

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014 IN WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30PM

PRESENT

Mr. J.R. Storer, (RS)

Chairman

District Councillor Mrs Laura Conway (LC)

Councillors: Ms Sarah Brown (SB), Mrs Maureen Lunn (ML), Mr Robert Cross (MC), Mr John Lucas (JL), Mr Stephen Short (SSt), Dr Adam Paxton (AP).

Mr Malcolm McBeath

Parish Clerk

09.01.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
	The Police recorded by email that there had not been any reportable crimes in the previous period.	
09.02.00	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Cllr Gibson was on holiday. Cllr Spedding had been delayed at work.	
09.03.00	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> Nil	
09.04.00 09.04.01	<u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th July, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved.	
09.05.00 09.05.01 09.05.02	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u> <u>Broken swing support post.</u> Both rotten swing posts had been replaced. The VHPFC had paid the installation charge. <u>Dycote Lane garages access.</u> NKDC had been asked to maintain the access track to the former garages off Dycote Lane.	
09.06.00	<u>REVIEW OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</u> Copies of the new draft Neighbourhood Development Plan had been circulated in confidence to members beforehand. In accordance with the Localism Act, the Chairman of the Planning Group sought Council's procedural endorsement to forward it to NKDC for approval. The Plan had been most carefully crafted to accord with the NPPF and the Local Plan as far as it was known and reflected in depth the views of the parish as revealed by several surveys. He stressed that, even at this stage, details were subject to revision. A number of issues were still to be ironed out with NKDC before this process begins and in this regard the Steering Group was being advised by Planning Aid England. The Plan was approaching the statutory six week pre-submission consultation stage with Parishioners and all others who have an interest in the future development of Welbourn. After clarification questions, Council agreed to endorse the continuing production of the Plan.	
09.09.00	<u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u> LC highlighted the several applications in train for extensive new housing in Navenby.  She also drew attention to the launch of the Preliminary Draft Local Plan	

	<p>which was about to be published for consultation. She pointed out that the associated and supporting Settlement Hierarchy study listed Welbourn as a category 5 settlement which means that it is considered the least sustainable type of settlement. Further, if a proposal within or on the edge of a village in categories 3-5 of the Settlement Hierarchy would, in combination with other development built since April 2011 and committed to be built (i.e, with planning permission), increase the number of dwellings in a village by 10% or more, then the proposal should have demonstrable evidence of clear local community support for the scheme (with such support generated via a thorough and proportionate pre-application community consultation exercise or a Neighbourhood Plan exercise). If demonstrable evidence of support or objection cannot be determined, then there will be a requirement for support from the applicable Parish Council.</p> <p>Welbourn has 301 dwellings now (based on 2014 Council Tax data). Completions since 2011 need to be taken off this total to get the 2011 figure, so the 10% Threshold would be a maximum of 30 homes for the plan period (25 years, 2011 – 2036).</p> <p>LC stressed that participation in the development of the Local Plan is vital to ensure it reflects local opinions. Residents were urged to exploit the several means of responding which would be advertised.</p>	<u>ACTION</u>
<p>09.08.00 09.08.01 09.08.02 09.08.03 09.08.04</p>	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Only one of the three contractors invited to tender for extending the car park had responded.</p> <p>Agreement to erect the football club shed on the playing field had been obtained from Fields In Trust.</p> <p>The work on the Defibrillator box was complete with new labels in the display panels.</p> <p>The original VHPFC constitution had been found. It showed that the VHPFC is fully empowered to run both facilities at its own discretion for the benefit of the Parish.</p>	
<p>09.09.00 09.09.01</p>	<p><u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u></p> <p>Spending in the previous month had been £846 with £15,893 in reserves. The clerk was authorised to keep a larger float in current account to cover inadvertent shortfalls.</p> <p>It was suggested that the cost of the telephone could be reduced by paying the rent annually. The clerk was to investigate the idea.</p>	
<p>09.10.00 09.10.01 09.10.02 09.10.03</p>	<p><u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u></p> <p><u>Constitution/Audit/Village Hall.</u> The village hall accounts were healthy; redecoration of the main hall was planned. A VHPFC chairman had not yet been appointed. AP was appointed as the second PC rep on the VHPFC to replace Mr Richard Coxe.</p> <p><u>Environment and Village Matters.</u> Several highway warning signs were obscured by uncut vegetation. The Clerk was to remind Highways.</p> <p><u>Cluster Group.</u> NKDC planning officers would attend the next meeting of the Cluster Group to help launch the new Local Plan.</p>	Clerk

09.10.04	<u>Allotments.</u> The grass in the orchard needed cutting but this had to be accomplished around the apple harvest. It was decided to leave it until the apples had been harvested.	<u>ACTION</u>														
09.11.00	<u>TO REVIEW THE FITTING OF BARBED WIRE ON THE NEW MOAT LANE FENCE</u> There had been complaints about the barbed wire fitted over the new moat lane fence. It was unanimously agreed that the wire is appropriate and should remain pending the development of the new hedge intended in the gap.															
09.12.00	<u>TO DISCUSS RENEWAL OF THE DOG WARDEN'S CONTRACT.</u> It was agreed to extend Mr Orme's contract for a further 6 months.	Clerk														
09.13.00	<u>TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION RE THE WAR MEMORIAL.</u> The PCC was insisting that the war memorial was within its jurisdiction and had successfully obtained a Faculty to refurbish it. The PC agreed to relinquish the refurbishment task to the PCC.															
09.14.00	<u>TO CONSIDER THE MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CASTLE HILL</u> Better care of the east bank of Castle Hill was considered necessary. The clerk was to investigate alternative arrangements.	Clerk														
09.16.00	<u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following accounts was approved: <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">BT (telephone line rental)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£79.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G W King and Sons (churtyard)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£196.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chris Bleaden Ground Maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£366.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J R Thorpe (maintenance)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P A Orme (warden duties)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£90.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M McBeath – salary and expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£43.68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PO Ltd - PAYE McB</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£6.60</td> </tr> </table> Transfer £800 from deposit account to current account.	BT (telephone line rental)	£79.20	G W King and Sons (churtyard)	£196.00	Chris Bleaden Ground Maintenance	£366.34	J R Thorpe (maintenance)	£200.00	P A Orme (warden duties)	£90.00	M McBeath – salary and expenses	£43.68	PO Ltd - PAYE McB	£6.60	Clerk
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09.17.00	<u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u> nil															
09.18.00	<u>DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING</u> The next meeting of the Parish Council is due on 8th October 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 Councillor Mrs Conway, All PC Members, Parish Website.