

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT

Councillors: Mr Robert Cross (MC) Chairman  
 Mr John Storer (RS), Mrs Maureen Lunn, ,Mr Stephen Short (SSt), Mrs Katie Stark (KS), Miss Harriet Huntsman (HH), Mr Robert Gibson (BG), Mr Stephen Spedding (SSg)  
 Mr Malcolm McBeath Parish Clerk

06.01.00	<u>BRIEFING ON ARTSNK PROJECT</u> Mrs. Lucy Lumb explained how arts projects could engage people and promote tourism. She showed examples of other projects and described how they had been organised and her role in the process. She invited the council to decide how they wanted to participate in the Ridges and Furrows (R&F) project for Welbourn and what funding they might be prepared to provide. She pointed out that ArtsNK were confident of obtaining additional funds from their sponsors if Welbourn were clearly prepared to participate.	<u>ACTION</u>  All
06.02.00 06.02.01	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> The police had no crimes to report.	
06.03.00 06.03.01	<u>ACCEPTANCE OF REASONS FOR ABSENCE</u> nil	
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 10th May, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved.	Clerk
06.06.00 06.06.01 06.06.02 06.06.03 06.06.04 06.06.05 06.06.06	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u> <u>Complaint against the clerk</u> See item16 <u>Insurance</u> A new policy had been taken out with Came &Co. <u>VH Roof</u> See para 11.06 <u>Audit</u> The audit papers had been submitted to the external auditor. The Clerk explained that internal auditor's comment about apparent lack of budgeting awareness meant that decisions to spend larger sums should be qualified by a minuted budgeting comment. <u>Moles</u> The mole catcher had been recalled and the moles appeared to have gone. <u>Manor stables</u> NKDC had satisfied themselves that the stables were not in imminent danger of collapse and recognised the need to try to save the listed building.	

06.07.00	<u>DISTRICT AND COUNTY MATTERS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
06.07.01	Mrs Mills reported by email, highlighting the current Annual NK Community Champion awards and describing recent appointments to posts in the district council. She reminded everyone of the results of the recent local elections and drew attention to the proposed review of NKDC's complaints procedure and invited participation in NKDC's current survey on peoples' perception of the quality of NKDC's performance.	
06.07.02	Mrs. Overton reported via her monthly newsletter on her extensive work to improve LCC's Highways fault reporting processes and described how she had shown the new Director of Highways around her 'patch' to view all the traffic problems. She described several local self-help projects and events. She added her diary of coming events in the area.	
06.08.00	<u>TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION OF A NEW MEMBER</u> In the absence of a request for an election, Council were now free to co-opt a replacement for Mr. Lucas. A villager had previously volunteered but it was not clear whether he/she was still interested. Mr. McBeath was delegated to find out. Another potential candidate was suggested. Mr. Cross was tasked to investigate his willingness.	
06.09.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u>	
06.09.01	All members had previously been notified of the clerk's resignation with effect from 2 July.	
06.09.02	The clerk reported that the severe reduction of the Jubilee horse chestnut tree on Beck Street had gone well in that there had not been any significant disruption to traffic nor any major damage to verges. He had removed a quantity of large timber fragments off the site afterwards to limit damage to the contractor's mowers and had invited LCC to fill the major dents in the grass for similar reasons. They had not yet done so.	
06.09.03	He had been working with LCC to try to improve their highways fault reporting application. It was marginally improved but remained unsatisfactory.	
06.09.04	At Councillor Mrs. Overton's request, he had produced a long list of reasons justifying a speed limit past Welbourn Hall on the main road. She had used it to brief the new Director of Highways who reportedly took the point.	
06.09.05	NKDC had announced their intention to take the owner of Welbourn Hall to court for failing to comply with their order to remove the industrial chimney in Hall Lane.	
06.10.00	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u> The financial report showed spending of £2408 for the month with £41,782 in reserves. Spending was well under budget this early in the year although the repairs to three street lamps had been very costly and maintenance of the orchard was over budget. A new cheque signatory was required to replace Mr Lucas. BG was nominated.	Clerk/RS
06.11.00	<u>PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' REPORTS.</u>	
06.11.01	<u>Compliance.</u> RS reminded council of the need specified in the Code of Conduct to put the interests of the village first. He pointed out that a	

