

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

PRESENT

Mr. J.R. Storer, (RS)

Chairman

District Councillor Mrs Marianne Overton (MO)

Councillors: Ms Sarah Brown (SB), Mrs Maureen Lunn (ML), Mr Robert Cross (MC), Mr Stephen Spedding (SSg), Dr Adam Paxton (AP).

Mr Malcolm McBeath

Parish Clerk

11.01.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
11.01.01	<u>Crime Report</u> The Police reported by email one burglary and one theft in the preceding month.	
11.02.00	<u>APOLOGIES</u>	
11.02.01	Mrs Conway was engaged elsewhere, Mr Lucas was on holiday, Mr Short had a business meeting, Mr Gibson was away.	
11.03.00	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>	
	Nil	
11.03.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u>	
11.03.01	A contractor had been engaged to refurbish War Memorial but would not start until the Spring so as to avoid frost. A Faculty had been obtained for the work.	
11.04.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u>	
11.04.01	The Notes of the October meeting were accepted with slight modifications.	Clerk
11.05.00	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u>	
11.05.01	After our representations, the owner had revised his papers on the proposed dementia unit at the Hall to match his plans and had later submitted revised plans to avoid felling the giant redwood.	
11.05.02	There had been two definite expressions of interest and a further enquiry about the post of clerk. It was agreed that a closing date for applications should be set before the January meeting.	Clerk
11.06.00	<u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u>	
11.06.01	MO thanked the Steering Group for responding to the Consultation on the Local Plan. The deadline for responses had been informally extended slightly. ML agreed to submit comments on specific policies in this window of opportunity. A second tranche of consultations was intended; MO hoped that the Council would actively participate next time around but it was thought that the Steering Group's participation was sufficient.	
11.06.02	MO went on to highlight the problems that would be experienced in Lincoln next year with major overlapping projects which would create significant congestion, thus discouraging shopping in Lincoln and suggested that this would be a good opportunity to generate more support for our local shops. She remarked that the new Navenby Youth Club was doing very well and that	

	it was being subsidised by the Parish Council.	<u>ACTION</u>
11.08.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u>	
11.08.01	The Tree Officer had approved the felling of the beech tree despite our submission opposing it.	
11.09.00	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u>	
11.09.01	Spending in the previous month had been £289 with £16,328 in reserves. Last year's VAT claim had been paid. There was concern about the cost of grass cutting but, since it depended on the rate of growth, it was not that easy to predict nor control.	
11.10.00	<u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u>	
11.10.01	<u>Constitution/Audit/Village Hall.</u> The VHPFC intended to replant the hedge in Moat Lane and block the gaps in the hedge. Bookings and finance were most satisfactory.	
11.10.02	<u>Highways and Drains</u> Recent storms had revealed a number of blocked drains. The Clerk had drawn Highway's attention to them.	
11.10.03	<u>Environment and Village Matters.</u> It appeared that the landowner was preparing to divert the footpath across his field from Beck Street to Mill Lane. The clerk was to check the facts. There had been a noticeable increase in dog fouling.	Clerk
11.10.04	<u>Neighbourhood Plan</u>	
10.04a	Planning Aid England, on behalf of the Steering Group, had tasked URS Infrastructure & Environment UK Limited to carry out an Evidence Base/Policy Review of the proposed policies in our Plan. The Group had received their report and would be meeting to consider the recommendations. Once amendments had been made, the Plan would again be sent to NKDC and the new Local Planning Team for their comments.	
10.04b	The Joint Planning Team's proposal to remove the curtilage concerned the Steering Group since it could affect some of the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan. It was therefore decided to carry out a survey and submit a village response on this issue. A total of 104 responses were received: of these 98, totalling 173 persons, did not want to see the curtilage removed. The remaining 6, totalling 9 persons, agreed with the removal of the curtilage. These results had been sent to the Local Planning Team and NKDC for inclusion in this first round of consultation. The Steering Group were disappointed that only 6 of the 9 Parish Councillors took part in the curtilage survey.	
11.10.05	<u>Cluster Group.</u> NTR	
11.11.00	<u>TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED NEW FOOTPATH FROM LEADENHAM TO SWRA</u>	
11.11.01	In that the footpath did what it set out to do, it was satisfactory although there was apparently no provision for the necessary lighting. The clerk was to so comment to LCC.	Clerk
11.12.00	<u>TO CONSIDER THE PLANNING APPLICATION AT WELBOURN HALL</u>	
11.12.01	The revised plans for a new accommodation unit at the Hall were deemed	Clerk

	acceptable although concern remained about the drains on which the plans were unclear.	<u>ACTION</u>								
11.14.00	<u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following accounts was approved: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">P A Orme (warden duties)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£90.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">G W King and Sons (churchyard)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£98.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">M McBeath (salary)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£80.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">PO Ltd (PAYE McB)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£20.20</td> </tr> </table>	P A Orme (warden duties)	£90.00	G W King and Sons (churchyard)	£98.00	M McBeath (salary)	£80.98	PO Ltd (PAYE McB)	£20.20	Clerk
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11.15.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> New clerk's appointment: grass cutting contracts. Budget 2015/16									
11.16.00	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The next meeting of the Parish Council is due on 14th January at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.	All								

There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

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