

NINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY 2015 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30PM

PRESENT

Mr. J.R. Storer, (RS)

Chairman

District Councillors Mrs Laura Conway (LC) and Mrs Marianne Overton (MO)

Councillors: Ms Sarah Brown (SB), Mrs Maureen Lunn (ML), Mr Robert Cross (MC), Mr Stephen Spedding (SSg), Mr Robert Gibson (BG), Mr John Lucas (JL).

Mr Malcolm McBeath

Parish Clerk

Mr and Mrs Dowling, PC P Hanson

01.01.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
01.01.01	<u>Crime Report</u> The Police stated that there had not been any reportable crimes in the area in the previous month. They had not received any noise complaints.	
01.02.00	<u>APOLOGIES</u>	
01.02.01	Dr Paxton was unable to attend.	
01.03.00	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>	
	Councillors, as householders in the village, were aware of their general interest in the precept but it was impracticable to exclude all of them from the debate so the meeting continued.	
01.04.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u>	
01.04.01	Mr Storer had attended Mrs Ann Cook's funeral on behalf of the village and Council. In view of all she did in keeping her end of the village clean and tidy, the Chairman suggested that the Council should record the village's appreciation of Mrs Cook who had died suddenly in December. This was agreed unanimously. A piece would be sent to Two Villages. The issue of excessively noisy gas-gun bird scarers had again come to notice and had got as far as our MP. NKDC had been involved also. JL agreed to make the relevant farmers aware of the problem.	Clerk/RS JL
01.05.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u>	
01.05.01	The Notes of the November meeting which had previously been sent to Councillors were agreed as Minutes.	Clerk
01.06.00	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u>	
01.06.01	The PCC was now managing the war memorial refurbishment.	
01.06.02	There had not been any formal applications for the post of clerk despite four enquiries.	
01.07.00	<u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u>	
01.07.01	The County Council had received 3000 individual representations about the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan. In the opinion of the Local Plan Manager, although there were specific objections on some issues, the broad consensus was not hostile. It had been decided to maintain the 10 key principles of the Plan and to seek to adopt the Plan before the end of 2016.	

01.07.02	MO stressed the need to contribute to the next stage of consultations and asked that all such inputs be copied to her. It was noted that Welbourn's petition about keeping the curtilage had apparently been overlooked by being buried in the paperwork. She stressed that the option existed to approach the Planning Committee directly.	<u>ACTION</u>
01.07.03	The proposed developments at Navenby were still in process and had not been agreed.	
01.08.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u>	
01.08.01	AWA had admitted that they are not consulted in the planning process about new dwellings but that this anomaly was being addressed with a view to their future inclusion.	
01.08.02	LCC had approved the proposed footway from Leadenham to SWRA, despite its lack of lighting and the (necessary) continuation across the school field and the obstructive bridle gate at the northern end. Mr & Mrs Riley's planning application had been approved.	
01.08.03	Clerks' pay scales for 2015 had been increased by 2.5%.	
01.09.00	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u> Spending in December had been £551, leaving £15,348 in reserves. Spending was more or less on budget.	
01.10.00	<u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u>	SB Clerk
01.10.01	<u>Constitution/Audit/Village Hall.</u> The hedge in Moat Lane had been replanted. Thanks were due to Kevin Dales for organising and planting.	
01.10.02	<u>Highways and Drains</u> Recent storms had revealed a number of blocked drains. Highways were aware. SB wished to buy waders for use when clearing the moat. It was agreed that these should be bought out of the allotments budget.	
01.10.03	<u>Environment and Village Matters.</u> It was agreed that Brian Wills should be tasked to tidy the area under the chestnut tree on The Green. Mr Orme was to be invited to attend the next meeting to satisfy concerns about lack of visibility and results. Highways should be asked to remove the dead branches now lying on the verge opposite the Hall.	
01.10.04	<u>Neighbourhood Development Plan.</u> The Final part of the grant had been received. The Pre-Submission version of the Plan had been printed off for distribution to all houses in the Parish and other statutory consultees and was now on line. Attention was drawn to the Community Policies in the Plan and it was agreed to place an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss and submit a response from the Parish Council on these Community Policies.	
01.10.05	<u>Cluster Group.</u> NTR	
01.10.06	<u>Allotments.</u> SB had tidied the orchard and intended to prune the trees. She offered to use the Parish strimmer on Castle Hill on a volunteer basis. Council agreed and much appreciated her work.	
01.10.07	<u>Castle Hill</u> See also item 12. The litter bin at the top of the causeway steps was missing and should be replaced. The Clerk was to arrange.	

