

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2015 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30PM

PRESENT

Mr. John Lucas (JL)

Chairman

Councillors: Mrs Maureen Lunn (ML), Mr Robert Cross (MC), Mr Robert Gibson (BG), Mrs Katie Stark (KS), Mr Stephen Short (SS), Mr Stephen Spedding (SSg), Mr John Storer (RS)

District Councillors Mrs Marianne Overton (MO), Mrs Laura Conway(LC)

Mr Malcolm McBeath

Parish Clerk

Mr and Mrs J Riley

11.01.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
11.01.01	<p>Mr + Mrs Riley complained that a letter sent to their agent opposing the felling of the beech tree at No 33 high street appeared to be from the Parish council when it was not. They stated that the information in the letter was out of date and claimed that it was biased against them. The chairman apologised for the fact that a letter had been sent appearing to be from the parish council when it was not. He also stated that the letter reflected the views previously recorded by the council in response to the original submission to fell.</p> <p>The police reported by email that there were no recorded crimes in the previous month.</p>	
11.02.00	<p><u>ACCEPTANCE OF REASONS FOR ABSENCE</u> Miss Hunstman was attending a previously arranged business meeting.</p>	
11.03.00	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> Nil</p>	
11.04.00	<p><u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u> The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th October, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved.</p>	Clerk
11.05.00	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u></p>	
11.05.01	<p><u>Obstructed footpaths</u> In response to our reminder, a resident had done an excellent job in clearing his fir tree back from the nearby path. A letter of appreciation was felt appropriate. A previously obstructed ditch was now clear but see para. 10.</p>	Clerk
11.05.02	<p><u>Movement of Bank account</u> The clerk reported that the only way of obtaining a high interest current account seemed to be to have a regular income which could mean having yet another account to hold the precept so he had abandoned the idea.</p>	
11.05.03	<p><u>Bank access off Dycote Lane.</u> See item 12</p>	
11.05.04	<p><u>Allotment Tidying</u> see item 9.6</p>	
11.05.05	<p><u>Castle Hill</u> see item 14</p>	
11.05.06		

11.06.00	<p><u>DISTRICT MATTERS</u></p> <p>Mrs Overton mentioned the positive feel to the recent Ridges and Furrows meeting and hoped for more community oriented projects. She reported that the County Council annual budget was very tight so every non-statutory task was at risk. She highlighted how the new Living Wage had raised the cost of care so the level of provision under this heading was also at risk. She emphasized the need to find cost savings and asked for ideas and also wanted to know what people thought should be saved. She explained how the odd way new development was funded would tend to inhibit more affordable housing.</p> <p>On the issue of devolution, she explained that this was different from a unitary authority and said the attraction for the existing authorities was the hope of more money from central government.</p> <p>Mrs Conway drew attention to the on-going consultations on the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan and on the proposed changes to the Council Tax Support scheme where the levels of discount were to be reduced. She explained the NKDC officers now had better understanding of the practical issues of administering the Forge and was hopeful of positive outcomes in the ongoing review of the management of the DC's retained venues in which the forge was included. Each item in the category had a budget which was spent on the deemed administrative cost of the asset. Savings in these budgets were being sought.</p>	<u>ACTION</u> all
11.07.00 11.07.01 11.07.02 11.07.03 11.07.04 11.07.05 11.07.06	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p>The problems of obscured road signs had been improved by the seasonal leaf fall but the bushes had not been trimmed back. A parishioner had cleared the ditch in lower Hall Orchard lane but had left the cleanings in a large unsightly pile on the verge. Technically this was a littering offence.</p> <p>As ML had previously reported, the footpath south of bridge no 16 on the embankment was at risk of being swamped by brambles. JL agreed to deal with them.</p> <p>The Council had traditionally paid for the welding gases used by the Friends of the Forge. The continued use of those gases was in doubt so it was possible that the contract with BOC would be terminated.</p> <p>LCC highways had issued a warning notice to the residents concerned about parking on the grass verges in upper Dycote Lane threatening offenders with the cost of repairs. Three had complied, two were continuing their practice.</p> <p>Since they had not been doing so, NKDC had been requested to include the Parish Council in correspondence about the unlawful chimney in Hall Lane. This omission had been remedied and a copy of an enforcement notice to remove had been received.</p> <p>A number of external requests for publicity posters had been refused for lack of space on our notice boards.</p>	Clerk
11.08.00 11.08.01	<p><u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u></p> <p>Spending in the previous month had been £1359, with £22,150 in reserves. Spending overall was generally on budget. LCC had been billed separately for their agreed contribution (£2K) to the new bus shelter.</p>	

