

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH 2011 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

PRESENT

Mr. J.R. Storer, Chairman
 District Councillor: Mr M Wylie (MW),
 Councillors: Mrs A Walker (AW), Ms S Brown (SB), Mr A Copley (TC), Mr R Gibson (BG),
 Mr Simon Lawson (SL), Mr V Brealey (VB)
 Mr M McBeath Parish Clerk

Mr Mark Crosby attended as a member of the public.

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| 03.01.00 | <u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> The Police reported by email that 2 crimes had been reported in the village in the previous month - 1 burglary and 1 damaged vehicle. Mr Crosby had nothing to say. | |
| 03.02.00 | <u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u> The Chairman reminded the meeting of the elections due in May. Two current members intended not to stand but he understood that two more parishioners were considering standing. If there were sufficient candidates to make up the requisite number of councillors – 9 – then an election would not be required but that left the District Council elections and the vote about the AV concept. | |
| 03.03.00 | <u>APOLOGIES</u> Mr Short had a business meeting elsewhere. | |
| 03.04.00 | <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007 (SI2007/0359)</u> Nil | |
| 03.05.00 | <u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 9 February 2011, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved. Proposed VB. Seconded BG. | |
| 03.06.00 03.06.01 03.06.02 | <u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u> <u>Fence Around Castle Hill</u> VB reported that he had investigated sources and costs of fencing and recommended hardwood rather than softwood. He pointed out that installation costs were likely to exceed material costs. Since it was not clear just how much fencing was required, it was agreed to hold a site meeting the following Saturday to check the state of the fence. <u>Allotment Notice Board</u> There was no progress to report on the allotment notice board. It transpired that the intention was to mount the board on the gate. | All |
| 03.07.00 | <u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u> Council tax had been frozen for this year. As part of the cost savings, funding for the access points had been cut back. | |
| 03.08.00 03.08.01 03.08.02 03.08.03 | <u>CLERK'S REPORT</u> <u>Localism Bill</u> There had been much advice about the new localism bill which proposed to devolve much power to local councils. It appeared anomalous that the District Councils might be cut back whilst still retaining an oversight role on their parish councils because of their increased powers. <u>Election Training</u> The clerk had attended a briefing session by the NKDC about the election. Members were reminded of the proposed training/briefing sessions for Councillors and candidates on offer in March. <u>Potholes</u> The new potholes in High Street had been reported to Highways as had those in Hall Lane and Mill Hill. LCC had created a pothole FAQ item in their | |

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| 03.08.04 | website. <u>Post Offices</u> The PO at Navenby had closed and our shop was being refurbished. It was still possible to tax cars at Waddington PO. | <u>ACTION</u> |
| 03.09.00 | <u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u> The Financial Report showed expenditure of £771 for the preceding month with a balance of £10,100. This included work so far on Castle Hill but costs were to expected on the cycle track and the donation to the Cluster Group. A small subsidy was still expected to close off the Village Hall Project accounts. | |
| 03.10.00 | <u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u> | |
| 03.10.01 | <u>Highways, Footways and Drains</u> A recent site meeting had finalised the work outstanding on the new ditch and culvert. It was hoped to complete it all by the end of May. | |
| 2.10.02 | <u>Village matters</u> The Village Hall committee were not prepared to fit a combination lock to the playing field access point so contractors would have to go to the shop to get the key. The VHC hoped that the PC would continue to fund the broadband facility, despite the lack of its exploitation . | |
| 03.10.03 | <u>Castle Hill</u> The recent maintenance day had been attend by 30 people and had been successful. Brash had been moved to the inner moat with the intention of creating a new pathway. Some timber had been paid for in cash which was duly handed to the Clerk. More timber sales were anticipated. All sales were being recorded. A further maintenance day was planned. There was some disappointment that the contractor had turned up to cut up the remaining timber without notice and had not produced his certificates of competence as requested. Some logs had not been cut; apparently because they were too large for the saw. It was agreed that the contractor should not be paid until he had completed the work and he had produced his certificates of competence. Permission was sought and given to obtain a tree safety survey of the site. Such surveys were important and would have to be repeated every about three years so long as there was public access. | |
| 03.10.04 | <u>Allotments</u> The deadline for pruning the apple trees had been missed this year. SB had replaced a dead tree with a new apple tree. Some rents had already been paid. | |
| 03.11.00 | <u>Planning Matters</u> There were no planning matters to report but the clearance works on Cow Lane had been generally in accordance with the permission. Some trees had yet to be trimmed. | |
| 03.12.00 | <u>Cycle Play Track</u> Mr Batchelor had submitted an significantly increased estimate for the revised layout but no work had yet been done. It was felt that the scheme should be more supported by the children who intended to use it. It was agreed that SL and the Clerk would liaise with view to getting more participation by the children. | SL/ Clerk |
| 03.13.00 | <u>CHEQUES.</u> Payment of the following cheques was approved: Lincolnshire Association Of Local Councils annual sub £191.90 Simpson Arboriculture for work on Castle Hill £408.00 Cliff Villages Voluntary Car Scheme wrt Welbourn residents £12.92 BT for phone bill for the IT room £53.96 M McBeath for wages £83.40 PO - McBeath PAYE £20.85 Transfer of £750 from savings account to current account was authorised. | Clerk |

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| 03.14.00 | <u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> The Annual Parish Meeting was due in April. It was agreed to hold it just before the Parish Council Meeting | <u>ACTION</u> Clerk |
| 03.15.00 | <u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 13th April 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. | All |

There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Copies to:

District Councillors M Wylie and M Overton, All PC Members.

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