01.11.00	<u>DONATION TO ANNUAL POPPY WREATH</u> The Chairman pointed out that the previous decision to discontinue the practice of annual donations to charity had not been intended to include the British Legion for the Remembrance Day wreath. Despite advice from the Clerk that the proposal was out of order and irregular since it was not on the Agenda, SS proposed that £30 be given to the British Legion as last year's donation. This was agreed with the rider that this donation should be regarded as a permanent annual event.	Clerk
01.12.00	<u>TO AGREE TO HIRE A BRUSH CUTTER TO TRIM CASTLE HILL AND THE ORCHARD</u> In the circumstances, it was agreed that this idea was pointless. Mr Thorpe's position should be reviewed.	Clerk
01.13.00	<u>TO AGREE TO SPEND UP TO £50 ON REFURBISHING THE STEPS TO/FROM THE CAUSEWAY ON CASTLE HILL.</u> In consultation with RS, SSg and the Clerk, Mr Thorpe had suggested that coarse gravel would be a practicable solution to cure and make good the erosion of the steps to/from the Causeway. Council disagreed and wanted an alternative, properly costed solution.	SSg
01.14.00	<u>TO AGREE TO PAY FOR REPLACING THE HEDGE IN MOAT LANE.</u> Although the VHPFC had agreed to replace the hedge, the bill had been offered to the Parish Council since they had taken out the original hedge. Council agreed and authorised the payment (via the Chairman).	
01.15.00	<u>TO AGREE A RESPONSE TO THE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR NO 23 THE GREEN</u> Insofar as the intention was to match the existing stone the Council had no comments on the proposal but noted that concrete tiles were inappropriate, since all those houses, including no 23, had clay pantiles. Clerk was to so advise NKDC.	Clerk
01.16.00	<u>TO DECIDE HOW TO SPEND THE S106 MONEY DUE FROM TAYLOR LINDSEY FOR THE BROOKE HOUSE DEVELOPMENT</u> After much debate it was agreed to bid for the money a new bus shelter and a new parish notice board to replace the existing pair. A limit of £5000 was agreed for the bus shelter.	Clerk
01.17.00	<u>TO REVIEW AND ASSIGN THE VILLAGE GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT FOR 2015.</u> Four tenders for village grass cutting had been obtained ranging between £284 and £130 per visit. Council decided to choose the cheapest, subject to satisfactory results. RS wished to record his dissent at the choice.	Clerk
01.18.00	<u>TO SET THE BUDGET FOR 2015/16 AND AGREE THE PRECEPT ACCORDINGLY.</u> Having examined the proposed budget for 2015/16 in depth, Council agreed to set the precept so as to receive £18,000 - a percentage increase of 4.3% under the relevant District Council's calculations.	

01.19.00	<p><u>CHEQUES</u></p> <p>Payment of the following accounts was approved:</p> <table data-bbox="337 247 1307 464"> <tr> <td>P A Orme (warden duties)</td> <td>£90.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E-on (electricity)</td> <td>£143.26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J R Storer (replacement hedge)</td> <td>£31.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J R Storer (British Legion donation)</td> <td>£30.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M McBeath (salary)</td> <td>£27.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PO Ltd (PAYE McB)</td> <td>£7.24</td> </tr> </table>	P A Orme (warden duties)	£90.00	E-on (electricity)	£143.26	J R Storer (replacement hedge)	£31.20	J R Storer (British Legion donation)	£30.00	M McBeath (salary)	£27.28	PO Ltd (PAYE McB)	£7.24	<p><u>ACTION</u></p> <p>Clerk</p>
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01.20.00	<p><u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>Mr Thorpe's position Formal response to Neighbourhood Plan</p>													
01.21.00	<p><u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council is due on 11th February 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 9.40pm.

Copies to: District Councillor Mrs Conway, Mrs Overton, All PC Members, Parish Website.