

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 10th APRIL 2013 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30PM

PRESENT

Mr. J.R. Storer, (RS)

Chairman

District Councillor Mrs Laura Conway (LC)

Councillors: Ms Sarah Brown (SB), Mr Robert Cross(MC), Mr Stephen Spedding (SSg), Mr John Lucas (JL), Mr Robert Gibson (BG), Mr Richard Coxe (RC)

PCSO Peter Thomas, Lincs Police

Mr Malcolm McBeath

Parish Clerk

		<u>ACTION</u>
04.01.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u>	
04.01.01	The police reported that there had been a theft of tack from the menage stable off the A607. He warned of the risk of heating oil theft.	
04.01.02	The police wanted input as to what the public thought their priorities should be: greater crime detection and deterrence and more visible presence were suggested.	
04.02.00	<u>APOLOGIES (reasons for absence)</u> Councillor Short had a prior engagement. Councillor Paxton was on holiday.	
04.03.00	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> JL and RC stated their interests as farmers in item 12.	
04.05.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u> RS stated that he had received advice about war memorial cleaning and hoped to make progress on that task. It was unclear who nominally owned the memorial. It was very important, however, to coordinate and liaise with the PCC on the actual cleaning. He sought ideas to encourage attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting. A presentation on Planning was thought necessary to avoid future complaints of lack of information.	
04.06.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 13 February, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved with a slight correction to para 03.10.07 to make it clear that other residents and not tenants were dumping waste.	Clerk
04.07.00	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u>	
04.07.01	Two brown bins had been successfully arranged with NKDC.	
04.07.02	NKDC had been notified of the desire to leave the old garage site empty which they had done. MC was monitoring the situation.	
04.07.03	The would-be dog warden had provided references and advised that his fines would be payable to NKDC. There was much concern that he would only be effective if he patrolled quietly in the early mornings when most offending apparently occurred. It was agreed to invite him to provide a service on a trial basis for 3 months working early and	Clerk

	evening shifts.	<u>ACTION</u>
04.08.00	<u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u>	
04.08.01	<p><u>Planning.</u> LC reported that the final Submission Document of the Core Strategy was being prepared and would have to be submitted to the Secretary of State for examination in public before it could be formally adopted. An Independent Inspector would examine it for soundness, i.e. whether it is in line with Government guidelines.</p> <p>Early engagement discussions are due to begin in May in preparation for the Site Allocations Document which will sit alongside the Core Strategy. The Site Allocations Document is the document which will outline the sites selected from the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) to meet the housing targets set out in the Core Strategy, specifically the 9,500 houses that it is proposed to site in the rural areas of Central Lincolnshire over the next 20 years. The process for allocating the sites would be a long one and clearly cannot be completed until the Core Strategy is adopted.</p> <p>She had met Luke Brown of the Joint Planning Unit (JPU) to discuss the current SHLAA and to run through the detail of all the sites put forward in the Cliff Villages and to get clarity over the classifications given to each of the sites and what restraints have been identified for development.</p> <p>The JPU will be holding local consultations to ascertain the views of residents on what development may be needed in our locality over the next 20 years. Luke was very keen to reassure Parishes that it will be a genuine consultative process: he was at pains to reassure us that it was not the intention of the JPU to impose development on unwilling communities. He explained that such an approach was unlikely to receive approval when the Site Allocations Document is examined in public by the Planning Inspector.</p> <p>She reminded all that will be vital to take part fully in these early discussions to ensure the JPU are fully aware of the views of our residents when planning our future</p>	
04.08.02	<p><u>Cluster Youth Worker.</u> LC had recently been informed that we had been successful in the first round of the bid for funds for a Cluster Youth Worker and had been invited to complete the full application. She intended a meeting with Jade Warren, Children's Services Officer at NK, to discuss the work ahead. The application must be submitted by the 28th July. She might need further input to the bid from Parishes so would update the Council as the bid progressed.</p>	
04.08.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u>	
04.08.01	Mill Hill potholes had been repaired but Highways had not responded to the request for signs to encourage people to give way appropriately.	
04.08.02	The new owners of Highlander Grange had been advised of their responsibility concerning the adjacent ditch beside the A607.	
04.08.03	The state of the verges outside the Old Rectory was being monitored.	
04.09.00	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u>	
	The financial report showed expenditure of £23,916 for the previous	

