

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER 2012 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 8:30PM

PRESENT

Mr. J.R. Storer, (RS) Chairman
 Councillors: Ms S Brown (SB), Mr M R Cross (MC) Dr A Paxton (AP), Mr S Short (SSt), Mr A Copley
 (TC), Mr R Coxe (RC), Mr Stephen Spedding (SSg) and Mr R Gibson (BG)
 District Councillors: Mrs L Conway (LC), Mrs M Overton (MO)

Mr M McBeath

Parish Clerk

		<u>ACTION</u>
12.01.00	<p><u>PUBLIC FORUM</u></p> <p>The meeting was preceded by a lengthy discussion between representatives of local parish councils and LCC about the proposed closure of the Leadenham household waste recovery centre. (HWRC). The police had specifically not been invited but had reported by email one case of metal theft in the preceding month.</p>	
12.02.00	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Nil.</p>	
12.03.00 12.03.01	<p><u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u></p> <p>The Chair welcomed the new member, Mr Spedding, to the Council. The Agenda for this meeting had been shortened from standard in order to get through the primary items since the length of preceding LCC meeting could not be foreseen.</p>	
12.04.00	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007 (SI2007/0759)</u></p> <p>Mr Coxe acknowledged his known interest in Agenda item 8. This connection had been noted before in this context and was not considered prejudicial.</p> <p>It had become known that LC was the director of a Company concerned with waste handling under contracts to LCC but this was not relevant to this agenda.</p>	
12.05.00	<p><u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 9 November 2012, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved. Proposed AP Seconded SSt.</p>	
12.05A.00 12.05A.01 12.05A.02	<p><u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u> Since MO was present, she requested this item be added to the Agenda.</p> <p>LC reported that the subject of the proposed HWRC closure had first been reported at the Cluster meeting in October. Since it was not clear who owned the land on which the Leadenham tip now stood, she undertook to find out. She also reported that the plan to employ a youth worker within the cluster was being implemented. When the need for such a post within Welbourn was queried, it was admitted that Waddington appeared to have the greater need. There was no obvious need for one in Welbourn.</p> <p>MO reminded all that Government part funds for the Lincoln eastern bypass had been promised but that LCC was going to have to find the remainder. She underlined the upcoming role of the new Lincolnshire Central Planning Unit who were in the process of scrapping the old Strategic Regional plans as required by the Localism Act and would be putting proposals for a new plan out for consultation in the New Year.</p>	

12.06.00	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
12.06.01	The financial report showed expenditure of £1235 in November which included a bill from NKDC for £430 for election expenses. Reserves stood at £17,600.	
12.07.00	<u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u>	
12.07.01	<u>Constitution and Village Hall.</u> Work was in hand to obtain the intended new curtains.	
12.07.02	<u>Highways, Footways and Drains</u> The new ditch was largely finished although work was still to be done to redirect water from the A607 and Mill Hill into it to keep that runoff water out of the village.	
12.07.03	<u>Village Matters.</u> Highways had repaired the apron to the village hall car park and had acknowledged the comment about the poor state of road surface on The Green. A liaison visit to discuss detail was anticipated. A letter of appreciation was proposed and approved to Mrs Cook of Cow Lane for all her personal work in tidying Cow Lane, Beck Street and Moat Lane.	Clerk
12.07.04	<u>Parish Plan.</u> To be covered in item 9.	
12.07.05	<u>Police and NHW.</u> NTR	
12.07.06	<u>Cluster Group.</u> NTR	
12.07.07	<u>Planning and Countryside</u> NTR	
12.07.08	<u>Health Social and Welfare.</u> NTR	
12.07.09	<u>Allotments.</u> NTR	
12.07.10	<u>Castle Hill.</u> Doubt was expressed about the wisdom of diverting the stream to flow through the newly cleared moat. However it was accepted that this is what had been agreed at the site meeting on 15 October. It was suggested that to limit further erosion of the channel bank which is undermining the fence it was desirable to infill the relatively new outer channel. It was agreed English Heritage approval should be sought first. Advice was still awaited from LCC Highways as to who owned the metal rail fence beside Bell Tree Green.	AP
12.08.00	<u>AFFORDABLE HOUSING SITE.</u>	
	NKDC had selected two sites from its own list as potentially suitable for affordable housing and sought the Council's preference. After debate it was agreed by a majority vote that Area 1 off Crosby Lane was the more suitable.	Clerk
12.09.00	<u>HOUSEHOLDER SURVEY</u>	
12.09.01	It was suggested that since the issues involved in the householder survey needed to create the Development Plan were so complex it would be better to have a Survey Advisory Group (SAG) to deal with this matter. It was agreed that TC, BG and SSt should form this group.	TC/BG/ SSt
12.10.00	<u>PUBLIC SAFETY.</u> It had been suggested that the new moat created a public safety hazard. As landowner the Council was obliged to consider what to do about this situation. It was agreed to undertake a proper risk assessment before deciding any action. Since this topic was SSt's private speciality he undertook to create one.	SSt
12.14.00	<u>PLANNING MATTERS</u>	
12.14.01	The Council had supported Mrs Overton's resubmitted plans to build a small cottage off Cow Lane.	
12.14.02	Mrs Asher had submitted plans to build proper stables on her field but the Council had no comments to make.	
12.14.03	Despite the Council's recorded opposition to pollarding the plane tree at the Hall, permission had been given and the tree pollarded.	

12.15 12.15.01	<u>CHEQUES.</u> <u>Cheques</u> Payment of the following cheques was approved: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">North Kesteven District Council – election expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£430.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cliff Villages Property Maintenance - Castle Hill and Beck</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£93.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G.W. King and Sons - church yard</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£180.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C Bleaden Ground Maintenance - playing fields, verges, castle hill</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£278.54</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E-ON - Lighting maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£102.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M McBeath – salary November</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£119.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PO - McBeath PAYE</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£30.00</td> </tr> </table>	North Kesteven District Council – election expenses	£430.60	Cliff Villages Property Maintenance - Castle Hill and Beck	£93.75	G.W. King and Sons - church yard	£180.00	C Bleaden Ground Maintenance - playing fields, verges, castle hill	£278.54	E-ON - Lighting maintenance	£102.85	M McBeath – salary November	£119.80	PO - McBeath PAYE	£30.00	
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12.16.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Budget and precept. Castle Hill safety. SAG report.	All														
12.17.00	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next routine Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 11th January 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.	All														

There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 10.15pm.

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