

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2012 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30PM

PRESENT

Mr. J.R. Storer, (RS)	Chairman
District Councillor: Mrs Laura Conway (LC)	
Councillors: Mr M R Cross (MC), Dr Adam Paxton (AP), Mr Stephen Short (SSt), Mr Robert Gibson (BG), Mr Richard Coxe (RC), Mr Stephen Spedding (SSg) and Ms Sarah Brown (SB)	
Lincs Police: PC Hanson, PCSO Lingard	
Mr M McBeath	Parish Clerk

		<u>ACTION</u>
02.01.00	<p><u>PUBLIC FORUM</u></p> <p>Some 30 parishioners attended wishing to protest at the recent Parish Council (PC) decision on the selection of the more suitable site for affordable housing (AH) from the choice offered by NKDC. The Chairman gave a short presentation on the history of the situation showing how it had grown out of the original requirement for affordable housing in the Parish Plan and the role played by NKDC in investigating the feasibility of the idea.</p> <p>Mr Coxe explained that the tongue of land (behind Crosby Lane) which some had assumed had been left fallow in anticipation of building had been put into the Entry Level Scheme for the time being and grassed down as a matter of farm policy since it was not readily accessible to big machines.</p> <p>Objections raised were largely on the basis of self interest but there was a strong view that the PC had failed to consult on the issue. It was claimed that the PC had not made the whole situation sufficiently clear. It was pointed out that piecemeal development of this field was unwise since the infrastructure needed to be developed as a whole. It was agreed to hold a further public meeting with the appropriate officer(s) from NKDC where all would have the opportunity to make their views known to a higher level and so that all sides might better appreciate the issues.</p> <p>The police reported one case of damage to a motor vehicle and two cases of burglary.</p>	Clerk
02.02.00	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Mr Copley was on holiday.</p>	
02.03.00 02.03.01 02.03.02	<p><u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u></p> <p>The Chair suggested that it would be very useful to hold the public meeting about the AH site before the next PC meeting. This was agreed.</p> <p>The Monitoring Officer (MO) at NKDC has been consulted regarding allegations that an incorrect vote had been taken on the issue of the AH site. The MO judged that, although there was no deliberate breach of regulations, it could be construed by members of the public not knowing the full facts that at least one councillor may have had a prejudicial interest in the site. In order to clarify the position it would be advisable for the Council to re-vote on the motion at the next meeting following proper procedures.</p>	All
02.04.00	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2020 (SI2020/1059)</u></p> <p>On the advice of the MO, Cllr Coxe made the following statement:</p> <p>I am the Farm Manager for RH Lamyman Ltd who own the field between Crosby Lane and Dycote Lane with the option of affordable housing development. Having taken legal advice, I realize that I have a prejudicial interest in this matter only because my employer is the landowner and he could financially benefit from the development of the land. I realize that there could be a public perception about this connection although I personally will not be affected in any way.</p>	

