

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2013 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30PM

PRESENT

Mr. J.R. Storer, (RS)

Chairman

District Councillor Mrs Laura Conway (LC)

Councillors: Ms Sarah Brown (SB), Mr Robert Cross(MC), Mr Stephen Spedding (SSg), Mr John Lucas (JL), Mr Richard Coxe (RC), Dr Adam Paxton (AP)

Six members of the public attended including the Chairman of Leadenham Parish Council.

Mr Malcolm McBeath

Parish Clerk

		<u>ACTION</u>
05.01.00	<p><u>PUBLIC FORUM</u></p> <p>The public forum was attended by two officers from the Central Lincolnshire Joint Planning Unit: Mr L Fleming and Mr L Brown. They described how the Core Strategy (CS) was intended to be the over-arching anchor around which all other supporting plans would be built and tested. Mr Fleming was at pains to assure all that the next stage of the Planning process was to collect multi layered evidence with which to inform the practical implementation of the plan and form clear ideas of the nature of each community in their area. Over the coming year numerous public consultation meetings would be held where it was hoped there would be enough feedback to enable this objective to be achieved. It was hoped to complete this phase by Spring 2014.</p> <p>He explained that the CS had been developed to meet Government directives and accommodate Government forecasts of population growth. He appeared to be most impressed by Welbourn's neighbourhood survey and indicated it might be used as the basis of their own, suitably modified to allow for much larger urban communities. He remarked that the amount of work at County level that was going into infrastructure planning was the deepest and most thorough he had ever experienced. <i>(Ed's note: and he not yet 40!)</i></p> <p>He refuted the suggestion that the cart had been put before the horse by making the Plan without direct local evidence saying that the Plan was much too complex to have been built that way.</p> <p>He stated that the Local Plan for NKDC was now a composite of existing saved plans and the Core Strategy supported by other documents such as the Strategic Housing Land Assessment document. The long term intention was to examine all available development land against the criteria established by the in-depth consultation process within the CS and then see what could be done with it to achieve the aims of the Plan. This included all aspects, even green spaces for recreation. He admitted there was no money to implement the Plan other than Gov't funds in various forms and what could be obtained from developers.</p> <p>In response to concerns that Welbourn's neighbourhood plan might be redundant in that it was simply doing what the Planners would be doing anyway, he advised that, so long as it was not too prescriptive, it would still be useful. Asked to define 'local', he hoped that each consultation exercise would help clarify the perceived picture of each village.</p>	

	He acknowledged that, like any plan, it would be necessary to review and update the CS and its sub-plans from time to time in the light of experience.	<u>ACTION</u>
NOTE	This part of the meeting closed at 2030 when the JPU members and most of the public left. The Council Meeting continued.	
05.02.00	<u>APOLOGIES (reasons for absence)</u> Councillor Gibson was on holiday.	
05.03.00	<u>ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN</u> In the absence of any volunteers, Mr Storer was unanimously voted as chairman for the year to come.	
05.04.00	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> Nil	
05.05.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u> More acoustic panels had been ordered for the Hall and a contractor briefed to fix them.	
05.06.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 10 April, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved.	
05.07.00	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u>	Clerk
05.07.01	A dog warden had been engaged and had started work. An offender had already been caught.	
05.07.02	A tree specialist had been briefed on the work required on safety checks on trees on Parish land and a contractor briefed on dredging the pond. Their responses were awaited. The Clerk was instructed to get further quotes for the pond work.	
05.07.03	The Annual Parish Meeting would be held in the main hall on 15 May.	
05.07.03	Two street lamps had been replaced with more modern units and the charging agency's records updated.	
05.07.04	Mr Coxe had informed other farmers using Gas guns around the village of the noise problem and hoped they would take notice.	
05.08.00	<u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u> LC reported that the application for funds to support the Cluster Youth Worker were now ready for submission but she felt that since this was a Cluster initiative the application should be made by the Cluster so she had persuaded the former Chairman of the Cluster to reconvene the group to enable them to get on with it.	
05.09.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u>	
05.09.01	NKDC had been invited to repair one of their benches hidden in a corner of the playing field. No-one had objected to the removal of the dilapidated seats beside the A607.	
05.09.02	The potholes in Beck Street had been reported and the kerb outside the Coach House raised and the drains there serviced to reduce flooding into the property. Highways had offered to get BT to make good the recent poor repairs to the footpath in Beck Street near the shop.	
05.10.00	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u> The financial report showed expenditure of £3,701 for the previous month with	

