

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JULY 2013 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30PM

PRESENT

Mr. J.R. Storer, (RS)

Chairman

District Councillor Mrs Laura Conway (LC)

Councillors: Ms Sarah Brown (SB), Mr Robert Cross(MC), Mr John Lucas (JL), Mr Robert Gibson (BG), Mr Stephen Spedding (SSg), Mr Stephen Short (SSt), Dr Adam Paxton (AP)

Six members of the public attended but only for item 16 (Planning). Councillor Mrs Marianne Overton attended for part of the meeting.

Mr Malcolm McBeath

Parish Clerk

		ACTION
07.01.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> The police reported by email of 2 cases of burglary and one of theft in the preceding month. The public attendees had come to observe the debate about no 11 The Nookin and left once the item was complete.	
07.02.00	<u>ABSENCES</u> Councillor Coxe was unwell.	
07.03.00	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> JO declared his interest in the planning application for the alterations at Orchard Barn.	
07.04.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u> The Chairman pointed out that traffic conflicts continue to occur on Cow Lane. The Clerk was instructed to write to Highways to ask them to hasten their intended survey on the one way request.	Clerk
07.05.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 12 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>Pond Clearance</u> The Clerk reported that he had found two contractors able to dredge the pond but they could not offer to start before the Autumn. He was instructed to obtain estimates.	Clerk
07.06.02	<u>War Memorial</u> We were still waiting for the intended contractor to come forward about cleaning the War Memorial.	
07.06.03	<u>VH Website</u> The Village Hall Website was up and running but still needed refinement.	
07.07.00	<u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u> LC reported that the consultation meeting about the Core Strategy for Central Lincolnshire held at The Venue had not gone well due to lack of publicity and a serious underestimate of the numbers attending. The JPU were however prepared to discuss directly the results of the Parish Survey at Welbourn with Parish representatives. She had also asked the JPU officers to meet the Cliff Cluster face to face.	

07.08.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u> A parishioner had taken it upon himself to obtain a hard copy of the minutes each month despite them being summarised on the Parish Notice Board and being on line in full. After debate, the clerk was instructed to stop posting the summary and to post the full minutes once ratified.	<u>ACTION</u> Clerk
07.09.00	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u> The financial report showed expenditure of £5,135 for the previous month with reserves at £20,379.	
07.10.00	<u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u>	
07.10.01	<u>Village Hall.</u> The new acoustic panels had been fitted but the electrical repairs remained undone	
07.10.02	<u>Highways, Footways and Drains.</u> Work had recently been done to alleviate the driveway swamping problems along Main Road. LCC intended to write to the new owners of The Grange to remind them that they are responsible for maintaining the ditch beside their land on Main Road.	
07.10.03	<u>Village Matters.</u> There was concern about the current tree works at The Grange lest they involved work subject to formal approval which had not been obtained. The Clerk was to investigate and act accordingly. There were still significant potholes at the Bottom of Dycote Lane; they had been reported to Highways. The beehive well was deteriorating and needed repairs. The Clerk was to consult Mr Mark Francis to request an estimate and advice for repair. Several road signs in the parish were obscured by vegetation. The Clerk was to report this concern to Highways.	Clerk  Clerk Clerk
07.10.04	<u>Parish Plan.</u> The response rate to the Parish Survey had been poor but the majority of respondees were against further development.	
07.10.05	<u>Cluster Group.</u> The SID would now be insured via Harmston Parish Council. A volunteer was sought to assist BG in its deployment at Welbourn when available.	
07.10.06	<u>Planning and Countryside.</u> Mrs Overton had organised a meeting the following evening to refresh and inform the planning debate about the Core Strategy. She hoped for a good turnout despite not having had time to advertise it. The Chairman pointed out that there was already planning permission for 30 more dwellings in the village so it would seem that further development was unnecessary.	
07.10.07	<u>Health Social and Welfare.</u> NTR	
07.10.08	<u>Allotments.</u> SB intended to introduce a new allotment agreement to reflect the obligation on tenants to clear their boundaries of all weeds and other undesirable growth.	
07.10.09	<u>Castle Hill.</u> See item 12	
07.11.00	<u>GEESE ON THE ALLOTMENT ORCHARD</u>	
07.11.01	Mrs Walker had not found much support for the idea of geese on the allotments so now proposed to use hens instead, in cooperation with Ms Brown. She still wished to purchase an apple press as a community asset in support of an intended annual village Apple Day.  It was considered, however, that hens would not reduce the existing tall grass and that it would be necessary to remove this mechanically beforehand. But	JL

	it would first be necessary to fill the ruts in the track and prune the trees to allow access for a mowing machine. JL offered to help. Mr Thorpe would be instructed to prune the apple trees in the Autumn after the harvest. The idea of an Apple Day was quite warmly welcomed.	<u>ACTION</u>																
07.12.00	<u>REVIEW OF POSITION ON CASTLE HILL</u> After much debate it was agreed that the plan for Castle Hill achieved last year is still valid and is being followed. It was hoped that more could be made of the sloped banks, however but until they are weed free further planting is not practicable. More mechanical clearance is required around the edges of the field.																	
07.13.0	<u>INFORMATION BOARD RECOVERY</u> The Clerk was authorised to continue to refurbish the information boards on Castle Hill at up to £50 per board. This might entail getting the existing sheets reproduced in Nottingham.																	
07.14.00	<u>SITING OF NEWLY REPAIRED BENCH</u> It was agreed that the newly repaired bench from the A607 should be positioned on the hardstanding behind the Village Hall to face the play area.	Clerk/RS																
07.15.00	<u>TREE CONDITION REPORT</u> Council agreed to action the immediate items on the recent tree condition report. Mr Thorpe was to remove the ivy as indicated. The Clerk was to obtain estimates for felling as indicated on the report, ensuring that it was totally clear as to which trees are to be felled. He was also to get permission from the Tree Officer.	Clerk																
07.16.00	<u>PLANNING</u> The Council had no views on the minor issues and supported the proposed changes at No 11 The Nookin. The Chairman would attend the Planning Hearing to express Council's support.	RS																
07.15.00	<u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following accounts was approved:  <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Thorpe Property Services for April and June</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£333.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">E-on street lights</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£146.18</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">BT Broadband account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£87.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Castle Tree Care tree survey</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£318.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">P A Orme warden services</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£148.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Chris Bleaden grass cutting June</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£569.45</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">M McBeath salary and expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£141.91</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">PO Ltd McBeath PAYE</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£27.00</td> </tr> </table> and Transfer £1400 from deposit account to current account.	Thorpe Property Services for April and June	£333.22	E-on street lights	£146.18	BT Broadband account	£87.50	Castle Tree Care tree survey	£318.00	P A Orme warden services	£148.50	Chris Bleaden grass cutting June	£569.45	M McBeath salary and expenses	£141.91	PO Ltd McBeath PAYE	£27.00	Clerk
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07.18.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> nil																	
07.19.00	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.	All																

There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

Copies to: District Councillors Conway and Overton, All PC Members, Parish Website.