

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2015 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30PM

PRESENT

Mr. J.R. Storer, (RS)

Chairman

District Councillor Mrs Marianne Overton (MO)

Councillors: Ms Sarah Brown (SB), Mrs Maureen Lunn (ML), Mr Robert Cross (MC), Mr John Lucas (JL) Mr Stephen Short (SS)

Mr Malcolm McBeath

Parish Clerk

Mrs K Stark, Mr R Thorpe, PC P Hanson, PCSO S Basford.

02.01.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> <u>Crime Report</u> The Police stated that there had not been any reportable crimes in the area in the previous month.	<u>ACTION</u>
02.02.00	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Dr Paxton was unable to attend due to work commitments. Mr Spedding had a private engagement.	
02.03.00	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> JL pointed out that he operated bird scarers but this was not seen as prejudicial.	
02.04.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u>	
02.04.01	The Dog Warden's contract would run out next month. It was agreed to extend it for a further 6 months on the same terms.	Clerk
02.05.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u> The Minutes of the January meeting were agreed.	Clerk
02.06.00	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u>	
02.06.01	The grass cutting contract for 2015 had been let.	
02.06.02	Mr McBeath had cleared the verge opposite Welbourn Hall whilst Brian Wills had been tasked to clear Jubilee Green of leaf fall. A resident had been asked to clear the small green on The Green.	
02.06.03	The lost litter bin on Castle Hill had been replaced.	
02.07.00	<u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u>	
02.07.01	MO reported that the consultation on the Local Plan was still in process whilst the planned timetable for its introduction remained unchanged.	
02.07.02	She remarked that some local Parish Councils were successfully running their own Youth Clubs.	
02.08.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u>	
02.08.01	Highways had repaired the worst pot holes in the village but had missed one in Beck Street. This had been advised, as had those on the layby and Mill Lane.	
02.08.02	A tall stainless steel chimney had been erected on a container in the	

02.08.03	<p>grounds of Welbourn Hall next to Hall Lane without any notice. The action had been referred to NKDC as a possible breach of Planning Regulations. The matter was still under investigation although it seemed that planning permission would be required.</p> <p>NKDC had refused to release the funds from the developer re the Cow Lane site on the grounds that our choice of spending did not satisfy their criteria. The Clerk had disputed the decision and it had been referred back to an appropriate officer. NKDC had been invited to indicate what they thought appropriate given that the village already had the facilities suggested by the criteria. Support was being sought from our District Councillors.</p>	<u>ACTION</u>
02.09.00	<p><u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u></p> <p>Spending in January had been £539, leaving £14,552 in reserves. Spending was judged to be more or less on budget.</p>	
02.10.00 02.10.01 02.10.02 02.10.03 02.10.04 02.10.05	<p><u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u></p> <p><u>Constitution/Audit/Village Hall.</u> The VHPFC continued to function quite well without a chairman. Lettings and finances were healthy. A grant was being sought from WREN for funds to resurface the children's play area.</p> <p><u>Highways and Drains</u> Drains had recently been cleaned in Hall Lane, Mill Lane and around Jubilee Green.</p> <p><u>Neighbourhood Development Plan.</u> Attendances at the consultation surgeries had been a little sparse but the process continued.</p> <p><u>Castle Hill.</u> The level of silt in the pond behind Castle Hill was too high and was causing flooding in the road and the adjoining bungalow. Since previous research had found that no contractor was prepared to dig out the pond, suction dredging was suggested. The clerk was to investigate.</p> <p><u>Allotments.</u> SB had pruned the orchard trees.</p>	Clerk
02.11.00	<p><u>TO DISCUSS TRIMMING THE TREES IN THE GREEN NEAR NOS 42-48</u></p> <p>A parishioner had suggested that the trees on the small green behind the Old Bakery needed tidying so a contractor's report had been obtained. He concurred with the previous year's report and recommended minimal intervention and quoted for the work he suggested. It was agreed to accept the quotation.</p>	Clerk
02.12.00	<p><u>TO RE-ASSIGN THE FUNDS FROM THE COW LANE DEVELOPMENT.</u></p> <p>The Clerk's action in disputing the decision not to release the funds was endorsed but it was felt that without further indications as to what NKDC would find acceptable Council could not proceed. The extension car park or a proper kick wall were possible substitute options.</p>	
02.13.00	<p><u>TO FURTHER DISCUSS REPAIRS TO THE CAUSEWAY STEPS.</u></p> <p>Road planings had been suggested in lieu of gravel on the steps up from the causeway. Mr Thorpe had offered to do the work. Mr Lucas offered road planings from his own stockpile. It was agreed that Mr Thorpe should repair the steps using road planings.</p>	SSg

02.14.00	<p><u>TO REVIEW THE ARRANGEMENT WITH THE HANDYMAN.</u></p> <p>Mr Thorpe explained that he had previously been instructed to only carry out works as directed by the clerk but the clerk had not been directing him so he had not been working. The clerk cited specific tasks which had not been carried out. It was agreed that work done and required should be reviewed and minuted in Council each month then formally notified by email to Mr Thorpe.</p>	<p><u>ACTION</u></p> <p>Clerk</p>										
02.15.00	<p><u>TO AGREE TO RE-APPLY TO LCC FOR A 40MPH SPEED LIMIT ON THE A607 PAST THE VILLAGE.</u></p> <p>It was agreed that a speed limit should be sought between the existing limit boundary past SWRA and the bottom of Mill Lane. PC Hanson suggested taking advice from the LRSP.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>										
02.16.00	<p><u>TO REVIEW THE SITUATION RE EXCESSIVELY NOISY BIRD SCARERS.</u></p> <p>A number of people had complained that their pets were being badly affected by the bird scarers. The horses in the menage were being frightened. JL had informed the farmer concerned of the problem of which the farmer had previously been unaware. The principle pet complainant had since reported the situation had improved. It was agreed to hope the problem would be less acute and that the proper remedy, if appropriate, lay with NKDC.</p>											
02.17.00	<p><u>TO AGREE RESPONSES TO THE COMMUNITY POLICIES IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.</u></p> <p>Insofar as the community policies were derived from public consultation the Council felt it inappropriate to comment on the Community Policies in detail but, on the other hand, found the Plan's attempt to order or commit the Council to do things inappropriate and suggested that the standard phrase "the Parish Council will " would be better expressed as "the Parish Council should ".</p>	<p>ML</p>										
02.18.00	<p><u>CHEQUES</u></p> <p>Payment of the following accounts was approved:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>R Thorpe (maintenance)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£156.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L.A.L.C (annual Subscription)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£203.08</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P A Orme (warden duties)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£90.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M McBeath (salary)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£107.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PO Ltd (PAYE McB)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£26.60</td> </tr> </table>	R Thorpe (maintenance)	£156.25	L.A.L.C (annual Subscription)	£203.08	P A Orme (warden duties)	£90.00	M McBeath (salary)	£107.17	PO Ltd (PAYE McB)	£26.60	<p>Clerk</p>
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02.19.00	<p><u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>Maintenance tasks</p>											
02.20.00	<p><u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council is due on <b>10th</b> March at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.</p>	<p>All</p>										

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

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