

# WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 9th MAY 2012 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30PM

## PRESENT

Mr. J.R. Storer, (RS) Retiring Chairman  
 Councillors: Mr Stephen Short (SSt), Mr Richard Coxe (RC), Mr Robert Cross, Dr Adam Paxton (AP),  
 Mr Stephen Spedding (SSg) and Ms Sarah Brown (SB)  
 District Councillors Conway (LC) and Overton (MO)  
 Mr M McBeath Parish Clerk

		<u>ACTION</u>
05.01.00	<u>ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN</u> No councillor offered to stand as Chairman so Mr Storer agreed to continue.	
05.02.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> 3 parishioners attended. Mr Robinson sought assurances that the Council had consulted appropriate agencies re making Cow Lane one way. He was assured it had. Mrs A Broadbent explained the current position on registering the playing field with Fields In Trust and produced the appropriate documents for Council to sign to complete the process. The chairman, one councillor and the Clerk signed. Mrs Broadbent agreed to follow it through.  The police reported one case of machinery theft and one of domestic heating oil. They reminded all how important it was to have physical photographs of valued items. A recent case of vandalism had been sorted to everyone's satisfaction. The police appreciated the support provided from within the village in this and all cases.	
05.03.00	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Mr Gibson was on holiday. County Councillor Phillips had been invited but was unable to attend.	
05.04.00	<u>REVIEW OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u> All agreed to continue in existing posts. In the absence of Mr Gibson, it was assumed that he would continue with the Cliff Cluster.	
05.05.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u> The Chairman hoped that, after the disagreements seen in the previous year, all could go forward in harmony as one team.	
05.06.00	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2050 (SI2050/1059)</u> Nil	
05.07.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 11 April 2012, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved. Proposed SSg, Seconded SSt.	
05.08.00	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u>	
05.08.01	<u>Allotment Sewer.</u> Anglian Water had been informed about the overflowing sewer on the allotment track but had not yet responded, whilst NKDC had confirmed they had the plans for Sycamore House on microfiche which could only be viewed at Sleaford. They had little confidence that the plans would show the sewers.	
05.08.02	<u>Street Lamps.</u> Two old type lamps had been replaced and the inventory at Western Power updated for charging purposes.	
05.08.03	<u>Safety Rail.</u> The intended safety rail was still in manufacture. The handyman was	

05.08.04	confident of being able to get to the top of the sluice to clear weed with the rail in place. <u>Mugs</u> . The clerk was requested to confirm the delivery date and address of the Jubilee mugs.	<u>ACTION</u> Clerk
05.08.05	<u>Placement of the Savings Account</u> The clerk advised that the best paying, suitable savings account appeared to be a 12 month savings bond with the Yorkshire bank. It was agreed to move the funds in the NS&I Account to the Yorkshire Bank.	Clerk
05.09.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u>	
05.09.01	<u>Road Works</u> Despite daily efforts to sort out difficulties it appeared that Stagecoach had proved unable to ensure that bus drivers were fully informed about the arrangements for each day so people had been left standing. The Council were appalled to learn that some drivers had been abusive and otherwise very bad tempered towards the traffic directors. The clerk was instructed to write to Highways to express appreciation for the work and to apologise on behalf of the village for peoples' unacceptable behaviour.	Clerk
05.09.02	<u>Street lights</u> . All relevant landowners had been approached about cutting back foliage to reveal the street lamps properly. Most had agreed but one had appeared to dissent.	
05.09.03	<u>Drains</u> . A number of drains had been successfully cleared before the storms but others had since been reported.	Clerk
05.09.04	<u>Trip Hazards</u> . Anglian Water had repaired the trip hazard in Dycote Lane but had not touched the one in Hall Orchard Lane.	
05.09.05	<u>On line Club</u> In response to a suggestion of an On Line Club as a social venue to reinforce and extend newly acquired computer skills, a potential site had been identified in the Community Centre.	
05.10.00	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u> The financial report showed expenditure of £1567 for the month with reserves at £29,261.	
05.11.00	<u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u>	
05.11.01	LC reported that the bid for a youth worker for the Cliff Cluster was well advanced and appeared likely to succeed. She had, with some difficulty, dug out the County Council's Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) which showed potential for 24 new homes in Welbourn with a remote possibility of a further 125. The council were much concerned that there was no infrastructure to support this level of development nor the ability to provide water for them. MO concurred, citing the weakness of current policies. MO wished to continue to be kept in touch with the Council's affairs despite her other commitments.	
05.11.02	The Cereals Show in mid June needs more accommodation for visitors. The agency is shown on the website.	
05.12.00	<u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u>	
05.12.01	<u>Constitution and Village Hall</u> . NTR	
05.12.02	<u>Highways, Footways and Drains</u> . The new drain had well proved its value and usefulness. Mr Storer was warmly thanked for his work in making it happen. Dycote Lane needed more cuts in the verges to allow water to run off.	
05.12.03	<u>Parish Plan and WPG</u> See item 13.	
05.12.04	<u>Police and NHW</u> NTR	
05.12.05	<u>Cluster Group</u> . The Cluster group were having difficulty in finding a clerk; it was hoped to recruit one. The SID had been repaired but not yet deployed: it was intended to deploy it firstly within Welbourn then Leadenham as a deterrent but the position on actual use, insurance and security was still to be resolved.	
05.12.06	<u>Health Social and Welfare</u> . NTR	

