

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 12th JUNE 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 Richard Coxe (RC), Mr Robert Gibson (BG), Mr Stephen Spedding (SSg), Mr Stephen Short (SSt), Dr Adam Paxton (AP)

Four members of the public attended.

Mr Malcolm McBeath

Parish Clerk

		<u>ACTION</u>
06.01.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u>	
06.01.01	PCSO Vicky Czajkowski reported 2 burglaries in the previous month and 2 cases of criminal damage. PC Thomas had retired. Council reiterated concerns about people driving too fast in the village.	
06.01.02	Mrs A Walker sought the Council's views on a potential project to introduce geese for 6 months per year onto the Community Orchard to control the grass, weeds and windfalls. All funding to buy geese, a shelter and suitable fencing was already in hand so the project would not be a cost to the Parish Council nor village. The Walkers would tend the geese during the year. The plan would be to sell on the geese at the end of the growing year, any surplus being put towards staging an Apple Day at the village hall to redistribute free fruit and provide a free village social event. The portfolio holder supported the plan, whilst the Council raised questions about safety, security and impact upon neighbours. Mrs Walker was asked to conduct a poll of Hall Orchard Lane residents to determine opinions and to report back at the next meeting.	
06.01.03	Mrs A Broadbent then advised the Council that she had identified funds within Fields in Trust which could be exploited to improve the tennis courts and intended to apply for them subject to Council approval. The application deadline was imminent so she needed approval despite the regretted short notice. £1300 of match funding was required up front as a gesture of commitment which might amount to £1300 (only payable on award) but she was reasonably confident of being able to raise £1000 from other sources so was asking for approval in principle and a commitment to £300. LC advised that such a facility would be of significant value to the new Youth Worker in that it provided an extra facility within the village that he/she could use. Council noted that a tennis court did not address the issue of windows being broken by footballs but supported the idea by a majority vote and agreed to back the application with a formal letter.	
06.02.00	<u>ABSENCES</u> Councillor Lucas was unable to attend.	
06.03.00	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> Nil	

06.04.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
06.04.01	A young person had come forward to own up to the broken window in the sports toilets and the parents had come to an arrangement about compensation with the VH Cte with which Mrs Berridge expressed her satisfaction. Council were pleased at this outcome.	
06.05.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 10 May, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved.	
06.06.00	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u>	
06.06.01	<u>Dog Warden</u> There was general agreement that the new Dog Warden was doing a good job.	Clerk
06.06.02	<u>Dredging</u> Two contractors had declined to tender for dredging the pond so others were being sought.	
06.06.03	<u>Planning</u> There had been a public planning meeting about 11 The Nookin where it had come to light that the proposed new house was so far forward because of a mistaken concept of a building line wanted by NKDC planners. Councillor Conway and the Chairman had demonstrated how fallacious this was in context so the owners had been given the opportunity to resubmit. The concerns about the development in Holme Close had proved unfounded but a new sewer was intended.	
06.07.04	<u>War Memorial</u> We were still waiting for the intended contractor to come forward about cleaning the War Memorial.	
06.08.05	<u>VH Website</u> Mrs Berridge reported that she had agreed the general format of the VH website with her contact in LCC and that it was reported as ready to go live.	
06.07.00	<u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u> LC reminded all that the brown bin collection grace period was now ended. Any further collections would have to be paid for. The charge for a part year was still £25. RAF Waddington had indicated that funds were available for local charities out of the proceeds of last year's Open Day.	
06.08.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u>	
06.08.01	The contractor briefed to carry out tree safety inspections had not forgotten us and intended to carry out the work soon once all trees had started to put out shoots.	
06.08.02	Children had been seen swinging from the gutters of the Hall. The Dog Warden had been made aware of the vandalism problem at the Hall and would include it in his patrols.	
06.09.00	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u> The financial report showed expenditure of £1171 for the previous month with reserves at £21,337. Last year's VAT claim had been repaid.	

	S.S.A.F.A. in lieu of Auditor's fee £70.00 Chris Bleaden grass cutting May £1088.89 M McBeath salary £104.50 PO Ltd McBeath PAYE £26.20 and Transfer £1900 from deposit account to current account	<u>ACTION</u> Clerk
06.18.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Castle Hill	
06.19.00	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 10 th July 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.	All

There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 10.00pm.

Copies to:

District Councillors Conway and Overton,

All PC Members.

Parish Website.