

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 11th JUNE 2014 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30PM

PRESENT

Mr. J.R. Storer, (RS)

Chairman

District Councillor Mrs Laura Conway

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

Mr Malcolm McBeath

Parish Clerk

06.01.00	<p><u>PUBLIC FORUM</u></p> <p>The Police were unable to attend but reported by email that there had not been any reportable crimes in the preceding month. A resident had complained through SB that the full Council Minutes were not being displayed on the Parish Notice Board, only a summary. The Clerk pointed out that the notice boards were too small to accommodate the 4 pages of some minutes plus all other significant notices so the extra work of the summary was done to allow the other notices to be displayed. Council directed that the Minutes should be displayed in full at the expense of other notices.</p> <p>A report had been made of a duck being killed in the road by a driver who had been going too fast to avoid it. The witness found this extremely distressing and suggested that signs warning of ducks in the road would be appropriate. It was considered that road signs were a matter for the County Council and that the lady should refer her suggestion to Highways.</p>	<u>ACTION</u>
06.02.00	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>Nil</p>	
06.03.00	<p><u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u></p> <p>A resident had repaired a bad pot hole in Mill Hill rather than wait for Highways to get around to it.</p> <p>The recent consultation Paper on fracking had suggested that compensation payments should be paid to the Parish Council of the affected land rather than the County or District Council. All agreed that this was the best option and the clerk was instructed to so respond.</p>	Clerk
06.04.00 06.04.01	<p><u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 May, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved.</p>	
06.05.00 06.05.01	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>War Memorial.</u> Another local specialist stone work company had been identified for smartening up the war memorial but the matter was still in the hands of the PCC who were awaiting permission to proceed from the Diocese so the idea had not been followed up.</p> <p><u>Broken swing support post</u> The manufacturer had not responded to the claim</p>	

06.05.02	under guarantee for the broken post. The Clerk was instructed to further pursue the matter.	<u>ACTION</u> Clerk
06.06.00	<u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u> LC reported that the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Cultural Services would be attending the next Cliff Cluster meeting. He would be explaining the planning and policy context in which planning applications would be decided in the interim period before the new Central Lincolnshire Local Plan is adopted in 2016. The newly appointed Sgt Tom Begley would also be attending to introduce himself to the Cluster and discuss local policing matters.	
06.07.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u>	
06.07.01	<u>BT Box.</u> The appropriate address within BT had eventually been identified and the process of taking over the BT telephone box was well underway. The box was being repaired at parish cost but free new paint would be provided and arrangements had been made for repainting the box and installing the defibrillator.	
06.07.02	<u>Hall Orchard Lane.</u> The Contractor would take over the verge grass cutting in Hall Orchard Lane and LCC would increase their subsidy accordingly. Highways still had the dying ash tree at the far end on their to-do list and would clear the extra vegetation off the verge.	
06.07.03	Mr Vic Brealey had tidied the verges to the footpaths behind and to the side of the Manor and had removed overhanging branches. Brian Wills had apparently removed the trees growing in the verge in front of the Manor.	
06.07.04	<u>Litter.</u> On occasion, considerable quantities of litter had been dropped on the playing field. This included glass bottles which had been smashed by the mowers to leave broken glass hidden in the grass. The Clerk had submitted an article to Two Villages inveighing against this dangerous carelessness.	
06.08.00	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u>	
06.08.01	The External Audit had been completed satisfactorily but with the comment that the Rate Support element of the precept should be shown under Income separately from the precept itself.	
06.08.01	Spending in the previous month had been £2,195 leaving £21,003 in the reserves. There was concern the spending from reserves was being mis-labelled. A capital spend reckoning was suggested. This was agreed.	Clerk
06.09.00	<u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u>	
06.09.01	<u>Village Hall.</u> Mr McBeath had completed a very thorough maintenance overhaul of the Hall and had had the emergency doors repaired. Minor items had been charged to the VHPFC but specialist assistance for the doors had been charged to the Council. Mr McBeath was warmly thanked for his work. The central heating still awaited a service whilst some electrical faults had yet to be fixed.	
06.09.02	<u>Village Matters.</u> There were still potholes requiring attention in Dycote Lane. Some trees in the verges of the High Street remained, notably in front of Manor Close and outside No 5 Little Lane. The grass in Manor Close had	

	been left for too long and had proved too difficult to cut. NKDC were aware of their new contractor's shortcomings and were trying to sort them out.	<u>ACTION</u>																
06.09.03	There was a dog fouling problem on the embankment footpath. The Clerk was to so advise the Warden.	Clerk																
06.09.04	The embankment footpaths were not being maintained. The Clerk was to ask the wardens at Hill Holt Wood to give them more attention.	Clerk																
06.09.05	<u>Neighbourhood Development Plan</u> . 96% of respondents had supported the recently circulated draft policies. Work was still in hand to express them in a suitable form of words to accord with presumed Local Plan. This was difficult since NKDC still did not know themselves how their Plan would be expressed. RS pointed out that, in a similar situation elsewhere, a Neighbourhood Plan had simply gone ahead anyway and had been used to deal with bids for development.																	
06.09.06	<u>Allotments</u> . SB had again cut the grass in the allotments. One of the plots was still apparently derelict because the new holder had yet to move in and find time to sort it out.																	
06.09.07	<u>Castle Hill</u> . Simpson Arboriculture had dealt most competently with the specified trees on the Hill but had left the timber on site as free firewood; most of which had been taken but some had apparently been tipped into the watercourse by children. There was concern that the eastern bank had become unduly untidy. MC agreed to tidy it.	MC																
06.10.00	<u>TO AUTHORISE A DIRECT DEBIT FOR THE TELEPHONE ACCOUNT</u> It was agreed that, to save stationery costs and reduce administration, a Direct Debit be set up with BT for the telephone account.	Clerk																
06.11.00	<u>TO REVIEW THE GRASS CUTTING ARRANGEMENTS</u> There was concern at the incremental increase in the cost of grass cutting as more and more area was added. The contractor was to be instructed to reduce the width of the cut in Hall Orchard lane to the necessary minimum and asked to reduce his charge accordingly.	Clerk																
06.12.00	<u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following accounts was approved: <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>BT (telephone)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£75.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secure Doors Group (VH emergency doors)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£144.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chris Bleaden Ground Maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£651.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J R Thorpe (2 month's maintenance)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£268.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P A Orme (warden duties)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£90.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E-on (maintenance)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£105.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M McBeath – salary and expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£176.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PO Ltd - PAYE McB</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£28.60</td> </tr> </table> And Transfer £1000 from deposit account to current account.	BT (telephone)	£75.60	Secure Doors Group (VH emergency doors)	£144.00	Chris Bleaden Ground Maintenance	£651.17	J R Thorpe (2 month's maintenance)	£268.75	P A Orme (warden duties)	£90.00	E-on (maintenance)	£105.66	M McBeath – salary and expenses	£176.12	PO Ltd - PAYE McB	£28.60	Clerk
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06.13.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> nil																	

06.14.00	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The next meeting of the Parish Council is due on 9th July at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.	All
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There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

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