WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th JUNE 2011 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30PM

<u>PRESENT</u>

Chairman

District Councillor: Mrs L Conway, Councillors: Mrs A Walker (AW), Ms S Brown (SB), Mr S Short (SS), Mrs M Overton (MO), Mr A Copley (TC), Mr R Coxe (RC), Mr M R Cross (MC)

Mr M McBeath (MM)

Mr. J.R. Storer, (RS)

Parish Clerk

ACTION

Mr Mark Crosby attended as a member of the public.

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06.01.00	PUBLIC FORUM The police were unable to attend	
06.02.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u> There had been attempts in the village to sell PV panels by cold calling. Parishioners were advised to be very careful of this kind of approach since there are several known scams associated with the trade and the caller might be part of distraction burglary attempt.	
06.03.00	<u>APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR</u> In the absence of any other nominations, SS was appointed as vice chairman.	
06.04.00	APOLOGIES BG was on holiday	
06.05.00	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007 (SI2007/0659) RC was a farmer concerned in the noise nuisance complaint but it was agreed that he could remain at the meeting in order to give the farmers' point of view	
06.06.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 11 May 2011, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved. Proposed TC. Seconded MC.	
06.07.00 06.07.01	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTESFence Around Castle HillThe Handyman had been tasked with the repair of the CastleHill fence by the causeway entrance but was too busy to start it in the near future.	
06.07.02	Affordable Housing Response. NKDC had welcomed our comprehensive report on the areas and would be considering it in due course and continuing the discussion.	
06/07/03	<u>Footpath at Leadenham</u> . The Clerk had corresponded with the Clerk at Leadenham about helping with widening the footway opposite Househams but since Highways had no money and a DIY solution was not possible, the matter could not be progressed further.	
06.08.00 06.08.01	<u>COUNTY/DISTRICT</u> COUNCIL MATTERS The application for the 3 pylon wind farm at Beckingham had been withdrawn.	
06.08.02	LCC were keen to do more for youth in the area; it was hoped to exploit the Cluster Group for this purpose	
06.09.00	APPOINTMENT OF NEW PORTFOLIO HOLDERS The Clerk had redefined the duties of each portfolio holder which were accepted. The following responsibilities were agreed:	
	1. Constitution/audit/Village Hall – SS and RC 2. Social and Welfare - MO	ALL
	3. Environment and Village Matters – MC	<u>ACTION</u>

	4. Police and NHW – TC 5.	Footways and Drains – RS	ALL
	6. Allotments – AW 7.	Parish Plan and Public Liaison – BG	
	8. Castle Hill – SB 9.	Planning and Countryside - SS	
06.10.00 06.09.01	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u> <u>Beck Level</u> Mr Benton had written to thank the Council for raising the Beck level to restore the stream in his garden. This had been due to a baffle plate fitted by the Handyman to whom the thanks had been passed.		
06.09.02	<u>Letters of Appreciation</u> The clerk had written to the unsuccessful candidates in the Parish Elections acknowledging their willingness to participate and to those who had retired thanking them for all their contributions.		
06.09.03	<u>Maintenance</u> . A number of maintenance tasks had arisen during the month but the handyman was too busy to get to them. It seemed important to have a back up secondary handyman who could regularly inspect and report and make good minor problems. After discussion, this was agreed; MC was tasked with exploring solutions.		
06.09.04	<u>New Bus Shelter</u> The clerk had established dialogue with NKDC about getting a new bus shelter as a public benefit from the Brooke House Site developer. It was necessary to agree what type was required so that it could be costed. The Clerk was tasked with obtaining details for discussion.		Clerk
06.10.00	FINANCIAL REPORT The Financial Report showed expenditure of £1895 for the preceding month with a balance of £24,718.		
06.11.00	REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS Because there was no time for this item it was deferred for later discussion. The Chairman agreed to draft a version based on the NALC template in consultation with the Clerk		ALL RS MM
06.12.00	REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS		
06.12.01	<u>Allotments</u> AW asked for a ruling in the case where a tenant had left the village and there was a waiting list for plots. The Council agreed that the old tenancy should be terminated at the end of the calendar year of leaving.		
06.13.00 06.13.01	PLANNING MATTERS The second tranche of the applications concernin	g Borfa Wen farm had been	
06.13.02	withdrawn. A new application for 2 Beck Street had been rec to make on it.	eived. The Council had no comments	
06.14.00			
00.14.00	CASTLE HILL A draft survey on the way forward with castle hill were possible. It was agreed that it was essential Heritage before any course of action was decided this purpose.	I to gain approval from English	RS
06.15.00	NOISE NUISANCE A parishioner had formally complained about the noise from bird scarers around the village earlier is several who agreed that it was too intrusive. RC involved and that each was entitled to protect his practice defined what was allowed. RC agreed to farmers to see what could be achieved next year.	in the year. A local survey had found pointed out that several farmers were crops. A nationally agreed code of discuss the matter with the other	RC
06.16.00	<u>CHEQUES.</u> Payment of the following cheques was approved: Cliff Villages Property Maintenance (May)	£112.50	

	V Fischer (int. audit) EON (for quarterly maintenance) Eon for repairs BT (IT room phone line rental) GW King and Sons church yard mowing C Bleaden grass April & May C Bleaden verge spraying March	£80.00 £101.92 £28.16 £61.44 £270.00 £1114.18 £156.00	
	M McBeath for wages May PO - McBeath PAYE And authorise transfer of £1900 from savings a	£123.16 £30.80	
06.17.00	ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING Review of Standing Orders		
06.18.00	DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 13th July 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.		All

There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.

Copies to:

District Councillor Conway, All PC Members.