11.09.00	<u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
11.09.01	<u>Environment and Highways.</u> The contractor had installed the new bus shelter and had made a good job of it. Mr Storer had fitted a seat using materials supplied by Mr Vic Brealey who had also helped fit it. LCC had repaired the potholes in Hall Lane. The Jubilee Chestnut Tree on The Green was apparently ill. Since chestnuts were known for dropping limbs, an arborist should be called in to advise on its safety.	clerk
11.09.02	<u>Drains.</u> NTR but see 11.09.06	
11.09.03	<u>Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan.</u> the Referendum on the Development Plan was the following week. Extra publicity was planned. Cost incurred by the Parish Council had been £125.00 which was towards the printing of the initial questionnaires. The grant obtained by the Steering Group paid for all other costs, which included £2,640 paid to the Village Hall Committee for the hire of the Hall. £225.00 was used for paying for food and refreshments provided via the Village Hall Committee.	
11.09.04	<u>Village Hall.</u> Finances and bookings were satisfactory The roof leak over the small kitchen had been repaired.	
11.09.05	<u>Communications</u> NTR.	
11.09.06	<u>Allotments.</u> Two empty plots should be advertised in Two Villages. The sewer from Sycamore Lodge under the allotment track was leaking again. It was agreed that this was unacceptable. The clerk was to contact the owner and threaten bills and call in Environmental Health if necessary.	clerk
11.09.07	<u>Castle Hill.</u> The mowing contractor had been invited to quote for outstanding tasks on Castle Hill. His response was awaited.	clerk
11.10.00	<u>TO CONSIDER ACTION ON LITTER DUMPED ON THE VERGE IN HALL ORCHARD LANE</u> It was known who had dumped ditch clearings on the verge in Hall Orchard Lane several weeks previously. A request to remove the mess was considered more appropriate than a fixed penalty fine for littering.	Clerk
11.11.00	<u>TO CONSIDER ACTION ON ANTISOCIAL PARKING</u> It was agreed that Highways should be asked to follow through on their letter re Dycote Lane verges and the police should be asked to stop parking on footpaths and obstruction of the road outside the school and Manor Close.	clerk
11.12.00	<u>TO CONSIDER FORMING AN EMERGENCY PLAN</u> It was agreed that an emergency plan should be drawn up along the lines of the example provided by the clerk.	Clerk
11.13.00	<u>TO CONSIDER THE NEXT PHASE OF THE NEW ACCESS TRACK TO THE EMBANKMENT</u> It was agreed that sleepers laid to form steps was a practicable solution to the steepness of the new track and that a contractor should be brought in to install them. An equivalent job at Leadenham had recently been done. JL agreed to find out who had done it.	JL/MC
11.14.00	<u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u> The council had no comment on the changes to the new application in The Nookin.	

11.15.00	<u>TO AGREE THE MAINTENANCE TASKS FOR NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER</u> The tasks to be done were set as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inhibit the ivy on the trees on the corner of Cow Lane near the new bus shelter. 2. Continue to maintain the outlet to the pond. 3. Continue to clear the beck. 4. Inhibit ivy on the trees in front of village hall. 5. Inhibit the ivy on the tree in the hedge near Willow Cottage. 6. Clear the dead leaves from under the Jubilee Chestnut Tree 	<u>ACTION</u>														
11.16.00 11.16.01	<u>TO CONSIDER A QUOTE FOR A NEW NOTICE BOARD</u> Two quotes had been received for a custom-designed notice board. It was agreed to accept the lower.	Clerk														
11.17.00	<u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following accounts was approved: <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">CEC digger hire (track construction)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£324.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">G W King and sons (churchyard)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">BDG Mowing (grass cutting October)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£395.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Bus Shelters Ltd (new shelter)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£3927.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">M McBeath (Oct wage and expenses)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£166.32</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">PO Ltd (McB PAYE)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£37.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Royal British Legion (annual donation)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£30.00</td> </tr> </table>	CEC digger hire (track construction)	£324.00	G W King and sons (churchyard)	£200.00	BDG Mowing (grass cutting October)	£395.00	Bus Shelters Ltd (new shelter)	£3927.30	M McBeath (Oct wage and expenses)	£166.32	PO Ltd (McB PAYE)	£37.80	Royal British Legion (annual donation)	£30.00	clerk
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11.18.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Emergency plan Budget Maintenance tasks. Any planning applications.															
11.19.00	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> It was agreed to hold the next meeting <u>out of phase</u> on 9th December at 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room.	All														

There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

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