

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 11th JANUARY 2017 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 8:15 PM

PRESENT

Mr. Mr Stephen Short_(SSt)

Chairman

Councillors: Mr Robert Cross (MC), Mr John Storer (RS), Mrs Maureen Lunn, Mr Robert Gibson (BG),

District Councillor: Mrs Marianne Overton (MO)

Mr Malcolm McBeath

Parish Clerk

Mr Simon Robinson

01.00.00	<u>ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN</u> Mr Short was elected as chairman of the meeting in the absence of Mr Lucas.	<u>ACTION</u>
01.01.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u>	
01.01.01	A public meeting to discuss and explain the proposed mast immediately preceded the meeting.	
01.01.02	The Police reported by email an attempted break-in at Poplar Court.	
01.01.03	Mr Robinson drew attention to ducklings being trapped and drowned in the outflow to the Beck and requested a grill to protect them.	
01.02.00	<u>ACCEPTANCE OF REASONS FOR ABSENCE</u> Mr Lucas had a prejudicial interest in the primary topic so had preferred not to attend. Mrs Mills was otherwise committed at the last minute. Miss Huntsman had a prior engagement. Mr Spedding was dealing with a family crisis.	
01.03.00	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> nil	
01.04.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u> The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th December, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved, subject to a correction to the date of the next meeting.	Clerk
01.05.00	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u>	
01.05.01	<u>Castle Hill.</u> Advice from Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and Historic England (HE) was still awaited on the most appropriate way forward on the care and planting of Castle Hill.	
01.05.02	<u>Emergency Plan</u> Due to pressure of other work, no further time had been possible on the emergency plan.	
01.05.03	<u>Drains</u> A number of drains had not been cleared: most importantly the main storm drain alongside the ménage. Mr Lucas was tasked with reminding the landowners concerned. It was pointed out that roadside hedgerows merited similar care, especially in Broach Lane.	JL
01.05.04	<u>By-election costs</u> NKDC had advised that by-election costs were not chargeable.	

01.06.00	<u>DISTRICT AND COUNTY MATTERS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
01.06.01	MO reported that NKDC were being forced to cut services in an attempt to achieve a balanced budget. The NHS had released their Sustainable Transformation Plan which proposed to merge health and social care fundings. The increasing proportion of older people in society added to their costs. LCC also faced problems in achieving a balanced budget since it had already used its reserves and the minimum wage had driven up costs. Adult care, however, had not been cut.	
01.06.02	She pointed out that central government has stopped returning funds raised by income tax and that the income from Business rates had decreased. LCC were seeking more money since they were £47m short.	
01.06.03	She exhorted everyone to complain more about shortfalls in service via the appropriate channels particularly about neglected elders. She mentioned that Neighbourhood Plans appeared to be working to protect small and medium settlements from unwanted development.	
01.07.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u>	
01.07.01	In the context of drains, the risk of the collapse of the tunnel under the embankment by Borfa Wen Farm should be addressed since closure of the waterway would have very serious implications for Hall Orchard Lane. The Clerk would explore the issue.	clerk
01.07.02	A drawing of the field drains under the Playing Field had been recovered from the archives and passed to the agencies who might be excavating across the area.	
01.07.03	The parish website had been updated to include the publications and complaints policies.	
01.07.04	The purchase of the forge was not yet complete. It appeared that the solicitors had not achieved the desired formal easement about access for maintenance.	
01.07.05	Mr Lucas had replaced the broken gatepost on the small picket gate to Castle Hill.	
01.08.00	<u>TO NOTE THE OUTCOME OF THE SURVEY ABOUT THE MAST PROPOSAL</u> 214 votes had been received and counted. 85% had been in favour with 15% against.	
01.09.00	<u>TO DECIDE A RESPONSE TO AN APPLICATION TO LEASE A SITE ON THE PLAYING FIELD FOR A RADIO RELAY MAST</u> Having witnessed the public meeting about the application to erect a radio relay mast on the playing field, despite a motion by RS to accept, after discussion, the council decided to refuse the application because the proposed site was too close to the bungalow on the main road and the children's play area. The continuing need for a better mobile signal, however, was recognized.	
01.10.00	<u>TO UPDATE ON THE HANDYMAN SITUATION</u> Someone interested in the job of handyman had been identified but had not yet made contact with the clerk.	

01.11.00	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u> The financial report showed spending of £900 last month with £22,155 in reserves. Overall spending was within budget although Castle Hill was significantly overspent. The annual grass-cutting subsidy had not yet been paid. NKDC had just reported their intention hand over the entire S106 lump sum, despite the Council's previous application for about half.	<u>ACTION</u>								
01.12.00	<u>TO AGREE A BUDGET FOR 2017/18 AND SET THE 2017 PRECEPT.</u> The council accepted the clerk's draft budget for 2017/18 and agreed to set the precept at £19,800.	clerk								
01.13.00	<u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following accounts was approved: <table style="margin-left: 40px; width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>E-on (electricity)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£218.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thorpe property services</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£96.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M McBeath (December wage and January expenses)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 442.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PO Ltd (McB PAYE)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£93.80</td> </tr> </table>	E-on (electricity)	£218.75	Thorpe property services	£96.75	M McBeath (December wage and January expenses)	£ 442.14	PO Ltd (McB PAYE)	£93.80	
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01.14.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Complaints. Grill for Beck outflow. Play and Exercise project. Any planning applications.									
01.15.00	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> It was agreed to hold the next meeting on 8th February 2017 at 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room.	All								

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

Copies to: District Councillors Mrs C Mills, Mrs M Overton: All PC Members: Parish Website.