

WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2013 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), Mr Robert Cross(MC), Mr John Lucas (JL), Dr Adam Paxton (AP)

PC Hanson attended to give his report and answer questions. Four members of the public attended but only for item 11 (Planning).

Mr Malcolm McBeath

Parish Clerk

		<u>ACTION</u>
09.01.00	<u>RESPECT FOR CLLR COXE</u> Before beginning the meeting the Council observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect for Richard Coxe.	
09.02.00	<u>PUBLIC FORUM</u> The police reported one case of burglary. The PCSOs assigned to our area had been changing: in the short term, only one would be available. The public attendees had come to clarify Mr Brownlow's position about the proposed changes to the Old Co-op and left once the item was complete.	
09.03.00	<u>ABSENCES</u> Cllr Coxe had died. Councillors Short and Gibson were on holiday. Cllr Spedding had unforeseen family commitments.	
09.04.00	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> Nil.	
09.05.00	<u>CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS</u>	
09.05.01	The Chairman had introduced himself to the new Archdeacon and had discussed the verges outside her house which she intended to keep smart. It was agreed that the Council's contractor should continue to cut both verges.	
09.05.02	A new source of funds for a new Notice Board in consultation with the Post Office had been identified. The Clerk was tasked to liaise with the Lowes to that purpose.	Clerk
09.05.03	The orchard had been cleared successfully using a hired brush cutter. It was hoped to use it again when necessary.	
09.05.04	The Chairman, with members of the Planning Group, intended to attend the NKDC Briefing session on Local Government affairs to be held in September.	
09.06.00	<u>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u> The minutes of the previous meetings held on 10 July and 10 August, copies of which had been circulated earlier to members, were approved.	Clerk
09.07.00	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u>	
09.07.01	<u>Pond Clearance</u> The Clerk had not obtained estimates on the cost of dredging the pond.	
09.07.02	<u>War Memorial</u> We were still waiting for the intended contractor to come forward about cleaning the War Memorial.	
09.07.03	<u>BeeHive Well Repairs</u> The adjacent landowner had given permission in	

09.07.04	principle for access to the well for repairs but a contractor had not yet been approached for a price to repair it.	<u>ACTION</u>
09.07.05	<u>Dog Warden</u> The Council expressed its appreciation for the good work being done by the dog warden as a presence for good on the streets in that he was not only patrolling for dogs fouling but also for littering, security and other forms of antisocial behaviour.	
09.08.00	<u>COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS</u>	RS/ Clerk
09.08.01	LC reported that she had gone through the Site Allocations Technical Document and that it suggests that, on average, settlements such as Welbourn might expect between 10 and 13 new homes over the next 20 years. It was agreed that this was entirely consistent with what had been happening over the previous decades. It was not clear whether the suggested allocation was in addition to the 30 already approved but not yet built, clarification is needed. She encouraged the Council and the Planning Group to respond to the site allocations consultation.	
09.09.00	<u>CLERK'S REPORT</u>	Clerk
09.09.01	A means of reproducing the information boards from Castle Hill was still being sought after several fruitless enquiries.	
09.09.02	The tree specialist's report had not yet been followed up.	
09.10.00	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u>	Clerk
09.10.01	The financial report showed expenditure of £1,123 for the previous month with reserves at £18,267.	
09.10.02	New signatories to the Planning Group's bank account were agreed as any two of RS, MC and BG.	

09.11.00	<u>REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
09.11.01	<u>Village Hall</u> . NTR.	
09.11.02	<u>Highways, Footways and Drains</u> . It had become known that Anglian Water are not notified about smaller developments and have no means of finding out in advance that extra facilities are required until the builder applies to connect to the mains. There were thus about 30 potential applications in train about which AWA had had not been formally informed. These figures did not include the extra internal facilities planned in Welbourn Hall. AWA had stated that the existing sewage treatment system could not cope with more than 10 new properties.	
09.11.03	<u>Village Matters</u> . The potholes at the bottom of Dycote Lane had still not been filled although work had been done in Moat Lane. The Chairman had taken action about the hedge overgrowing the footpath opposite Blackthorn Stables.	
09.10.04	<u>Parish Plan</u> . NTR (although recent minutes had been posted on the Parish Website).	
09.11.05	<u>Cluster Group</u> . The September meeting of the Cluster Group had been postponed till November when it was hoped to meet the new heads of our local policing team and to be briefed on how Councils were expected to respond to planning applications under the new rules.	
09.11.06	<u>Planning and Countryside</u> . NTR	
09.11.07	<u>Health Social and Welfare</u> . It was queried whether the village should have defibrillator. It was agreed in principle that it should. JL would investigate and report.	JL
09.11.08	<u>Allotments</u> . SB sought permission to buy new trees to replace those which had died. This was agreed within the assigned budget limits.	
09.11.09	<u>Castle Hill</u> . Work continued on Castle Hill as planned.	
09.12.00	<u>PLANNING</u>	
09.12.01	<u>The old Co-op</u> The Council had written to NKDC highlighting the defects in the planning application for the old Co-op whilst welcoming the move to refurbish the historically important building and bring it into productive use. The application had failed to recognise that Mr and Mrs Brownlow live at the rear as owner occupiers and have rights of access through the yard and the application had, in Council's view, mis-stated the parking problems that would arise with two families in residence. Mr Brownlow confirmed his agreement with this approach and confirmed that his deeds gave him rights of access. LC agreed to take up the problem with the Planning Officer with a view to clarification of the issues.	LC
09.12.02	<u>Welland Cottage</u> The Council had written to NKDC highlighting the parking issue that would arise if the cottage were to be occupied in its intended new form stating that off street parking provision was essential and that the front railings are an important integral part of the character of Welland House. (Post meeting this application was withdrawn.)	
09.13.00	<u>CHEQUES</u> Payment of the following accounts was approved: Thorpe Property Services for July £219.00 GW King and Sons -churchyard £190.00	

