

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 8th JULY 2015 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30PM

PRESENT

Mr. J.O. Lucas (JL)

Chairman

Councillors: Mr J.R Storer (RS), Mrs Maureen Lunn (ML), Miss Harriet Huntsman (HH), Mr Robert Cross (MC)

Mr Malcolm McBeath

Parish Clerk

07.01.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
07.01.01	The police reported two cases of burglary, both involving forced entry to properties. It transpired that incidents should be reported by telephone on 101 not by email. Perceived obstruction problems outside the primary school prompted the comment that dangerous and thoughtless parking should be reported to the police to enable them to re-educate offenders.	
07.02.00	<u>ACCEPTANCE OF REASONS FOR ABSENCE</u> Mr Short was on holiday. Mrs Stark was visiting a suddenly ill close relative.	
07.03.00	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> nil	
07.04.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u> The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 June, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved.	Clerk
07.05.00	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u>	
07.05.01	<u>PV panels</u> Since grants for schemes which would reduce operating costs were reportedly difficult to obtain, the idea of a rent a roof scheme was being explored: only one company was interested but had yet to produce a firm proposal. Application to LCC for a grant remained an option, however.	
07.05.02	<u>S106 ideas</u> Further suggestions about uses for the s106 money had not been received. It was agreed to advertise ideas via Two Villages and seek a poll of responses.	Clerk
07.05.03	<u>New cheque signatories</u> The attempt to set up new cheque signatories had failed since out-of-date proformae had been used. The Clerk would try again.	Clerk
07.05.04	<u>Bus shelter</u> RS had been unable to get a satisfactory price for building a pad on which to stand the agreed shelter. JL agreed to build one for around £200. This was accepted.	JL/RS
07.07.05	<u>Moles on Castle Hill.</u> Discussions with a contractor about mole eradication on Castle Hill were ongoing.	Clerk
07.06.00	<u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u>	
07.06.01	LC advised that, at a recent planning meeting, she had highlighted the weaknesses in the proposed new estate at Navenby - poor mix of	

07.06.02	<p>buildings, out of character design, inadequate parking provisions - and had successfully had a decision on it deferred.</p> <p>She reminded all of the progress of the draft Central Lincs Local Plan which was now due out for final consultation in the Autumn. She pointed out that it would contain final details of land allocated for development.</p> <p>MO suggested that it might be opportune to exploit the tourist influx generated by the Magna Carta activity in Lincoln. She drew attention to the height and number of wind farm pylons being projected for our area. It was noted that the Neighbourhood Development Plan does not support such machines in principle on aesthetic grounds. She explained that the Boundary commission was looking to redraw constituency boundaries to try to achieve parity in numbers in the plebiscite.</p>	<u>ACTION</u>
07.07.00 07.07.01 07.07.02 07.07.03 07.07.04 07.07.05	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p>The file at NKDC on tree Works on Castle Hill had been reopened, specifically for re-pollarding the willows.</p> <p>The Chairman and the Clerk had attended a useful LALC training session about community land management. Allotment tenancies and subletting of sports fields had been discussed.</p> <p>Someone had complained to LCC that the verges in Hall Orchard lane were not being cut. In fact they were but not by our contractor but by a parishioner as a favour so his cuts were out of phase with the contractor. LCC been asked to advise the complainant to refer the matter to the Parish Council and not waste LCC's time.</p> <p>There had not been any volunteers for Parish Councilor as result of the advertisement in Two Villages, although Mr Spedding had previously volunteered. The Clerk was to confirm his continuing willingness.</p> <p>Highways' attention had been drawn to the poor state of Hall and Moat Lanes and the major pothole in Mill Lane. The repairs had been added to Highway's long list of outstanding tasks.</p>	clerk
07.08.00 07.08.01	<p><u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u></p> <p>Last year's accounts were still with the external auditor.</p> <p>Spending in June had been £1,344, leaving £26,330 in reserves.</p>	
07.09.00 07.09.01 07.09.02 07.09.03 07.09.04	<p><u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u></p> <p><u>Development Plan</u> 'The Neighbourhood Development Plan had been completed and submitted to NKDC for examination. Fliers advising of this and giving details of a presentation and drop in sessions and inviting responses had been distributed to all households.</p> <p><u>Village hall.</u> A boiler service by the manufacturer's engineer had been arranged. Action was underway to find a supplier of cheaper electricity.</p> <p><u>Highways</u> the footpath past Mr Francis' fields next the A607 near the top of Moat Lane was obstructed by the hedge and fallen branches and other debris. The handyman was to be tasked to clear this footpath and similarly past Welbourn Hall Mr Francis was to be asked to trim his hedge.</p> <p><u>Allotments</u> see also 07.14.01 below. One allotment holder was at least three years behind on his rent. The clerk was to write to him to request</p>	RS

	settlement. MC adopted the portfolio.	clerk
07.10.00	<u>TO AGREE A VIEW ON THE PROLIFERATION OF WIND FARMS IN OUR AREA.</u>	
07.10.01	In that the Neighbourhood Development Plan opposed the impairment of the open countryside around the village, the Council agreed it opposed the spread of wind farms in our area.	
07.11.00	<u>TO CONSIDER A QUOTE FOR TIDYING THE ALLOTMENTS</u>	
07.11.01	It was agreed to get BDG Mowing to trim the orchard and clear up vacant plots 5 and 6 for all of which he had quoted £135. He was also to be tasked with clearing the NW bank of Castle Hill facing Welbourn Place.	MC Clerk
07.12.00	<u>TO AGREE TO HIRE A BRUSH CUTTER FOR CASTLE HILL</u>	
	Given the decision at 07.11 above a brush cutter would not be required.	
07.13.00	<u>TO AGREE THE COUNCIL'S OBJECTIVES FOR 2015-19</u>	
	It was agreed that the Council is bound by the objectives defined in the Neighbourhood Development Plan since the council's task is to serve the village's interests as they are perceived by the majority.	All
07.14.00	<u>TO REVIEW AND REVISE THE ALLOTMENTS TENANCY AGREEMENT</u>	
07.14.01	See also 07.09.04 above. The council noted the model LALC allotments tenancy agreement and agreed to adopt it as appropriate and to invite tenants to sign up again.	Clerk /MC
07.15.00	<u>TO AGREE THE MAINTENANCE TASKS FOR JULY/AUGUST.</u>	
	It was agreed that the handyman be tasked to complete the tasks outstanding from June but less the Castle Hill bank plus footpath clearance as described at 07.09.03 above.	clerk
07.16.00	<u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following accounts was approved:	
	R Thorpe (maintenance) £325.00	
	BDG Mowing (grass cutting) £300.00	
	E-on (light repair) £28.16	
	E-on (street lighting) £262.01	
	P A Orme (warden duties) £96.00	
	M McBeath (June wages and expenses) £177.41	
	PO Ltd (PAYE McB) £43.80	
07.17.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Maintenance tasks	

07.25.00	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The next meeting of the Parish Council is due on 9th September at 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room with a reserved date of 12th August.	All
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There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.40pm.

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