

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30PM

PRESENT

Mr. John Lucas (JL)

Chairman

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

District Councillor Mrs Marianne Overton (MO)

Mr Malcolm McBeath

Parish Clerk

Mr Anthony Copley, Mr Richard Thorpe

10.01.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
10.01.01	The police reported that there were no recorded thefts for September but mentioned a recent theft of heating oil from outside tanks in neighbouring villages and exhorted more vigilance.	
10.02.00	<u>ACCEPTANCE OF REASONS FOR ABSENCE</u> Mr Storer was away on urgent family business	
10.03.00	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> Nil	
10.04.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u> The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> September, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved.	Clerk
10.05.00	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u>	
10.05.01	<u>Riparian owners</u> The clerk had written to all agricultural and domestic riparian owners in the parish to remind them of the need to clear their ditches before winter to reduce the risk of flooding.	
10.05.02	<u>Handyman</u> The clerk had discussed tasking and costing with the handy man to facilitate better budgeting of maintenance tasks.	
10.05.03	<u>Bus shelter</u> Space for the bus shelter footing had been cleared and a date arranged for installation.	
10.05.04	<u>Bank access off Dycote lane.</u> A contractor prepared to build the access had been identified. A slanted incline was considered impractical and too expensive so it was proposed to go straight up and put in steps formed by sleepers. It was expected that this would cost under £1000. This was agreed.	MC
10.06.00	<u>DISTRICT MATTERS</u> Mrs Overton reported that NKDC were concerned about the apparent under-utilization of the Forge and, in consultation with the volunteers, were considering ways of having it open more often. Also work was being undertaken to preserve and enhance the unique Limestone Heath habitat existing in the verges of the High Dike (Ermine Street.)	

	<p>She went on to explain salient points of the Central Lincs Local Plan which was out for consultation. She noted that there was no time scale for the creation of the total number of houses proposed which risked the development of housing getting out of step with the necessary infrastructure. She suggested the total figure was unduly optimistic and should be challenged. Inevitably there would be considerable pressure from developers for more rapid expansion. She pointed out that the probable rate of expansion was about double what would be appropriate to achieve the task. She reminded all of the significant shortfall in funding for infrastructure. Such funding as there was would come from a tax on the new dwellings. She stressed the need to respond to the consultation process since the examiner would be obliged to take account of all the available evidence.</p> <p>She agreed with Councillor Short that there was an incentive to build bigger houses thus creating a poor mix of housing stock.</p> <p>Mrs Conway reported by email on the progress of the Central Lincs Local Plan and the consultation arrangements and drew attention to the many supporting documents available.</p>	<p><u>ACTION</u></p> <p>all</p>
10.07.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u>	
10.07.01	NKDC had agreed to include the junction of Mill Lane with the A607 in its routine sweeping schedule and the blocked drains at the bottom of Mill Lane had been notified to Highways.	
10.07.02	Lamyman's manager had been asked to deal with the overgrown vegetation on the embankment which was obscuring the road signs on Dycote Lane.	
10.07.03	There remained a number of householders whose hedges were obstructing the pavement. It was agreed that a polite letter should be sent to each to request remedial action.	Clerk
10.07.04	Mr and Mrs Fisher's planning application in Old Mulberry Close had been approved.	
10.07.05	The Tree Officer had ignored recommendations on Mrs Robinson's tree works application despite our protestations, whereas Mr Moon's tree work application had been approved.	
10.07.06	It was desirable to replace the broken post on the left hand Parish Notice board but it was agreed to consider a new bigger board to replace both boards.	
10.07.07	NKDC had recently relayed many of the supporting documents referred to by Mrs Conway in the context of the Central Lincs Plan. NKDC had intended to distribute paper copies but the clerk had requested them on line. They had been forwarded to all councilors.	
10.08.00	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u>	
10.08.01	Spending in the previous month had been £1067, with £22,100 in reserves. Spending overall was generally on budget.	
10.09.00	<u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u>	
10.09.01	<u>Environment and Highways</u> The ditch at the top of Moat Lane had been cleared and the sign revealed. There had been problems with grass cuttings blown into the gullies. The mystery water leak at the bottom of Dycote Lane had been found to be a leaking main and had been	