02.05.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 11 January 2021, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved. Proposed SSt. Seconded RS.	<u>ACTION</u>
02.06.00 02.06.01 02.06.02	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u> <u>Mugs.</u> RS had investigated possible mugs locally and offered a suitable example with costing. It was agreed to continue with the previously agreed intention using this model. <u>Safety Rail.</u> RS had discussed the safety rail by the Beck with Mr Goodhand and they had agreed that the Forge would make a suitable rail, with the PC funding materials only. SSg agreed to install it, once built. This was approved unanimously.	RS/SSg
02.07.00 02.07.01	<u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u> LC had attended one of the public consultation sessions with LCC in Lincoln on the Leadenham HWRC. LCC explained their proposal on the grounds of the low recycling rate at Leadenham and the 12 mile rule. She reported that the Petitions were being well supported. The Cliff Cluster meeting in Navenby about support for a youth worker had been very well attended and LC was very positive about successful progress. NKDC were assisting in ensuring that the best use was made of all options.	
02.08.00 02.08.01 02.08.02	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u> The clerk had been collaborating with Leadenham Parish Clerk to keep pressure on LCC about the Leadenham HWRC. A contact group of all clerks from Normanton to Waddington had been established for the purpose of co-ordinating opposition. He and the Chairman had attended a filming session at the HWRC to publicise the problem on Look North. Both had attended the recent Cliff Cluster meeting at Welbourn where the Clerk had been asked to help draft a letter of protest from the Cliff Cluster to LCC about the HWRC plans. A public meeting involving parochial matters had been held in Leadenham but had not been notified to the clerks and had only been advertised in the Sleaford Gazette. The Clerk had complained to the relevant officer at NKDC about the lack of appropriate publicity and had been assured that PCs would be included in future.	
02.09.00	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u> The financial report showed expenditure of £635 for the preceding month with a gross balance of £16,098.	
02.10.00 02.10.01 02.10.02 02.10.03 02.10.04 02.10.05 02.10.06	<u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u> <u>Constitution and Village Hall.</u> The new blind for the village hall was still delayed. <u>Highways, Footways and Drains.</u> LCC had not responded on the issue of who owned the fence round Castle Hill. It was expected that recent bad weather would delay work on the new drains. <u>Village Matters</u> It was noted that the outer wall of the Hall on the Hall Lane looked distinctly worse. The lack of repairs to the road surface in The Green was a continuing concern. An extra street light was required in Dycote Lane. The clerk was tasked to investigate and report. <u>Parish Plan and SAG</u> See item 11. <u>Police and NHW</u> NTR <u>Cluster Group.</u> The Cluster group had sent a letter of protest to LCC over the proposed closure of the HWRC. A representative from The Joint Planning Unit had described the work of the group in developing the Core strategy; in short, all previous policies were still in being pending replacement by the Core strategy whose overall aim was to promote growth. The draft Core Strategy would be put out for consultation later in the year. LCC was working on improving high speed broadband provision across the County and had a target of 20+ MB by 2017. The SID had not yet been repaired so it was agreed to	Clerk

	authorise repair and put it back into use by the most appropriate means. A community safety officer described how effective sharing information between all relevant agencies was proving in limiting anti-social behaviour and protecting those at risk. Although District Council support for the Cluster groups would be discontinued from 1 April 2012, it was agreed to continue the Group, meeting in each others premises in turn with the host Clerk acting as meeting secretary. NKDC was holding £1,123.39 on behalf of the Cliff Cluster.	<u>ACTION</u>
02.10.07	<u>Health Social and Welfare.</u> NTR	
02.10.08	<u>Allotments.</u> Difficulties had been experienced in getting a former tenant to remove her material and livestock off the forfeited plot but pressure had been successfully applied. SB intended to continue to clear the plot herself. More chippings were necessary to repair the track. SB requested authority to get a quantity as required. All agreed.	SB
02.10.09	<u>Castle Hill.</u> A letter had been received from English Heritage confirming the preferred nature of new fencing around the monument and advising on proposed infilling of the outer ditch.	
02.11.00	<u>SAG</u> Recent events had clearly shown the need to progress the intended Householder Survey as quickly as possible.	BG
02.12.00	<u>Correspondence.</u> The clerk was instructed to write to all those who had written to the Council to protest at the location of land for Affordable Housing to advise them of the Council's intention in this matter.	Clerk
02.13.00	<u>PLANNING MATTERS</u> NTR	
02.14.00	<u>CHEQUES.</u> Payment of the following cheques was approved: NKDC - dog waste bin emptying 2012 £450.00 Cliff Villages Voluntary Car Scheme - Welbourn residents £9.18 Welbourn VHPFC – hire of Hall (NHW) £10.00 M McBeath for salary £133.04 PO - McBeath PAYE £33.40 Movement of £650 from deposit account to current account was approved.	Clerk
02.15.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Review of decision on Affordable Housing. Need to put barley straw in the Beck	
02.16.00	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next routine Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 14th March 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.	All

There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Copies to:

District Councillor Conway, All PC Members. Parish Website.