06.11.02	number of recent decisions had failed to observe this obligation by giving way to a small vociferous minority who did not represent the village. He urged members to respect the Code. 1. <u>Environment and Highways</u> . There was concern that a section of old wall at Welbourn Hall in Hall Lane had collapsed. 2. Some Stepping out Walks had not been mown. The walks were maintained by LCC on a predetermined roster basis. All oversights should be notified to the Clerk. 3. It was agreed that it would be inappropriate to have the archdeacon's front boundary cleared at parish expense.	<u>ACTION</u>
06.11.03	<u>Drains</u> . The excessive vegetation in the storm drain along the A607 between the ménage and the culvert remained of concern. It was pointed out there had been an informal agreement with a local farmer over maintaining this ditch. MC agreed to investigate and discuss the matter with the farmer and riparian landowner.	
06.11.04	<u>Planning</u> . It was noted that the proposed bungalow behind 2 Little Lane had been approved.	
06.11.05	<u>Cluster Group</u> . The cluster group had not met.	
06.11.06	<u>Village Hall</u> . 1. The heating problem had not yet been resolved. 2. The council's solicitor had offered, for a fee of up to £500, to consider the strength of the council's case against the builder and architect for the poor state of the roof. After debate, it was agreed to seek his opinion.	Clerk
06.11.07	<u>Communications</u> nil.	
06.11.08	<u>Allotments</u> . Only one allotment holder had responded to the council's enquiry. MC would investigate.	
06.11.09	<u>Castle Hill</u> . Council were satisfied with the state of Castle Hill.	
06.11.10	<u>Forge</u> . Ntr	
06.12.00	TO CONSIDER THE ALLOCATION OF FURTHER FUNDS TO THE R&F PROJECT. It was agreed that until a clear set of actions had been agreed it would not make sense to allocate further funds. There was probably enough in reserves to cover possible need.	All/clerk
06.13.00	<u>WHETHER TO TAKE LEGAL ADVICE OVER THE V HALL ROOF</u> See item 06.11.06.2	Clerk
06.14.00	<u>TO REVIEW, UPDATE AND RE -ALLOCATE THE PORTFOLIOS</u> There was no time to complete this topic so it was agreed to leave it till the next meeting.	
06.16.00	<u>TO CONSIDER THE OUTCOME OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE COMPLAINT AGAINST THE CLERK</u> The clerk was invited to withdraw during this item. Council agreed by a majority vote to accept the clerk's resignation. and, in view of the resignation, to discontinue the investigation. It was agreed that Mrs Lunn should take over as clerk on a temporary unpaid basis pending the recruitment of a replacement. The post should be advertised.	Clerk

06.17.00	<u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following accounts was approved: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Eon (street lamp repairs)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1242.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E-on (electricity)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£108.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BDG mowing (grass cutting)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£365.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kesteven Children in Need (donation in lieu of fee-internal audit)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aveland pest solutions (mole catching Castle Hill)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£93.08</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M McBeath (May wage and expenses)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£428.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PO Ltd (McB PAYE)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£99.80</td> </tr> </table>	Eon (street lamp repairs)	£1242.00	E-on (electricity)	£108.00	BDG mowing (grass cutting)	£365.00	Kesteven Children in Need (donation in lieu of fee-internal audit)	£100.00	Aveland pest solutions (mole catching Castle Hill)	£93.08	M McBeath (May wage and expenses)	£428.14	PO Ltd (McB PAYE)	£99.80	<u>ACTION</u>
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06.21.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Co-option of new member, portfolios, any planning matters, appointment of new clerk, form of R&F project.															
06.22.00	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> It was agreed to hold the next meeting on 12th July 2017 at 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room.	All														

There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

Copies to: District Councillors Mrs C Mills, Mrs M Overton: All PC Members: Parish Website.