

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 11th JULY 2012 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30PM

PRESENT

Mr. J.R. Storer, (RS)	Chairman
Councillors: Mr Richard Coxe (RC), Mr Robert Gibson (BG), Mr Robert Cross (MC), Dr Adam Paxton (AP), Mr Stephen Spedding (SSg) and Mr John Lucas (JL)	
District Councillor Mrs Laura Conway (LC)	
Mr M McBeath	Parish Clerk

		<u>ACTION</u>
07.01.00	<p><u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> 3 parishioners attended. Mr S Robinson questioned the reasons for the proposed weight restriction on Little Lane and complained about LCCs intention to put bollards outside No 5. It was explained that large goods vehicles often entered Little Lane from Beck Street and got stuck because they could not exit other than backwards and that there was concern about subsidence in the lane and damage to sewers and property foundations.</p> <p>The police did not attend but reported one crime of damage to a car.</p>	
07.02.00	<p><u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u> The chairman introduced the new member, Mr Lucas.</p> <p>He added that numerous dead fish had recently appeared in The Beck for no clear reason. It was agreed that SSg would try to obtain a water analysis to determine the cause.</p>	SSg
07.03.00	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u> County Councillor Phillips had been invited but was unable to attend. Mrs Overton had commitments elsewhere. Ms Brown was unable to attend due to heavy private commitments. Mr Short was on holiday.</p>	
07.04.00	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT</u> Re item 14, Mr Storer reminded all that he lived in Little Lane but sought dispensation to address the meeting since he had significant, relevant evidence to present. Council agreed.</p>	
07.05.00	<p><u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 13 June 2012, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were not approved. Mr Gibson particularly wished his objection to the method of co-option to be recorded. The Clerk was instructed to amend the June Notes accordingly.</p>	Clerk
07.06.00	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u></p>	
07.06.01	<p><u>Safety Rail</u> The safety rail had been made but it had proved difficult to fit as intended so a new method of fixing was to be tried.</p>	
07.06.02	<p><u>Road Works</u> The intention to close the A607 to work on the rail bridge approaches was not being notified to the travelling public. The Clerk was instructed to write to Highways to remedy this oversight.</p>	Clerk
07.06.03	<p><u>Placement of the Savings Account</u> An application to close the NS&I account had been duly sent off but NS&I had not responded.</p>	Clerk
07.06.04	<p><u>Loose Kerb stones</u> Highways had reset the loose kerb stones outside the Shop whilst those outside Field House Bungalow had been duly marked.</p>	
07.06.05	<p><u>Backup in case of Clerk's unexpected sudden incapacity.</u> The Clerk had given the</p>	

	Chairman full instructions as to what was where in his office and the passwords to his computer so that all parish documents would be available in the event of the Clerk's sudden absence. The Clerk's laptop was also in use as a backup (in lieu of the PC's own which was too slow).	<u>ACTION</u>
07.07.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u>	Clerk
07.07.01	<u>Faster Broadband</u> A parishioner has drawn attention to LCC's register of interests in faster broadband and to how few from Welbourn had registered. The clerk had publicised this register via his village contact group.	
07.07.02	<u>Field Path maintenance</u> LCC had queried how well their contractors were maintaining public field paths but had failed to supply a list of those they were supposed to be maintaining. It appeared that Hill Holt Wood had not tidied the footpath behind the Old House. Farmers in general were keeping known field paths on their land clear.	
07.07.03	<u>Housing Numbers in NKDC</u> The Clerk had drawn attention to the remarks in County News that some 5000 new homes would be built in northern NKDC over the next few years and had encouraged everybody to get involved in the discussion of the draft Core Strategy now out on line for public debate.	
07.07.04	<u>One Way proposal</u> LCC had confirmed that the One Way proposal for Cow Lane was in hand and that public consultation would follow in due course.	
07.08.00	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u>	
07.08.01	The financial report showed expenditure of £3,420 for the month with reserves at £21,402. The layout and content of the new format report was explained and discussed. The need for continued budget awareness was stressed.	
07.09.00	<u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u>	
07.09.01	LC explained that the Joint Strategic Planning Committee's Core Strategy was now in its informal consultation phase before the final consultation phase due later in the year. A number of meetings had been arranged for public and councillors to meet with the Planning Unit to discuss the Draft Plan.	
07.09.02	She had been trying very hard to find out when a decision might be taken about numbers and locations of new housing; the best she could get out of the JPU was 'in the autumn.'	
07.09.03	The Council was much concerned about the lack of basic infrastructure for any expansion and recent failures of the main sewer pump. It was agreed to write to Anglian Water to voice concerns about the vulnerability and apparent lack of capacity of the sewer system, particularly in the context of continuing probable expansion.	
07.09.04	Mrs Conway drew attention to NKDC's search for Community Champions and hoped members would contribute.	
07.10.00	<u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u>	
07.10.01	<u>Constitution and Village Hall</u> . NTR	
07.10.02	<u>Highways, Footways and Drains</u> It was noted that the footpath and hedges by the railway bridge were very untidy and needed attention. It was intended to contact the relevant land owner with view to getting the hedges maintained. There was a blockage in the main culvert beside/under Moat Lane which was being fed from the new ditch due to a failure by the contractors to block it properly. Both matters had been referred to Highways for action.	RS
07.10.03	<u>Parish Plan and WPG</u> See item 11.	RS
07.10.04	<u>Police and NHW</u> NTR	
07.10.05	<u>Cluster Group</u> . The SID was now with BG although without some components; he intended to use it when possible.	

