

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 12th MARCH 2014 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30PM

PRESENT

Mr. J.R. Storer, (RS)

Chairman

District Councillor Mrs Laura Conway

Councillors: Ms Sarah Brown (SB), Mrs Maureen Lunn (ML), Mr Robert Cross (MC), Mr Stephen Short (SSt), Mr Robert Gibson (BG), Mr Stephen Spedding (SSg)

PCSO Meneses

Three members of the public.

Mr Malcolm McBeath

Parish Clerk

		<u>ACTION</u>
03.01.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u>	
03.01.01	PCSO Meneses reported that the previous month had been crime free. It was policy to make a point of being seen in the villages so they were visiting quite regularly. He reminded all that reports of suspicious activity should be reported at once and include as much detail as possible, even if sketchy, to enable them to be better analysed and collated. The police were aware of the activity on the former Leadenham Station Yard and would be on duty and readily available in the event of difficulties.	
03.01.02	There was some disquiet about a letter that LCC Highways had sent to Mr and Mrs Lawson in the High Street requesting that some "plants" growing in the street against their garden wall be removed. It turned out that they were being tended by an occupant of the cottages opposite. It was pointed out the letter was primarily aimed at the trees growing there since they risked damaging the highway and the closely adjacent wall as well as obstructing the High Street at a particularly narrow point as they matured. This explanation clarified the issue. The lady concerned would be informed.	
03.02.00	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Councillor Paxton was not available. Councillor Lucas was unable to attend. County Councillor Phillips had been invited to attend but did not come.	
03.03.00	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> SSg, SB and RS reminded all they kept a dog. (re Item 12.)	
03.04.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u> The Chair thanked the Clerk for all his work during the preceding month. The Chairman advised that the recent visit by LCC Highways had included discussion on dropped kerbs. Highways wanted to know at which points kerbs need to be reset to permit safer and convenient movement in PMVs and wheel chairs. The Clerk was to list and prioritise.	Clerk
03.05.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 February, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved.	
03.06.00	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u>	
03.06.01	<u>Dog Warden</u> The dog warden had been taken on again at reduced hours and advised of current problem areas.	
03.06.02	<u>War Memorial.</u> Nothing had come so far of the grant applications for	

	refurbishing the war memorial.	RS
03.07.00	<u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
03.07.01	Mrs Conway reported that the District Council had decided to limit its Council Tax increase to 1.93% and was still looking for ways to make more savings.	
03.07.02	At County level, the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee had met and considered the Local Development Scheme (LDS). The purpose of the LDS is to establish the timetable and the key milestones for the development of the Local Plan. This is an important stage in the process, as it sets out the basis for community involvement in the process, which is due to start in May of this year. There was to be a launch event, to which all Members and all Parish and Town Councils would be invited to attend. Until the Local Plan was in place, planning applications would be decided by reference to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which presumes in favour of sustainable development and has a requirement for 5 years land supply. NK cannot demonstrate this land supply at the moment, so we are vulnerable should applications for development come forward in the interim.	
03.08.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u>	
03.08.01	Enquiries had established that the Council's insurance policy covered people working on the Council's behalf against third party and personal risks.	
03.08.02	All concerned parties had been in close contact about the recent works on the former Station Yard at Leadenham.	
03.08.03	A notice had been put up explaining the costs incurred in repairing damage to the Village Hall by children kicking footballs at it and damaging the fittings.	
03.08.04	It had been noted that dog waste was being put in the litter bins rather than in the specific dog waste bins so notes had been put on the appropriate litter bins to discourage this practice.	
03.08.05	A new schedule of handyman tasks had been drawn up to better cover the whole required task as revealed by experience. There was concern that this would add more hours to the task.	
03.08.06	Since the Clerk had suffered a serious computer failure, it was suggested and agreed that the Clerk should obtain a standalone hard drive for use as a back up device.	Clerk
03.09.00	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u> The financial report showed expenditure of £1,642 for the previous month with reserves at £11,233 but around £500 was committed for the intended Castle Hill tree works.	
03.10.00	<u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u>	
03.10.01	<u>Tennis Court</u> . Plans were well in hand for the tennis court refurbishment. It had been agreed that the fencing and posts would be taken down and refinished (respectively) by local volunteers with sale of scrap going towards the cost of materials. A complete in depth risk assessment for these tasks had been achieved. It was agreed that since it would only be slightly more expensive to get the contractor to supply and fit the fencing than self help, it would be altogether better to get the contractor to do it. This solution was accepted at a projected cost of £2000. A second gate was deemed important to discourage climbing the wire to get balls back and provide a second exit	

	point in the event of an intruder. It was agreed to fund this extra cost expected to be about £500.	<u>ACTION</u>								
03.10.02	<u>Village Matters</u> A parishioner had complained that the footpath from Dycote Lane across the field to the track to the Reservoir had been ploughed over but not reinstated. The Chairman would seek to contact Llamymans to deal with this apparent oversight.	RS								
03.10.03	<u>Castle Hill.</u> At JL's behest, the fence opposite no 5 Castle Hill had been repaired and extended. The debris arising from the recent flailing of the southern boundary hedge was being cleared away. Mr Benton had been particularly helpful in parts of this task. The bench on the top of the western mound had been vandalised but was now repaired. Highways had also agreed to repair the fence on Castle Hill opposite The Nookin.									
03.10.04	<u>Neighbourhood Plan.</u> The overall timescale for the introduction of the Village Plan had been rethought. It was now intended to undertake a thorough series of further consultations within the village before presenting it to the Parish Council for further ratification before submission to an inspector. It was important to get it before an Inspector by September 2014.									
03.11.00	<u>TO CHOOSE WHICH QUOTE FOR TREE WORK ON CASTLE HILL</u> Two quotes had been obtained. It was agreed the chose the lower but, since the quote was ambiguous, the Clerk was to clarify with contractor that all the specified trees were included before agreeing it.	Clerk								
03.12.00	<u>TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF LOOSE DOGS ON THE PLAYING FIELD</u> It was agreed that it was unreasonable to totally ban dogs from the playing field but that they must be kept on a lead. It was better, however, to allow dogs to be exercised freely on Castle Hill. The notice on the Monument gate should be amended and renewed to reflect this.	Clerk								
03.13.00	<u>TO DISCUSS FUNDING AN COUNCILLOR TRAINING COURSE FOR MRS LUNN</u> It was agreed to fund the costs of an LALC councillor training course for Mrs Lunn.	ML								
03.14.00	<u>TO DISCUSS THE PLACING OF THE NEW DEFIBRILLATOR.</u> It was agreed that the new defibrillator should be placed on the front wall of the Hall and that the Council should provide the necessary power supply. It was noted that the VHPFC had agreed to absorb the cost of this power.	RS								
03.15.00	<u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following accounts was approved: <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>E-on annual maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£105.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BT telephone charges</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£75.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M McBeath – salary and expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£164.47</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PO Ltd - PAYE McB</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£33.40</td> </tr> </table> and Transfer £400 from deposit account to current account.	E-on annual maintenance	£105.66	BT telephone charges	£75.60	M McBeath – salary and expenses	£164.47	PO Ltd - PAYE McB	£33.40	Clerk
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03.16.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Annual Parish Meeting									

03.17.00	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The next meeting of the Parish Council is due on 9th April at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.	All
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There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

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