

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 13th MAY 2015 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30PM

PRESENT

Mr. J.R. Storer (RS)

Retiring Chairman

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

District Councillor Mrs Laura Conway.

Mr Malcolm McBeath

Parish Clerk

PCSOs Basford and Kennedy

Miss Sarah Brown, Mr David Close

All members had previously completed their declarations of Acceptance of Office and Statements of Pecuniary Interests which were handed to the Clerk for checking and processing.

05.01.00	<u>ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN</u> RS was obliged to retire at the end of his term office and did not wish to continue. JL was duly elected as Chairman.	<u>ACTION</u>
05.02.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u>	
05.02.01	Miss Brown pointed that areas of grass were not being mown. The Clerk explained that this was due to his oversight and that the Contractor would be informed.	
05.02.02	Mr Close reminded the Council that 12 years ago those who lived around Jubilee Green had opposed the placing of a bus shelter on the Green since it meant further degradation of our open spaces. He pointed out that this was still the case.	
05.02.03	The police reported one case of vehicle theft. They did considered that the dumping of a caravan in the layby on Leadenham hill was not a police matter.	
05.03.00	<u>ABSENCES</u> none	
05.04.00	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> nil	
05.05.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u> The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 April, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved.	Clerk
05.06.00	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u>	
05.06.01	The deeply eroded gateway on Dycote Lane had been filled.	
05.06.02	Four obsolete type street lights had been replaced with a new model.	
05.07.00	<u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u>	
05.07.01	LC advised that all councillors were involved in training after the elections so were a bit busy. She encouraged parish councillors to go the NKDC	

<p>05.07.02</p> <p>05.07.03</p>	<p>training sessions on Standards. She reminded all that 76 more houses had been approved for Navenby and that application for a further 106 homes in the village was in process.</p> <p>She also pointed out that the Navenby Youth Club was open to children from all the Villages and that publicity would be in the next edition of Two Villages.</p> <p>She went on to explain that Section 106 was still in force for obtaining funding from developers for additional facilities and would be complemented by the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). These monies would be held by the District Council under criteria agreed between the Council and the Developer and the appropriate Parish or Town Council who would be entitled to a proportion for their own use in accordance with the agreed criteria.</p>	<p><u>ACTION</u></p>
<p>05.08.00</p> <p>05.08.01</p> <p>05.08.02</p> <p>05.08.03</p> <p>05.08.04</p> <p>05.08.05</p> <p>05.08.06</p>	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Maintenance and improvement works on Castle Hill were stalled pending permissions from Historic England and NKDC. Both had been chased. The handyman was behind on his intended tasks but hoped to get to them in due course. It was mooted that another handyman should be used to keep Castle Hill in check. It was agreed to hold a site meeting to review the situation.</p> <p>The hedge cutting contractor had tripled his charge: the Clerk was instructed to obtain justification before paying the bill.</p> <p>A sensible explanation of the basis of charging for street lighting had been obtained. LCC had explained that potholes were repaired to an agreed standard but admitted that there was no direct oversight due lack of resources.</p> <p>The Clerk had circulated an electronic copy of the LALC Newsletter and had urged councillors to get appropriate training and to note the item about unexpected vacancies and disabilities.</p> <p>An item had been put in Two Villages requesting ideas for uses of the S106 funds within the given guidelines. RS had suggested improving access to the stepping out path at the Dycote Lane bridge but there had not been any other suggestions. This topic would be discussed at the June meeting once all the facts were known.</p> <p>Two hedges in Dycote Lane were obstructing the footpath due to poor pruning. It was agreed that Highways should be asked to invite the householders to cut them back.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>05.09.00</p>	<p><u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u></p> <p>Spending in April had been £3,351, leaving £28,268 in reserves. The previous year's accounts were with the Internal Auditor.</p>	

05.10.00	<p><u>TO AGREE AND ASSIGN PORTFOLIOS FOR THE NEXT PERIOD OF OFFICE</u></p> <p>Experience had shown that the existing portfolios needed revision. The following portfolios and holders were agreed:</p> <p>Compliance - RS Village Hall - SS and KS Drains - RS Environment and Highways - MC Parish Plan and Planning - ML Cluster Group - BG and ML Allotments - MC and JL Castle Hill - JL and MC Communications - KS</p>	<u>ACTION</u>
05.11.00	<p><u>TO DECIDE WHICH INSURANCE POLICY OPTION TO BUY</u></p> <p>It was agreed to buy only the basic cover on the offered Insurance Cover renewal since all the other offered options were not applicable to us.</p>	
05.12.00	<p><u>TO AGREE TO PURCHASE A REPLACEMENT TOOL FOR CLEARING WEED OFF THE BECK</u></p> <p>The handyman had reported that the tool he had been using to clear weed out of the Beck was worn beyond practical repair. It was agreed to replace it.</p>	RS
05.13.00	<p><u>TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO BUY AND INSTALL OUR OWN BUS SHELTER</u></p> <p>Letters requesting and opposing a bus shelter or shelters had been received. It was decided by a majority vote to erect one bus shelter opposite Wainwright Cottage. Shelters elsewhere were not agreed. RS was to investigate the necessary platform and the supply of the agreed shelter.</p>	
05.14.00	<p><u>TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO RETAIN AND MAINTAIN THE POND</u></p> <p>It was agreed to hold a site meeting discuss the state of the pond.</p>	All
05.15.00	<p><u>TO AGREE THE MAINTENANCE TASKS FOR NEXT MONTH.</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the Handyman should continue with the previously set tasks.</p>	
05.16.00	<p><u>PORTFOLIO REPORTS</u></p>	
05.16.01	<p>The Planning Group had received a significant grant which would be used to pay a consultant to vet the draft Plan to give it its best chance of approval.</p>	
05.16.02	<p>The margins of footpath from Dycote Lane through to Sapperton Field were badly overgrown. It was agreed to get them cleared.</p>	Clerk

