

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 8th JUNE 2016 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30 PM

PRESENT

Mr. John Lucas (JL)

Chairman

Councillors: Mrs Maureen Lunn (ML), Mr Stephen Short (SS) Mr Robert Cross (MC), Mrs Katie Stark (KS), Mr John Storer (RS), Mr Robert Gibson (BG), Mr Stephen Spedding (SSg), Miss Harriet Huntsman (HH)

Mr Malcolm McBeath

Parish Clerk

06.01.00	<u>ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN</u> Mr Lucas was obliged to stand down at the end of his term of office. By common consent he was re-elected to the post.	<u>ACTION</u>
06.02.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> By email, the police reported zero reportable crimes in the preceding month. Otherwise no one attended the meeting.	
06.03.00	<u>ACCEPTANCE OF REASONS FOR ABSENCE</u> Mrs Overton was at work. Mrs Conway was unable to attend	
06.04.00	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> nil	
06.05.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u> The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> May, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved.	Clerk
06.06.00	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u>	
06.06.01	<u>Consultations on Castle Hill.</u> Advice from Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and Historic England (HE) was still awaited although HE had been prompted.	
06.06.02	<u>Emergency Plan</u> Due to pressure of other work, no further time had been possible on the emergency plan.	
06.06.03	<u>Waste disposal</u> The clerk had written to NKDC seeking a waste disposal facility on the original site at least one day a week but the letter had not been answered (probably because a similar request had been refused before.)	
06.06.04	<u>Street light repair</u> Lamp no 8 had been repaired	
06.07.00	<u>DISTRICT AND COUNTY MATTERS</u>	
06.07.01	Mrs Conway reported by email on the plans for new housing at Navenby and Wellingore as follows:	
01a	<u>Top Farm Application 14/1124/FUL</u> The hearing for the appeal over Top Farm Application 14/1124/FUL took place on Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April. The Inspector had dismissed the appeal, stating that 'the overwhelming impression would be of a distinctly urban form of development which failed to take account of its context at the	

	<p>edge of a village within a rural and open setting'. The Inspector concluded that "in my view the considerable adverse effects that would arise from the scheme are sufficient to significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits that it would bring".</p>	<u>ACTION</u>
01b	<p>Top Farm 15/1282/FUL (137 dwellings)</p> <p>There had been no further developments with application Top Farm 15/1282/FUL; no doubt the appeal decision would have a bearing on how the application proceeded.</p>	
01c	<p><u>Navenby Care Village Planning Application 16/0040/OUT</u></p> <p>This application to develop land beside the Cliff Villages Medical Practice, Grantham Road, Navenby had been approved.</p>	
01d	<p><u>Greater Lincolnshire Devolution Agreement</u></p> <p>Plans were progressing for the establishment of a Mayoral Combined Authority in order to receive devolved powers from Government.</p> <p>All ten Councils within the Greater Lincolnshire partnership had approved the devolution agreement, the governance review and the draft scheme. The scheme would go out for consultation in late June 2016.</p> <p>Councillor Overton reported that</p> <p>A new combined authority was being set up with a Mayor for the vast area of Lincolnshire, North and North-east Lincolnshire. Other areas had rejected combining their authorities, leaving Lincolnshire in full frame. The combined area would receive £15m for "growth" and 100,000 new dwellings had been proposed. Bearing in mind the current shortfall of funding on around £60m next year alone, this £15m for extra growth would be little help. The additional pressure on roads, local school places, access to NHS and general funding was likely to get worse.</p> <p>She added:</p> <p>An elite committee of Party members are still planning to "attract" around 68,000 more people to occupy just under 37,000 new dwellings over the period of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan. The real problem is that there is not enough money for the roads, schools, surgeries etc. The estimated cost to the public purse is £720m which is not funded. A gap of around £300m is estimated, meaning that some people must go without.</p> <p>Some councillors were denying it would happen, in which case they did not believe the consultants' reports, and neither did Mrs Overton. The number is too high, meaning we would require too much land allocated, invite more than we can support and leave ourselves short of options and of resources.</p> <p>The Local Plan was now out for consultation one last time. If people had written before, they were invited to record the same comments again. This time the Inspector would be making the decision. The latest Local Plan and Mrs Overton's comments were available on the web at <a href="http://www.lincolnshireindependents.org">www.lincolnshireindependents.org</a> . Responses could be recorded on <a href="http://central-lincs.objective.co.uk/portal">central-lincs.objective.co.uk/portal</a> or just by e-mail to <a href="mailto:talkplanning@central-lincs.org.uk">talkplanning@central-lincs.org.uk</a></p> <p>The new Local Plan would be used in our planning decisions from this</p>	