	reserves at £24,000. The bills for work in the Hall had yet to be received.	<u>ACTION</u>
05.11.00	<u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u>	
05.11.01	<u>Village Hall.</u> The recent VH AGM had not attracted any non-committee members. The Committee were most appreciative of the support given by the Parish Council. It was essential to find more practical support for Mrs Berridge in order to carry the business forward and generate more income. The clerk was volunteered to assist with setting up of the necessary website by LCC in consultation with the VH Chairman and Booking Secretary.	Clerk
05.11.02	<u>Highways, Footways and Drains.</u> The bank of the new ditch below the main culvert under the A607 was being eroded and the silt was being carried downstream and tending to choke the ditch. It was hoped that Mr Overton would dredge it. Dycote Lane and Broach Road were now in very poor condition. Highways should be asked to take remedial action but short of closing the road it was not seen how this might be achieved.	Clerk
05.11.03	<u>Village Matters.</u> The trees in Dycote Lane had been butchered by someone unknown without any authority.	
05.11.04	<u>Parish Plan.</u> Notes explaining what had been going on re the Neighbourhood Plan had recently been published on the Parish website.	
05.11.05	<u>Cluster Group.</u> See 05.08 above.	
05.11.06	<u>Planning and Countryside.</u> There was concern that the new houses in Holme Close were inappropriate next to an existing industrial site and that the offices nearby were misleadingly described as a bungalow. The Clerk was to so inform the Planning Officer.	Clerk
05.11.07	<u>Health Social and Welfare.</u> NTR	
05.11.08	<u>Allotments.</u> NTR	
05.11.09	<u>Castle Hill.</u> The small gate onto the field was sticking. SSg agreed to get it fixed.	SSg
05.12.00	<u>VILLAGE HALL WORKS</u> Although there was concern that the Council was apparently taking over the detailed maintenance of the Hall, it was agreed to fund a fix to the leaking pipe under the hall and replace a seized water pump in the solar heating circuits. It might be necessary to maintain the Hall via the precept next year.	RS
05.13.00	<u>VERGE OUTSIDE THE OLD RECTORY</u> It had been suggested that the Parish share the cost of refurbishing the verge outside Old Rectory after the Diocesan contractors had damaged it. Council decided that this was not appropriate but JL offered to clear and tidy it.	JL
05.14.00	<u>ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT</u> Council authorised the chairman to sign off the Annual Governance Statement.	RS /Clerk
05.15.00	<u>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING</u> It was agreed to hold the APM on 15 May at 7.30pm in the Main Hall. Mr Copley had agreed to give his presentation about the Neighbourhood Plan.	Clerk ALL
05.16.00	<u>PLANNING</u> A site meeting was agreed to consider the proposal for No 11 The Nookin.	All

05.17.00	<u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following accounts was approved: Thorpe Property Services for April                      £175.00 Community Consultation Ltd annual insurance        £553.46 Chris Bleaden grass cutting April                        £284.72 G W King and sons church yard grass                    £190.00 Eon for new street lamps                                    £480.00 M McBeath salary    £135.04 PO Ltd    McBeath PAYE                                        £33.60 and Transfer £1900 from deposit account to current account	<u>ACTION</u>  Clerk
05.18.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Operation of the Village Hall	
05.19.00	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.	All

There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 10.00pm.

Copies to:

District Councillors Conway and Overton,

All PC Members.

Parish Website.