs Maureen Lunn, Mr Stephen Spedding (SSg) ,Mr Stephen Short (SSt), Mrs Katie Stark (KS), Miss Harriet Huntsman (HH), Mr Robert Cross (MC).

District Councillor: Mrs Marianne Overton (MO).

Mr Malcolm McBeath

Parish Clerk

04.01.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
04.01.01	The police had no crimes to report.	
04.01.02	Mr Robinson drew attention to the misuse by horses of the footpath off the top of Mill Lane along the cliff to South Barn Farm which was making the path unusable to walkers. The clerk was to find out what preventative action could be taken.	Clerk
04.02.00	<u>ACCEPTANCE OF REASONS FOR ABSENCE</u>	
04.02.01	Mrs Mills had another engagement. Mr Gibson was on holiday .	
04.03.00	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>	
	nil	
04.04.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u>	
	The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th March, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved.	Clerk
04.05.00	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u>	
04.05.01	<u>Castle Hill</u> . Advice from Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and Historic England (HE) was still awaited on the most appropriate way forward on the care and planting of Castle Hill.	
04.05.02	<u>Emergency Plan</u> Due to pressure of other work, no further time had been possible on the emergency plan.	
04.05.04	<u>Handyman</u> a new handyman had been engaged.	
04.05.05	<u>Insurance</u> the defibrillators and the BT kiosk were not insured. The clerk was working with the insurers to ensure they would be in next year's policy. The current policy ran until 1 June.	
04.05.06	<u>Jubilee chestnut tree</u> LCC had decided to drastically reduce the tree but were waiting for the electricity company to implement safety measures before continuing.	

04.06.00	<u>DISTRICT AND COUNTY MATTERS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
04.06.01	MO reported the new Local Plan was now in force but was to be ratified at one last meeting on April 24 <sup>th</sup> .	
04.06.02	She commented that she had been working on the issue of potholes with view to improving the quality of service. The LCC online reporting facility worked. She encouraged all to use it as much as possible She was trying to get the internal quality control systems in this activity to do a better job. Matters were improving.	
04.06.03	She felt more use should made of the SID but that it required the Cluster Group to manage it but there was some difficulty in reforming the Cluster Group.	
04.06.04	She had found out that hand-held speed guns were being obtained for the County but use by members of the public was not to be encouraged	
04.06.05	She had been made aware of complaints about how Manor Close was being run to the detriment of the residents and was due to attend a meeting to hear the grievances.	
04.07.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u>	
04.07.01	The order to replace the three street lamp brackets had been placed and acknowledged but not yet actioned.	
04.07.02	The clerk pointed out that the storm drain beside the ménage had not been cleared of vegetation despite the recent reminders and that a resident had dumped his ditch clearings on the verge. Dumping in this way was a littering offence. Both actions needed a response.	
04.07.03	The unpaid grass cutting subsidy had been recovered. It seemed likely that this would be the last such payment, as the subsidy had been discontinued under austerity measures.	
04.07.04	The clerk advised that another notice board was required since it was noticeable that, in addition to illegal and disfiguring flyposting around the village, people were putting their notices on top of others' on the prime notice board.	
04.08.00	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u>	
	The financial report showed spending of £104 with £45,759 in reserve. The annual precept had been paid over. All outstanding payments for the forge had been paid.	
04.09.00	<u>PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' REPORTS.</u>	
04.09.01	a. <u>Compliance.</u> ntr	
04.09.02	b. <u>Environment and Highways.</u> Getting our handyman to clear the foot path in Hall Lane seemed inappropriate since it should be down to the Hall as owner of the trees causing the problem. Moat Lane was proposed in lieu. It was agreed the grass cutting contractor be tasked with the verges in Cow Lane. Part of the litter bin on Moat Lane opposite North End was missing.	
04.09.03	c. <u>Drains.</u> - Topic covered in clerk's report.	
04.09.04	d. <u>Planning.</u> ntr	
04.09.05	e. <u>Cluster Group.</u> The cluster group had not met for some time but see 04.06.03 above.	MO/ML

04.09.06	f. <u>Village Hall</u> . Arrangements to repair the on-going v hall roof leak were in process. but it was proving difficult to prove any responsibility or liability. The heating had failed again recently and had received attention but it was still unreliable. The cause was under investigation. The Hall letting agreement would be modified to remind hirers that they were solely responsible for any material they might download off the Village Hall wifi.	<u>ACTION</u>
04.09.07 04.09.08	g. <u>Communications</u> ntr h. <u>Allotments</u> . The portfolio holder did not want the role and had nothing to report but it was unclear how long each tenancy was for and on what basis plots were being rented. The clerk was to write to all ploholders asking for a copy of their agreement with a view to regularizing the situation.	Clerk
04.09.09	i. <u>Castle Hill</u> . A mole catcher had successfully cleared the majority of the moles on Castle Hill and all those on Bell Tree Green. The mowing contractor would be reminded of the need to clear the NE banks - a task which had been postponed from last year.	Clerk
04.09.10	j. <u>Forge</u> . See 04.10.00	
04.10.00	<b>TO DISCUSS COUNCIL'S RELATIONSHIP WITH FRIENDS OF THE FORGE</b> The clerk was concerned that council's relationship with the Friends of the Forge needed a more formal basis to avoid misunderstandings and operational shortfalls. He suggested proper terms of reference. Council agreed in principle. The Chairman agreed to explore the issues and advise.	JL/ Clerk
04.11.00	<b><u>TO AGREE TO JOIN THE LINCOLNSHIRE HERITAGE FORUM</u></b> NKDC had declined to renew the forge's registration with the Lincolnshire Heritage Forum and invited us to continue it at our own expense. The clerk advised that membership of Heritage Lincolnshire seemed more advantageous. It was agreed that the clerk was to investigate both and chose the most suitable and action the matter as appropriate.	Clerk
04.12.00	<b><u>TO REVIEW THE PORTFOLIOS AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u></b> Since the portfolio document could not be displayed for the debate due to technical difficulties, it was agreed to leave this item till the next meeting.	
04.13.00	<b><u>DITCHES</u></b> Council agreed that ditch maintenance was important but it was unwilling to remind householders again of their responsibilities. A letter had been sent to all householders in November and a reminder was in the current Two Villages. See also 04.07.02.	
04.14.00	<b><u>TO DISCUSS WHETHER TO SEEK TO PRESERVE MANOR STABLES</u></b> The continuing deterioration of the manor Stables was a matter of concern. It seemed prudent to seek to force the owners to take remedial action to preserve this grade 2 listed building before it fell down. Council agreed. The clerk was to explore the options and activate them.	Clerk

04.15.00	<u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following accounts was approved: <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Aveland Pest Solutions Ltd (mole clearance)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">E-ON (street lighting)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£213.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Bdg Mowing (Grass cutting)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£300.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">M McBeath (February wage and expenses)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£239.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">PO Ltd (McB PAYE)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£60.00</td> </tr> </table>	Aveland Pest Solutions Ltd (mole clearance)	£200.00	E-ON (street lighting)	£213.99	Bdg Mowing (Grass cutting)	£300.00	M McBeath (February wage and expenses)	£239.70	PO Ltd (McB PAYE)	£60.00	<u>ACTION</u>
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04.16.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Portfolios											
04.17.00	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> It was agreed to hold the next meeting on 10th May 2017 at 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room.	All										

There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

Copies to: District Councillors Mrs C Mills, Mrs M Overton: All PC Members: Parish Website.