

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 13th FEBRUARY 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), Dr Adam Paxton (AP), Mr
 Stephen Short (SS) Mr Richard Coxe (RC)
 Mr Malcolm McBeath Parish Clerk

		<u>ACTION</u>
02.01.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u>	
02.01.02	The police reported that there had not been any recorded crimes in the village in the previous month.	
02.02.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u> Mr Steve Francis had agreed to assist with maintaining the hall. The Chairman suggested that advantage be taken of this offer. This was agreed unanimously.	
02.03.00	<u>APOLOGIES (reasons for absence)</u> County Councillors Ray Phillips and Mrs Overton had been invited but were unable to attend.	
02.04.00	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> Nil	
02.05.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the previous meetings held on Wednesday 9 January, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved.	
02.06.00	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u>	
02.06.01	There was nothing to report on war memorial cleaning.	
02.06.02	The leaks in the water mains feed pipe to the Hall had been bypassed by fitting a new pipe on a different path. But the pipe to the sports toilets had been discovered to be leaking. It was intended to investigate and, if necessary, bypass this section,	RS
02.07.00	<u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u>	
02.07.01	LC reported that the intended 25 % of Council Tax charge for certain households had been amended to 5% following a Government Grant.	
02.07.02	She also advised that NKDC had revised their Council Tax charges on empty properties with a view to raising more revenue and encouraging greater use of such dwellings, eg, houses which had been empty for over 2 years would attract 150% charges.	
02.07.03	The Cluster Bid for a youth worker had been circulated for comments before final submission. Mrs A. Broadbent has provided some very valuable inputs to the Bid. Unfortunately, Welbourn had been omitted from the distribution. LC undertook for ensure the Bid was copied to	

	Welbourn.	<u>Action</u>
02.08.00 02.08.01	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u> Highways had repaired a number of potholes in the village but it appeared one had been overlooked on Mill Hill. The LCC Joint Planning Unit's draft strategic plan for central Lincolnshire envisaged massive expansion around and within Greater Lincoln but failed to take account of the lack of necessary infrastructure. This would impact on outlying villages by creating further traffic congestion and a lack of parking facilities.	
02.09.00	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u> The financial report showed expenditure of £1164 for the previous month with reserves at £17,575 and an under spend of £1615 against forecast.	
02.10.00 02.10.01	<u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u> <u>Village Hall.</u> The Committee placed a higher priority on acoustic tiles than security cameras and were very grateful for the Parish Council's support. It was agreed to get on with the tiles and the repair to the damaged ceiling in the veranda.	RS
02.10.02	<u>Highways, Footways and Drains.</u> The repair of the collapsed culvert on the A607 near the poultry farm had revealed that the intake was in a poor condition and needed attention. This was a matter for the landowner.	RS
02.10.03	<u>Village Matters.</u> It was agreed that the use of a Dog Warden was highly desirable. The Clerk was to investigate and report. It was suggested that a mock goal unit be bought to deflect footballers from using the Hall walls. It was suggested that this topic was within the remit of the Village Hall Committee. SB was to investigate and report.	Clerk SB
02.10.04	<u>Parish Plan.</u> A public session was planned for 16 February to examine and explain putting the results of the survey together in the appropriate form.	
02.10.05	<u>Cluster Group.</u> NTR	
02.10.06	<u>Planning and Countryside.</u> NTR	
02.10.07	<u>Health Social and Welfare.</u> NTR	
02.10.08	<u>Allotments.</u> NTR	
02.10.09	<u>Castle Hill.</u> It was necessary to replace the fraying hessian sacks on the dams and fill their replacements with a more solid filler. SSg agreed to co-ordinate this task.	SSg
02.11.00	<u>TREE SAFETY CHECKS</u> It was agreed that the Council ought to institute regular tree safety checks but that the quote obtained so far was too expensive and others should be sought.	Clerk
02.12.00 02.12.01	<u>DAMAGE TO VERGES BY THOUGHTLESS DRIVING AND PARKING</u> It was agreed that this problem was intractable but the one way	Clerk

02.12.02	proposal for Cow Lane should improve conditions there. The Clerk would ask the Diocesan Office to make good the damage caused by their workforce outside the Old Rectory.	<u>ACTION</u>
02.13.00	<u>FUNDING THE VILLAGE HALL</u> After debate it was agreed to fund current major repairs out of reserves but not to fund running costs in the coming year other than the annual insurance premium.	
02.14.00 02.14.02	<u>PLANNING</u> The Council had no comment to make on the re-application for chicken sheds at Skinnand.	Clerk
02.15.00	<u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following accounts was approved: Thorpe Property Services (Dec and Jan plus materials) £467.85 R Breathwick for VH Heating repairs £1340.40 S Francis for new feed pipe £1140.76 M McBeath salary and expenses £141.18 PO Ltd McBeath PAYE £25.20 And transfer of £3000 from savings account to current account was authorised.	Clerk
02.16.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u>	
02.17.00	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 13th March 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.	All

There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

Copies to:

District Councillors Conway and Overton, All PC Members. Parish Website.