

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 11th JANUARY 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 Tony Copley (TC) Mr Robert Gibson (BG), Mr Richard Coxe(RC) and Mr Stephen Spedding (SSg)	
Lincs Police: Pc Hanson, PCSO Lingard	
Mr M McBeath	Parish Clerk

		<u>ACTION</u>
01.01.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> The police report two thefts since November and noted that they were stepping up their activities to limit metal thefts and recover stolen metal. They remarked that domestic heating and vehicle fuel oil was a new high value target. There had been incidents of eggs being thrown from passing cars at parked vehicles.	
01.02.00	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Ms Brown was attending a meeting about the wider implications of switching from oil.	
01.03.00 01.03.01	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u> RS informed the Council that the Council holds a grant to the Forge on their behalf and advised that the Friends of the Forge had asked for funds for new tools, Council was asked to approve a cheque for this purpose. This was agreed.	Clerk
01.03.02	He had been researching options for Jubilee mugs and produced examples. Further work was required to find the most suitable design After discussion it was agreed to buy 200 mugs to be distributed at the discretion of the Jubilee Committee	RS
01.04.00	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2010 (SI2010/1059)</u> There were no declarations of interest.	
01.05.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 14 December 2011, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved. Proposed SSt. Seconded RS.	
01.06.00 01.06.01	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u> The Clerk had written a formal letter of thanks to Mrs Cook of Cow Lane to thank her for all her continuing work in keeping her area of the village swept and tidy.	
01.06.02	NKDC had been informed of the Council's decision on which plot was most suitable for affordable housing and they had reconfirmed their support for the choice.	
01.07.00 01.07.01	<u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u> LCC had agreed to adopt the 12 mile radius criteria for the provision of Household Waste Recycling Points. Leadenham Clerk had been informed that their petition was void unless it had enough signatures to satisfy LCC petitions policy, so more support was sought. It appeared that the 12 mile limit was being applied with discretion. Differential tenders were being sought from contractors. It had become known that certain conditions applied to some contractors.	
01.07.02	It was remarked that, under the Localism Act, parishes apparently had the right to challenge any decision in this matter and that a decision to close would be contrary to declared Government policy on recycling.	
01.07.03	The idea of obtaining a Youth Worker for the Cluster Villages was still active. More	

	parental support was sought. The Clerk was asked to seek parental support via the schools.	<u>ACTION</u> Clerk
01.08.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u>	
01.08.01	<u>Bus Shelter.</u> The developer had confirmed in principle that the proposed bus shelter could be built on 'their' land. The developer was unable to give a start date for work on the site. Action was in hand to have the ash tree 'delisted' from the planning consent for the site. The clerk was tasked with finding out how much it might cost to remove the ash.	Clerk
01.08.02	A Road Closure Notice had been received re Cow Lane and Mill Hill for work to put in the intended drains to divert surface run off into the new dyke.	
01.08.03	LCC had forwarded a list of known empty homes in the village in order to have it updated. Members were asked to advise the Clerk.	
01.09.00	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u> The Financial Report showed expenditure of £924 for the preceding month with a current balance of £16,730. A way-leave payment of £11 had been received from Central Networks. A bill from E-on for £240 for a new lamp had been received after the Agenda had been issued.	
01.10.00	<u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u>	
01.10.01	<u>Constitution and Village Hall.</u> NTR.	
01.10.02	<u>Highways, Footways and Drains.</u> LCC had not responded on the issue of who owned the fence round Castle Hill. Action was expected on white lines and pot holes.	
01.10.03	<u>Village Matters</u> a. LCC Highways and NKDC had been questioned on whether the new concrete apron to the track leading to Asher's facility was properly approved. b. The poor state of lower Dycote Lane was noted but it was felt that nothing could be done to stop heavy traffic using it since such vehicles had a proper need to get to and from the farms and land. c. A street lamp had been replaced on The Green. This would be one less to replace next year.	
01.10.04	<u>Parish Plan and SAG</u> The Survey Advisory Group (SAG) reported that they felt that since the Parish Plan was rather outdated it would be necessary to update it before continuing with Development Survey. Furthermore, since the Localism Act was not yet understood at County and District level, it would be nugatory to continue with the Survey until it was known how LCC proposed to proceed.	SAG
01.10.05	<u>Police and NHW</u> NTR	
01.10.06	<u>Cluster Group.</u> NKDC had decided to discontinue clerical and financial support for the Cluster Group and asked whether it should continue. The police wanted it to continue. Members agreed that it should continue with whatever support could be provided from own resources. It was noted that several parishes had already paid into a fund to support the Cluster. An account had been promised for the next meeting.	
01.10.07	<u>Health Social and Welfare.</u> NTR	
01.10.08	<u>Allotments.</u> NTR	
01.10.09	<u>Castle Hill.</u> NTR see below.	
01.11.00	<u>OPEN WATER RISKS</u> SSg had prepared a formal risk assessment for open water in the village and had concluded that the only significant risk was at the unprotected drop into the Beck off the exit drive to the Hall. It was agreed to accept the report and to put up a small metal guard fence above the drop to stop inadvertent falling off. The chairman agreed to action this.	RS

01.12.00	<u>BUDGET 2012.</u> The Clerk had prepared a budget to satisfy Council's decision to keep the precept the same as last year. This was adopted.	<u>ACTION</u>
01.13.00 01.13.01	<u>PLANNING MATTERS</u> <u>Revised Proposal for 6 Cow Lane.</u> NKDC had refused permission for the proposed new build at 6 Cow Lane.	
01.14.00	<u>CHEQUES.</u> Payment of the following cheques was approved: Philip Baumber for hedge trimming £439.20 E-on for repairs to lamps £268.16) E-on for routine electricity £179.48) one item W E Goodhand for Welbourn Forge expenditure £39.99 M McBeath - salary and expenses £137.10 PO - McBeath PAYE £22.40 To BT by direct debit for broadband services to VH £56.88 Movement of £1045 from deposit account to current account was approved.	Clerk
01.15.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Nil	
01.16.00	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next routine Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 8th February 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.	All

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

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