

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 9th OCTOBER 2013 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30PM

PRESENT

Mr. J.R. Storer, (RS) Chairman
 District Councillor Mrs Laura Conway (LC), Mrs Marianne Overton (MO)
 Councillors: Ms Sarah Brown (SB), Mr Robert Cross (MC), Mr John Lucas (JL), Dr Adam Paxton (AP), Mr Robert Gibson (BG), Mr Stephen Short (SSt), Mr Stephen Spedding (SSg)

Two members of the public attended.

Mr Malcolm McBeath Parish Clerk

		<u>ACTION</u>
10.01.00	<u>RESPECT FOR CLLR COXE</u> SSt proposed a tribute to Richard Coxe to record the Council's appreciation of all that he had done for the parish, both in valuable practical help and his highly sensible contributions to the work of the Council. This was supported unanimously.	
10.02.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> The police reported by email that there were no crimes on record for the previous month.	
10.03.00	<u>ABSENCES</u> Nil	
10.04.00	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> The Clerk asked for permission to speak as a member of the public on the planning issue since he lives next door to the property involved,	
10.05.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u>	
10.05.01	The Chairman was pleased to note that the recent LCC Survey on the Cow Lane one way proposal had vindicated the Council's actions.	
10.05.02	He had noted that contractors were busy replacing the Council's fence on the boundary between the Archdeacon's House and the playing field and were proposing to destroy the materials arising. He had arranged for some fencing parts to be salvaged with the intention of reusing them.	
10.05.03	The V Hall Broadband facility was no longer accessible since some passwords had altered. The Clerk was instructed to get hold of BT and sort it out.	Clerk
10.06.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 September, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved.	Clerk
10.07.00	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u>	
10.07.01	<u>Pond Clearance</u> The Internal Drainage Board officer had advised that the overhanging trees made dredging the pond impracticable for them. In any case it might cost about £30,000 to achieve, due to the cost of waste disposal. He had offered to suggest alternative contractors. The clerk was instructed to continue to research the options and costs.	
10.07.02	<u>War Memorial</u> We were still waiting for the intended contractor to come forward about cleaning the War Memorial.	<u>ACTION</u>

10.07.03	<u>BeeHive Well Repairs</u> A local contractor had been invited to quote for the work but his answer was still awaited.	
10.07.04	<u>Information Boards</u> Two commercial printers had offered prices to replicate the boards. Both were in the region of £400 per board. This was considered too expensive so the clerk was tasked to seek further options from within the village. It was suggested that English Heritage be asked for financial support as a quid pro quo for our continuing maintenance of the monument.	Clerk
10.08.00 10.08.01 10.08.02	<u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u> LC reported that the District Council intended to survey interested parties on ways to compensate for the shortfall in the Council Tax Support Scheme funding arising from the Government's withdrawal of the Transitional Grant offered the previous year when the scheme was introduced. MO drew attention to the need to exploit more volunteers. More drivers were needed for the Cliff Villages Voluntary car scheme. She had obtained places at PGL and was looking to fill them.	
10.09.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u> NKDC had advised that the vacancy on the Council had to be advertised locally to seek nominations and volunteers. A suitable notice had been prepared. Highways had been invited to make representations to BT about the damage to Bell Tree Green by the recent works. Scheduled Monument Consent was being sought for the work on the trees on Castle Hill recommended by the safety survey. This was going to take several weeks to process.	Clerk
10.10.00	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u> The financial report showed expenditure of £801 for the previous month with reserves at £16,068. The annual grass cutting subsidy from LCC had been applied for.	
10.12.00	<u>MAINTENANCE</u> It was suggested that the arrangements on how the maintenance of village facilities is managed needed review and overhaul as they seemed unduly informal. After debate it was agreed that all tasks noted should be referred to the Clerk who would then organise and schedule them in consultation with the handy man.	Clerk

10.11.00	<u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>												
10.11.01	<u>Village Hall</u> . The bid to F.I.T. for funds to resurface the tennis courts had been successful but the secondary bid to LCC for money to replace the fencing had been refused. It had come to light that the Council as owner was not eligible to fund add-on grants to the major one. Nevertheless it was agreed, by a majority vote, to continue in principle to fund the Village Hall in such projects.													
10.11.02	<u>Highways, Footways and Drains</u> . Covered at 10.05.01 above													
10.11.03	<u>Village Matters</u> . NTR													
10.10.04	<u>Parish Plan</u> . The Neighbourhood Plan continued to move forward but more assistance was needed.													
10.11.05	<u>Cluster Group</u> . The group had not yet met.													
10.11.06	<u>Planning and Countryside</u> . NTR													
10.11.07	<u>Health Social and Welfare</u> . NTR													
10.11.08	<u>Allotments</u> . NTR													
10.11.09	<u>Castle Hill</u> . NTR													
10.13.00	<u>PLANNING</u> Mr and Mrs Billam stated that they objected to the proposal to build a new unit at Welbourn Hall on the grounds of additional noise from patients and the deleterious visual impact of the proposed building if the boundary hedge were not there. They also pointed out detailed errors in the ground plan provided by the developer. Mr McBeath objected to the proposal on the grounds of extra noise from patients, the potentially adverse affect on the giant redwood nearby, the adverse visual impact from his garden and the potential overload of the sewer from the Hall which runs under his garden. It was agreed to hold a site meeting to further explore the issues. The clerk was to arrange.	Clerk												
10.14.00	<u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following accounts was approved: <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Thorpe Property Services for September</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£343.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bleaden Ground Maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£612.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E-on street lighting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£147.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P A Orme warden services</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£120.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M McBeath salary and expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£51.45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PO Ltd McBeath PAYE</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£11.80</td> </tr> </table> And Transfer £1300 from deposit account to current account.	Thorpe Property Services for September	£343.75	Bleaden Ground Maintenance	£612.89	E-on street lighting	£147.79	P A Orme warden services	£120.00	M McBeath salary and expenses	£51.45	PO Ltd McBeath PAYE	£11.80	Clerk
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10.15.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> 2014 Budget													
10.16.00	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 13 th November 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.	All												

There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

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