	month with reserves at £12,207 and an under-spend of £1976 against forecast.	<u>ACTION</u>
04.10.00	<u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u>	
04.10.01	<u>Village Hall</u> . RS reported that the acoustic panels recently fitted in the Main Hall had proved extremely successful. He proposed fitting more to the meeting room and veranda. It was agreed to obtain 14 more panels.	Clerk
04.10.02	<u>Highways, Footways and Drains</u> . There was concern that the condition of our roads was being neglected and that more pressure should be applied to avoid undue further problems.	Clerk
04.10.03	<u>Village Matters</u> . The Parish Notice board required refurbishment. It was agreed to seek a local craftsman to repair it. Because the two seats beside the A607 behind the village had fallen into disrepair, it was suggested they be removed. The clerk was instructed to advertise this intention lest anyone actually used them	SSg Clerk
04.10.04	<u>Parish Plan</u> . Notes explaining planning terminology and what had been going on re the Development Plan had recently been published on the Parish website.	
04.10.05	<u>Cluster Group</u> . The Cluster Group appeared to in danger of becoming extinct for lack of interest. The Group Chairman should be encouraged to take it forward with material to be suggested by parishes.	LC
04.10.06	<u>Planning and Countryside</u> . NTR	
04.10.07	<u>Health Social and Welfare</u> . NTR	
04.10.08	<u>Allotments</u> . The requested bin stickers had been received.	
04.10.09	<u>Castle Hill</u> . Children had damaged the new dam. They had been identified and had been or would be spoken to. It was pointed out that the building of the dam and easier access to the moat had altered the risk profile of the area so an updated risk assessment would be required. Members were asked to note and report activities on the Hill to Councillor Spedding enable a more relevant assessment be achieved.	SSg
04.10.10	Trials had shown that the flooding (and freezing over) of Castle Hill roadway at the top of Hall Orchard Lane was directly proportional to the water level in the back pond so the current lower water level was necessary. After debate it was agreed that the back pond needed dredging. The clerk was to investigate feasibility and costs.	Clerk
04.10.11	It was still unclear as to who was responsible for the fence around the monument. Highways had originally agreed that they could be. The Chairman agreed to pursue the question.	RS
04.11.00	<u>New Street Lamps</u> It was agreed to replace two old street lamps.	Clerk
04.12.00	<u>COMPLAINT ABOUT INAPPROPRIATELY LOUD BIRD SCARERS</u> A parishioner had complained the NFU Code of Practice was not being followed concerning the use of gas gun bird scarers near the village and that the noise was unacceptable. It was agreed that this subject	

	was outwith the Council's jurisdiction and was a matter for the NKDC Environmental Health Officer but that the Council should write to all the farmers in the parish to request them to observe the Code of Practice.	<u>ACTION</u> Clerk								
04.13.00	<u>PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING NEAR THE SHOP</u> Since Taylor Lindsay apparently did not intend to proceed further with their development in the short term there seemed no point in pursuing this point at present.									
04.14.00	<u>PLANNING</u> The Council had nothing to say about the revised application about the chicken farm at Skinnand.	Clerk								
04.15.00	<u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following accounts was approved: <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Thorpe Property Services for March</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£456.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eon quarterly electricity</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£162.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M McBeath salary and expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£124.81</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PO Ltd McBeath PAYE</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£22.60</td> </tr> </table> And transfer of £800 from savings account to current account was authorised.	Thorpe Property Services for March	£456.22	Eon quarterly electricity	£162.28	M McBeath salary and expenses	£124.81	PO Ltd McBeath PAYE	£22.60	Clerk
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04.16.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Annual audit									
04.17.00	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 8 th May 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.	All								

There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

Copies to:

District Councillors Conway and Overton,
All PC Members.
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