10.09.02	repaired. <u>Drains.</u> That the village had not flooded during the recent very heavy storm was testament to the efficacy of the new storm drain.	<u>ACTION</u>
10.09.03	<u>Welbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan.</u> The 2015 Development Plan had been approved subject to minor amendments and recommended for acceptance and was going to referendum under the auspices of NKDC. The examiner's report was on the Plan Website via the Parish Website.	
10.09.04	<u>Village Hall.</u> The children's play area had been successfully resurfaced but the roof leak over the small kitchen was still unresolved.	
10.09.05	<u>Communications</u> The Welbourn Contacts list in Two Villages had been updated.	
10.09.06	<u>Allotments.</u> Two allotment holders had let their plots get out of hand: it was agreed they should be asked in writing to tidy them. In view of the glut which stood to go to waste the clerk was to publish a notice inviting parishioners to help themselves to apples.	MC Clerk
10.09.07	<u>Castle Hill.</u> The bottom step of the causeway steps had been worked on. The handyman had described and priced those maintenance tasks he suggested and had been advised of as necessary. It was agreed to accept some limited tasks but to offer the remainder to the mowing contractor to see what his costs might be.	Clerk
10.09.00	<u>TO CONSIDER CHANGING BANKS</u> The clerk wanted to move to a more progressive and helpful bank than the existing but it was agreed to seek a bank which offers better interest rates.	Clerk
10.10.00	<u>TO CONSIDER FORMING AN EMERGENCY PLAN</u> Parishes were being encouraged to create an emergency plan. We had tried in previous years but without result. It was agreed to seek to borrow ideas from other parishes.	All
10.11.00	<u>TO CONSIDER ACTION ON CIVIL MATTERS</u> <u>Footpath obstruction.</u> Covered under 10.07.03 above. <u>Selfish Parking.</u> It was considered inappropriate to ask people not to park on verges. But obstructive parking in High Street at school delivery and collection times should be discussed with the Head Teacher with a view to action. It was noted the police had already agreed to deal with offenders. Obstruction of Manor Close also required police action.	Clerk
10.12.00	<u>TO AGREE THE MAINTENANCE TASKS FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER</u> The tasks to be done were set as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Inhibit the ivy on the trees on the corner of cow lane near the new bus shelter.</li> <li>2. Continue to maintain the outlet to the pond.</li> <li>3. Continue to clear the beck.</li> <li>4. Cut &amp; clear saplings/vegetation from both sides of the beck and around the outlet plus inhibit ivy on the trees in front of village hall.</li> <li>5. Inhibit the ivy on the tree in the hedge near Willow Cottage.</li> </ol>	

10.13.00	<u>TO CONSIDER A QUOTE FOR A NEW NOTICE BOARD</u>																	
10.13.01	The clerk wanted to replace the right hand Parish notice board with a new custom made larger design using the existing sound uprights because it is too small for the number of notices it is required to display while the left hand board is fitted with an unsuitable pinboard so he produced a quote for a suggested new board. It was agreed, however, to investigate the design and sourcing of a much larger board to replace both boards.	Clerk																
10.20.00	<u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following accounts was approved: <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>R Thorpe (maintenance)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£80.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BDG Mowing (grass cutting)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£395.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NKDC (Election costs)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£64.59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E-on (street lighting )</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£188.36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BOC (forge gases.)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£186.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P A Orme (warden duties)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£96.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pest Express (rat baiting)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£144.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M McBeath (Sep wage)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£269.01</td> </tr> </table>	R Thorpe (maintenance)	£80.00	BDG Mowing (grass cutting)	£395.00	NKDC (Election costs)	£64.59	E-on (street lighting )	£188.36	BOC (forge gases.)	£186.30	P A Orme (warden duties)	£96.00	Pest Express (rat baiting)	£144.00	M McBeath (Sep wage)	£269.01	
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10.21.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Maintenance tasks. Any planning applications.																	
10.22.00	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The next meeting of the Parish Council is due on <b>11th November at 7:30 pm</b> in the Meeting Room.	All																

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

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