

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 10th OCTOBER 2012 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30PM

PRESENT

Mr. J.R. Storer, (RS) Chairman
 Councillors: Mr Robert Cross(MC), Mr Stephen Short (SSt), Mr Stephen Spedding (SSg),
 Mr Robert Gibson (BG) and Mr John Lucas (JL)
 District Councillors Mrs Laura Conway (LC) and Mrs Marianne Overton
 Mr M McBeath Parish Clerk

		<u>ACTION</u>
10.01.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u>	
10.01.01	Parishioners did not attend	
10.01.02	The police reported by email that there had not been any recorded crimes in the village in the previous month.	
10.02.00	<u>APOLOGIES (reasons for absence)</u> County Councillor Phillips had been invited but was on holiday. Mr Coxe and Ms Brown were unwell. Dr Paxton was away on business.	
10.03.00	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> Nil	
10.04.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u>	
10.04.01	The Chairman stated that Mr Coxe had suddenly been taken ill the previous day. He spoke for all in wishing him well and a speedy recovery.	
10.04.02	The Chairman particularly thanked Mr Spedding for erecting the safety rail so neatly by the Beck outlet. Mr Coxe was also thanked for modifying it to fit the location.	
10.04.03	He was concerned about the recent vandalism at the Village Hall and how the cost of repairs might be met. He suggested that the Parish should be made aware of the cost to the community of this behaviour by a letter in Two Villages.	Clerk
10.04.04	The Chairman particularly wished to record that the bollards outside his house had been installed by LCC Highways on their own account in response to a complaint they had received about the stones that had been in place for many years. Mr Storer had not requested the bollards and the work had been done against his better judgement.	
10.05.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 12 September 2012, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved. Proposed SSg, seconded JL.	
10.06.00	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
10.06.01	<u>Safety Rail</u> A letter of thanks had been given to Mr Goodhand as	

10.06.02	<p>leader of Friends of Welbourn Forge thanking them and Mr John Foster in particular for their gift of the safety rail for the beck.</p> <p><u>Allotment gate</u> Work to modify the gate to the allotments had been overtaken by events but was in hand.</p>	
10.07.00 10.07.01 10.07.02	<p><u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u></p> <p>LC drew attention to the recently announced consultation on changes to Council Tax benefits caused by a cutback in Government funding for supporting them. Emergency planning was again topical. She hoped that Welbourn had at least a list of who is who. The greatest risk to communities was seen as a pandemic. The new bid for funding for a Cluster Youth Worker was still in process.</p> <p>MO stressed the importance of the forthcoming elections for a new Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). It was vital in her view that politics be kept out of this significant and powerful position. She explained how the Government were in the process of improving the rules under which the Core Strategy had been written. She highlighted the recent opening of the Navenby Community Centre but urged Welbourn to remain positive in promoting itself.</p>	
10.08.00 10.08.01	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Taylor Lindsey had been asked about works on the old Brooke House site. Work seen so far was preliminary to starting in earnest in February 2013. Agreement with them on the bus shelter was being sought. Branches had been removed by the remaining obscured street lamp. It had been reported the garden wall at the top of Hall Lane had simply fallen down.</p>	
10.09.00 10.09.01 10.09.02	<p><u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u></p> <p>The financial report showed expenditure of £1,595 for the month with reserves at £.15,900.</p> <p>It is good business practice to have semi annual audit. This had not been done before but was recommended as a new form of accounts suggested by the internal auditor was now in use so an audit was sought. Council agreed.</p>	Clerk
10.10.00 10.10.01 10.10.02 10.10.03	<p><u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u></p> <p><u>Constitution and Village Hall.</u> The VHPFC were hoping to recover the cost of vandalism repairs from their insurers. It was suggested that the VHPFC put up a 'no footballs' sign on the Hall by the car park.</p> <p><u>Village Matters</u> In the light of the sudden collapse of the Hall garden wall, the serious bulge in the Manor wall on High Street was now of real concern. The clerk was to contact the Manager drawing her attention to this hazard again.</p> <p><u>Highways, Footways and Drains</u> The Environment Agency and AWA were still trying to identify the nature and cause of the apparent contamination of the Beck. There was to be a meeting on 5 November between Anglian Water (AWA) and LCC Highways about the village drains. The Chairman would attend. AWA insisted that the sewerage</p>	SSt Clerk RS

	<p>overflow problems were due to rain water runoff entering the sewers which it should not, so the problem lay with Highways. Highways were strongly resisting this claim since the drains had been built many years ago and were a fact which it would be very hard to change. AWA had recently sent a team around the village to check how houses and the roads were actually drained. It seemed many people did not know how their runoff was disposed off.</p>	<u>ACTION</u>						
10.10.04	<u>Parish Plan and WPG</u> See item 11.							
10.10.05	<u>Police and NHW</u> NTR							
10.10.06	<u>Cluster Group</u> . NTR (Next meeting 18 October)							
10.10.07	<u>Health Social and Welfare</u> . NTR							
10.10.08	<u>Allotments</u> . NTR							
10.10.09	<u>Castle Hill</u> NTR							
10.11.00	<p><u>WPG</u> The team had completed their analysis of the survey and were now involved in helping NKDC catch up with all the details inherent in the complex process of making a Development Plan. Planning England had recommended professional advice in the wording of the final version of the analysis to ensure it ticked all the appropriate boxes. NKDC had appointed a specialist for this purpose; her services were available at £30 an hour. The team and Planning England were working towards getting funds for Welbourn from the sizeable grant given by Government to NKDC for this purpose. An article for Two Villages to explain matters so far was planned. Planning England were to host an information drop-in session on 1 December in Welbourn Village Hall. Further delays in getting to a positive conclusion should be expected.</p>	BG						
10.12.00	<p><u>ANNUAL CHARITY DONATIONS</u> Council agreed to fund the annual Charity donations as previously but noted the need to discuss the issue more fully as part of the budgeting process.</p>							
10.13.00	<p><u>SITING OF BUS SHELTER</u> Council agreed that the bus shelter should be sited where the bench now stands and that the bench be repositioned. Highways permission would be required because of visibility problems for traffic emerging from Cow lane.</p>	Clerk						
10.14.00	<p><u>PLANNING</u> Work on the sycamore tree at Sycamore Lodge had been approved. Council had no objections to tree works at 40 The Green.</p>	Clerk						
10.15.00	<p><u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following cheques was approved:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Chris Bleaden grass cutting September</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£591.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">G W King and Sons for churchyard</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£279.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">BT for telephone services (DD)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£59.76</td> </tr> </table>	Chris Bleaden grass cutting September	£591.17	G W King and Sons for churchyard	£279.00	BT for telephone services (DD)	£59.76	
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	E-on for street lighting £164.71 BOC for cylinder rent for Forge £167.04 Thorpe Property Services for maintenance September £225.00 M McBeath for salary and expenses September £89.75 PO - McBeath PAYE £19.40 And transfer of £2000 from savings account to current account authorised.	Clerk
10.16.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> Budget and charities	All
10.17.00	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 14th November 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.	All

There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

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