	time on. It is long, but quite easy to navigate.	<u>ACTION</u>
06.08.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u>	
06.08.01	The clerk briefed on progress on Castle Hill and drew attention to the increase in fly tipping and fly posting and the acute shortage of board space for village notices. NKDC had created an online reporting facility for fly tipping.	
06.08.02	He reported that he had applied to Highways for a speed limit past the village on the A607 and was investigating extension of the Village Hall car park.	
06.08.00	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u> The financial report showed spending of £2083 last month with £28,843 in reserves. The bill for tree works on Castle Hill had been paid since the outstanding work had been done correctly.	
06.09.00	<u>PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S REPORTS</u>	
06.09.01	<u>Compliance</u> RS stated that the council was complying with the rules as they were understood. The clerk pointed out that prior notification of major spends was called for: but was felt that the budget covered this requirement.	
06.09.02	<u>Environment and Highways.</u> The poor state of the wall of Manor Close on Beck Street was of concern because the loose stones it was shedding in the footpath were a trip hazard. The clerk was to so notify NKDC and request remedial action. Some hedges next the footpath on the A607 towards Leadenham were unduly unkempt and interfering with the footpath. MC would seek remedial action. The shortcut between The Green and Sapperton field was unduly overgrown and many footpaths were unduly overgrown by weeds. The clerk was to find out what had happened to the annual weed spraying service. The water of the beck smelled very bad at times. SSg agreed to ask Mr Moon of Beck street for help as he reportedly had knowledge of water testing	clerk  MC  Clerk SSg
06.09.03	There had been excessive illegal parking in Dycote Lane: all instances should be reported to the police asap.	MC
06.09.04	<u>Drains</u> The area around the drain on the corner of Moat Lane opposite Welbourn Place had been cleared.	
06.09.06	<u>Planning.</u> Nil.	
09.09.07	<u>Cluster group.</u> nil	
06.09.08	<u>Village Hall.</u> The Committee would have no objection to another parish notice board on the wall of the Hall in the entrance way.	
06.09.09	<u>Communications</u> nil	
06.09.10	<u>Allotments</u> Two rents were outstanding and were being pursued. The clerk was to write to one persistent nonpayer. The council was to meet at the allotments next meeting to examine the state of them. A notice inviting tenants to attend should be published.	MC clerk  KS
06.09.11	<u>Castle Hill</u> The poor state of one of the two benches was noted, it was decided that SSg should ask the relatives of the donor whether they were prepared to refurbish it. The notice board at the gate was almost unreadable and should be renewed. The clerk was to investigate replacement. The bank facing Welbourn Place risked getting out of	clerk SSg

	hand. SSg was to liaise with the Committee to agree action	<u>ACTION</u>
06.10.00	<p><u>TO CONSIDER THE ROLE OF THE DOG WARDEN</u></p> <p>Some members were dissatisfied with way the dog warden was doing the job and felt his expense was unjustified. Others considered he had achieved results and had been an effective deterrent and educator. By a majority vote it was decided not to renew the contract when its current term expired and to have a trial period of three months without a warden to see what happened.</p>	Clerk
06.11.00	<p><u>TO ADOPT REVISED PORTFOLIO TERMS OF REFERENCE AND ALLOCATE THEM</u></p> <p>Council accepted the revised portfolios and allocated them as follows Compliance – JS; Drains – JL; Highways and Environment – MC; Village Hall – KS &amp; SSt; Planning – ML; Cluster group – BG; Allotments – tbd; Forge – JL; Castle Hill - SSg</p>	
06.12.00	<p><u>TO APPROVE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE CASTLE HILL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Council agreed with the proposed terms. SSg was to liaise with the committee over their introduction and operation.</p>	Clerk/SSg
06.13.00	<p><u>TO AGREE WHICH COUNCILLORS SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO THE MEMBERS' AREA OF LALC WEBSITE</u></p> <p>It was agreed that all councillors should have access to the members' area of LALC website.</p>	clerk
06.14.00	<p><u>TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATION 16/0579/FUL.</u></p> <p>Council supported the application to build twin cottages at Holme Close</p>	clerk
06.15.00	<p><u>TO AGREE MAINTENANCE TASKS FOR JUNE /JULY</u></p> <p>Depending on whether LCC intended to spray footpath weeds, the handyman was to be tasked with clearing the weeds on the main footpath in Beck Street. He should also maintain the standard tasks of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. maintaining the outlet to the pond.</li> <li>2. clearing the beck.</li> </ol>	
06.16.00	<p><u>TO AGREE THE CLERKS' PAY SCALE</u></p> <p>(The clerk left the room for this item,) The national pay scales for clerks for 2016/17 had just been promulgated. It was generally felt that the clerk was not on an appropriate scale for the work he did. After due debate it was agreed to pay him on scale level 20 on the national rates with effect from 1 July 2016 and to reconsider the level at the next budget in January 2017. The implication on the council's liability to pay a pension to the Clerk in the event of future retirement was to be checked. His contract was to be reissued in the light of the appropriate standard model contract.</p>	Clerk

06.17.00	<p><u>CHEQUES</u></p> <p>Payment of the following accounts was approved:</p> <table data-bbox="319 224 1276 582"> <tr> <td>BT (telephone service VH)</td> <td>£97.92</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G W King &amp; Sons (Church yard maintenance)</td> <td>£220.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E-on (maintenance contract)</td> <td>£108.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E-on (street lamp repair)</td> <td>£468.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BT (broadband VH) (direct debit)</td> <td>£64.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BDG Mowing (maintenance and grass cutting)</td> <td>£345.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P A Orme (dog warden)</td> <td>£96.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M McBeath (May wage and expenses)</td> <td>£262.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PO Ltd (McB PAYE)</td> <td>£65.00</td> </tr> </table>	BT (telephone service VH)	£97.92	G W King & Sons (Church yard maintenance)	£220.00	E-on (maintenance contract)	£108.00	E-on (street lamp repair)	£468.00	BT (broadband VH) (direct debit)	£64.80	BDG Mowing (maintenance and grass cutting)	£345.00	P A Orme (dog warden)	£96.00	M McBeath (May wage and expenses)	£262.00	PO Ltd (McB PAYE)	£65.00	
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06.18.00	<p><u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>State of the allotments.</p> <p>Any planning applications.</p>																			
06.19.00	<p><u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>It was agreed to hold the next meeting on <b>13th July at 7:00 pm</b> at the allotments with the intention of continuing in the Meeting Room.</p>	All																		

There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

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