

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 9th JULY 2014 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30PM

PRESENT

Mr. J.R. Storer, (RS)

Chairman

PC P Hanson PCSO K Munro

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

Mr Malcolm McBeath

Parish Clerk

07.01.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> The Police reported no crimes but one case of an apparent rogue trader which they were reporting to Trading Standards. They were still undermanned for the tasks required of them.	<u>ACTION</u>
07.02.00	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Councillors Paxton and Short were on holiday. Councillor Mrs Conway was chairing another unscheduled meeting.	
07.03.00	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> Nil	
07.04.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u> There had not been any response from the Diocese re permission to work on the war memorial so the Chairman intended to submit the bid for funding anyway in the hope of making progress. The Chairman thanked Mr McBeath for his work on the telephone box.	k
07.05.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u>	
07.05.01	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 June, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved.	
07.06.00	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u>	
07.06.01	<u>Broken swing support post.</u> The manufacturer had offered to replace the swing posts but wanted £195 plus VAT to refit them. It was agreed to accept the offer.	Clerk
07.06.02	<u>Grass Cutting.</u> The contractor had cut the overgrowth on the verges in Hall Orchard Lane but had now reduced his charge to reflect the requested limited reduced cut.	
07.07.00	<u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u> Councillor Overton had pointed out by email how distorted are the housing need figures used to select growth targets in that they are extrapolated from historical highs without regard to real current conditions.	
07.08.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u>	
07.08.01	The amateur wiring of the defibrillator in the telephone box had been approved by a qualified electrician. The defibrillator was now installed and	

	the repainting process was in work with superb support from the British Coatings Federation with new paint.	<u>ACTION</u>
07.08.02	Work to tidy the village continued but a tall lorry had recent broken a large branch off the chestnut tree on Jubilee Green. It was intended to remove other overhanging branches on this Green in due course.	
07.08.03	Littering on the playing field, mostly by teenagers, continued to be a problem. The issue had recently been taken up with SWRA and an article put in Two Villages. The prime concern was broken glass hidden in the grass.	
07.09.00	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u>	
07.09.01	A new capital spending spreadsheet had been set up to record this category of expenditure. This was approved.	
07.09.02	Spending in the previous month had been £2,221 leaving £18,924 in the reserves. It was felt necessary to closely monitor and curb spending on maintenance.	
07.10.00	<u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u>	
07.10.01	<u>Village Hall</u> . There had been one case of the emergency door catches off the veranda being mis-set. The electrician had checked what parts were needed to repair the faulty strip lights in the main hall and had fixed the faulty lighting in the vestibule off the Meeting Room. It was proving impossible to get the agency engineer to attend the central heating system.	clerk
07.10.02	<u>Village Matters</u> . The potholes in Dycote Lane had been filled. Graffiti were appearing under the rail bridge. The lane to the old garages on Dycote Lane was becoming over-grown for lack of maintenance.	
07.10.03	<u>Neighbourhood Development Plan</u> . There were continuing difficulties over the exact wording of some policies in the Plan which it was hoped to resolve in consultation between Planning England and NKDC. Historically, the whole process of getting the Plan approved was going to be very long.	
07.10.04	<u>Allotments</u> . SB had been using her strimmer to maintain the orchard but it was now worn out: she requested permission to use the Council's. This was agreed on an own-risk basis.	
07.10.05	<u>Castle Hill</u> . Some of the timber left by Simpson Arboriculture was still there. Mr Thorpe had been removing ivy from the upper parts of trees. Highways had started to replace the wooden fence but the contractors had misunderstood their brief and had been installing fencing in the wrong place. This had been corrected.	
07.11.00	<u>TO PURCHASE DEFIBRILLATOR LABELS</u> It was agreed to buy appropriate labels to replace the TELEPHONE panels on the old telephone box.	Clerk
07.12.00	<u>TO DISCUSS THE CARE OF THE EAST BANK OF CASTLE HILL</u> It was agreed to seek tenders for closer care of the east bank of Castle Hill.	Clerk
07.13.00	<u>TO DISCUSS MORE INTERNAL VILLAGE SIGNS</u> It was agreed that there was no need for internal village signs.	
07.14.00	<u>TO DISCUSS EXTENDING THE VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK</u> It was agreed in principle that the existing car park should be extended but	

	that proper costings are required. The Clerk was to seek some.	Clerk																
07.15.00	<p><u>TO DISCUSS THE USE OF THE TENNIS COURT</u></p> <p>The tennis court was proving popular and the children reported that there were no difficulties with access. Damage had been discovered to the straining wire covering. Letters of thanks were agreed to Mrs Broadbent for organising the refurbishment and to Mr J Francis for assisting in fencing off the redundant access off Moat Lane.</p>	Clerk																
07.16.00	<p><u>CHEQUES</u></p> <p>Payment of the following accounts was approved:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Simpson Arboriculture (Castle Hill trees)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£660.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Chris Bleaden Ground Maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£729.77</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">J R Thorpe (maintenance)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£250.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">EON (street lighting)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£141.71</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">P A Orme (warden duties)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£90.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">G W King and Sons (churchyard)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£196.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">M McBeath – salary and expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£171.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">PO Ltd - PAYE McB</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£26.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>And Transfer £1600 from deposit account to current account.</p>	Simpson Arboriculture (Castle Hill trees)	£660.00	Chris Bleaden Ground Maintenance	£729.77	J R Thorpe (maintenance)	£250.75	EON (street lighting)	£141.71	P A Orme (warden duties)	£90.00	G W King and Sons (churchyard)	£196.00	M McBeath – salary and expenses	£171.74	PO Ltd - PAYE McB	£26.00	Clerk
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07.17.00	<p><u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>nil</p>																	
07.18.00	<p><u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council is due on 10th September at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.</p>	All																

There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.25pm.
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