05.12.07	<u>Allotments</u> . There were still problems with people taking vehicles down the track and damaging the surface. A lockable gate seemed the only solution. RC agreed to examine costs	<u>ACTION</u> SB/RC												
05.12.08	<u>Castle Hill</u> . See item 15.													
05.13.00	<u>WPG</u> Drafts of each questionnaire had been issued to members who were invited to send comments to Mr Copley. It was anticipated that the questionnaires would be distributed by hand - more distributors might be required. After issue it was intended to hold surgeries to enable people to consult on completing the questionnaire.	BG												
05.14.00	<u>OVERTON APPEAL</u> The council agreed to fully support Mrs Overton's appeal	Clerk												
05.15.00	<u>CASTLE HILL</u> AP had prepared a comprehensive analysis of Castle Hill suggesting options for the way ahead in different areas. The outer ditch would need to be filled in as practicable. Repair of the metal fence should be sought in conjunction with Highways. It was agreed to grass the outer face of the NE bank and to create a walk way at its foot with appropriate plantings each side to enhance the area. It was also decided to reinforce the existing dam to maintain the inner moat in its current form. Action in the SW corner should include making safe the sycamore threatening no 34 High Street and removing the waste timber but leaving the greater part of the ancient willow stump, when practicable. The use of bonfires was undesirable. It was agreed to leave the pond area as a wildlife area more or less in its current state but to ensure that the level of the pond is carefully monitored by controlling the size of the exit cut. In principle, it would be essential to consult English Heritage on the more significant actions and obtain SMC and to get qualified opinions on any proposed tree works.	AP												
05.16.00	<u>COW LANE</u> The council had consulted LCC Highways as the only applicable agency on the issue of making Cow Lane one way outbound from the corner of the tall wall. All residents on the Lane and 2 in Little Lane supported the idea. Mr and Mrs Robinson were opposed. Highways saw no objection to the idea and suggested it would be low cost action. It was agreed to apply to Highways to get the Lane made one way.	Clerk												
05.17.00	<u>CO-OPTION</u> The Returning Officer had told the Council that they were authorised to co-opt a new member. The Council agreed to use the procedures recommended in Guidelines issued by NKDC and NALC. Notices advertising for volunteers would be required. A panel would be necessary to select the new member from those volunteers..	Clerk												
05.19.00	<u>PLANNING</u> The planning application for 27 The Green had been approved.													
05.20.00	Payment of the following cheques was approved: <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Community Consultation Ltd for annual insurance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£545.53</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Cliff Villages Property Services for general works (Jan – April)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£300.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">EON for street lamps renewal</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£480.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">M McBeath for salary &amp; software for PC laptop</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£203.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">PO - McBeath PAYE</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£38.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">BT by Direct debit B/B facility</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£57.22</td> </tr> </table> And authorise transfer of £1700 from savings account to current account.	Community Consultation Ltd for annual insurance	£545.53	Cliff Villages Property Services for general works (Jan – April)	£300.00	EON for street lamps renewal	£480.00	M McBeath for salary & software for PC laptop	£203.50	PO - McBeath PAYE	£38.38	BT by Direct debit B/B facility	£57.22	
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05.19.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Annual Governance statement. The need for a weight restriction on Cow Lane. The proposed wind farm at Brandon/Temple Hill.	All												
05.16.00	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 13th June 2012 at 7.30	All												

	pm in the Village Hall..	
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There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 10.30pm.

Copies to:

County Councillor Phillips

District Councillors Conway and Overton, All PC Members. Parish Website.