

Welbourn Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE OF THE MEETING OF WELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH 2022 IN THE WELBOURN VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT Councillors Mr. Robert Cross Chairman
Mr. John Storer
Mr. Stephen Short
Mrs. Katie Stark
Ms Harriet Huntsman
Mr. Jake Beaty
Mr. Kevin Dowling
Mr. Chris Dixon
District Councillor Mrs. Lucille Hagues.
County Councillor Mrs Marianne Overton.

Note Taker – Cllr. Katie Stark

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Acceptance of reasons for absence**

Mrs. M. Lunn was absent due to illness’

It was resolved to accept Mrs. Lunn’s apology.

3. **Declaration of interest in any matter on the agenda.**

There was no declaration of interest.

4. **Notes of the last meeting** held on 09th February 2022 to be approved as minutes.

It was agreed that the Notes of the meeting on the 9th February 2022 were correct.

Proposed by R. Storer seconded by J. Beaty and the Chair signed the Minutes.

5. **Public Forum**

One member of the public was present as an observer.

6. **County and District Councillors update**

No further update from Cllr. Lucille Hague following her report, which had been distributed to all Parish Councillors prior to the meeting.

Cllr. Marianne Overton informed that a 17-pitch site adjacent to the A17 already had over 120 objections to this retrospective application.

With regard to the Local Plan the contentious issues were tall wind turbines and less control on size of developments in villages.

On both issues she encouraged us to comment to NKDC planning.

Highways – Mr. R. Fenwick has been promoted. He agrees with Marianne that 90 days is too long to wait for repairs to the highways. Dycote Lane is in the schedule for patching again within the next few weeks. It will not be a full resurfacing at this time.

Local Plan – Six weeks consultation from mid-March 2022.

7. **Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

a) Commemorative gifts

It was agreed that the Parish Council will donate £500 towards commemorative mugs to all children in the Primary School and Pre School. The mugs are for all aged 16 or under as well as those attending primary and preschool even if those in the latter two come from outside the Parish

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Proposed by Cllr. Katie Stark. Seconded by Cllr. Rod Storer.

A programme of events is being pulled together by the Jubilee Committee.

b) **Village Hall Proposed Memorial Garden**

A proposal has been put forward that a Memorial Garden is created in front of the Village Hall to commemorate residents who have passed away and who did work to support the village in all its various aspects.

The Parish Council have no objection in principle to this but are keen to see the design.

There is also the recommendation that it should be easy to maintain and maintained by the Village Hall Committee.

8.. **Dog litter bin update**

An Environmental Officer from NKDC met with Cllr. Rod Storer to find suitable locations on the High Street near the school. Unfortunately, one set of residents are not in agreement with one site and the other site would impede pedestrians on the footpath.

9. **Planning Applications**

a) **Application reference: 22/0293/TPO**

Description of works: T1 Sycamore - fell

Location: Joiners Arms, 21 High Street, Welbourn, Lincoln, Lincolnshire

This has a TPO therefore we would recommend it is pruned rather than felled.

b) **Application reference: 22/0294/TCA**

Description of works: T1 Bay Tree - fell; T2 Crimson King Maple Tree - fell

Location: Greystone Cottage, The Green, Welbourn, Lincoln, Lincolnshire

No objections raised.

c) **Application reference 22/0335/TCA**

Description of works: T1 Willow –Pollard. T2 Silver Birch =prune to clear telephone lines in crown.

Location: Welbourn Primary School, High Street, Welbourn.

No objections raised.

10. **Finance update.**

Account balances 04/ March 22.

611	£3638.03
772	£19549.13
638	£10385.32
677	£787.48

11 **Portfolio holders' update**

Village Hall

Village Hall Committee are interested in putting solar panels on the roof due to the high electricity costs.

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Estimated costs for panels and battery storage was £10,000. In principle it sounds sensible but we would like to see a full proposal. The Village Hall Committee have asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to contribute.

The information required would be:

- The cost of the capital investment.
- The amount of electricity it would generate
- How much would it reduce the electricity bill by?
- Therefore what would the payback be?
- What would the servicing costs be?

Guttering

We agreed that the maintenance of the VH was the PC's responsibility and the Chairman said he would have a look at the gutter to see if he could repair it before we got a contractor in.

Allotments

There is a need to write to the allotment holders to remind them that they need to pay their rent. First stage is to put a reminder notice up on the allotment gate to the effect that we need payment by 1st April 2022.

12. **Clerk/RFO vacant post update**

The RFO post has been offered, and accepted, by a successful applicant. The role of Parish Clerk remains unfilled and will be readvertised.

The meeting closed at 21.25 hrs.

13. Next meeting 13th April 2022

Copies to: All Parish Councillors, County & District Councillors,
Parish Council Web Site.

Future Parish Council Meetings:

13th April 2022
11th May 2022
8th June 2022
13th July 2022
August- no planned meeting.
14th September 2022
12th October 2022
9th November 2022
December 2022 – no planned meeting.

Signed..... Date.....
Chair, Welbourn Parish Council.