07.10.06	<u>Health Social and Welfare.</u> NTR	<u>ACTION</u>																		
07.10.07	<u>Allotments.</u> NTR																			
07.10.08	<u>Castle Hill.</u> Sandbags had been obtained with view to creating a stronger dam although sand was yet to be bought. It was hoped to walk the site with interested parties and agree the intended path. The field margins had been cleared and the contractor persuaded to mow them.	AP																		
07.11.00	<u>WPG</u> Most questionnaires had been returned but help was being sought to analyse them.	BG																		
07.12.00	<u>MAY MINUTES</u> It was agreed that there was an omission from the May Minutes and that it had been agreed in principle at that meeting to fund the Survey cost by up to £200.	Clerk																		
07.13.00	<u>CODE OF CONDUCT</u> It was agreed to adopt the NALC Code of Conduct with the abbreviated version as a quick reference guide.	All																		
07.14.00	<u>WEIGHT RESTRICTION ON LITTLE LANE</u> There had been problems with large delivery trucks going down Little Lane and being unable to get out except by backing into Beck Street. There was also evidence of subsidence in the lane and damage to sewers and concern about damage to the foundations of no 5. After discussion it was agreed to take advice from Highways as to the best way to inhibit goods vehicle entry.	Clerk																		
07.15.00	<u>DONATION IN LIEU OF FEE</u> It was agreed to make a donation of £60 to Macmillan Nurses on behalf of the Internal Auditor in lieu of her fee.																			
07.16.00	<u>NEW STREET LAMP</u> It was agreed to replace the elderly damaged street lamp outside the old Co-op.	Clerk																		
07.17.00	<u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following cheques was approved: <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Welbourn CofE Primary School for printing the survey</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£125.00</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;">To Welbourn PCC on behalf of Mr Coxie for services to the community</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">BT phone services</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£56.16 (DD)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">AG Paxton for sandbags for moat</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£74.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">E-on for street lighting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£163.01</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Thorpe Property Services for maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£293.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">M McBeath for salary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£94.49</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">PO - McBeath PAYE</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£23.60</td> </tr> </table> And authorise transfer of £1400 from savings account to current account.	Welbourn CofE Primary School for printing the survey	£125.00	Chris Bleaden grass cutting June	£569.45	To Welbourn PCC on behalf of Mr Coxie for services to the community	£50.00	BT phone services	£56.16 (DD)	AG Paxton for sandbags for moat	£74.99	E-on for street lighting	£163.01	Thorpe Property Services for maintenance	£293.75	M McBeath for salary	£94.49	PO - McBeath PAYE	£23.60	Clerk
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07.18.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Nil.	All																		
07.19.00	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 12th September 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.	All																		

There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Copies to:

County Councillor Phillips

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