

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WESTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 8th February 2024
7:30pm at Weston Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Alistair Schofield (Chair) Cllr Jacky Jones Cllr Steve Ludbrook
Cllr John Cherry Cllr Matthew Hale

IN ATTENDANCE: Minutes taken by the Clerk

County and District Councillor Steve Jarvis from item 2024/02/020

2024/02/013 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Stewart Clifford, Cllr Tim Moody, and Cllr Judith Evans.

2024/02/014 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

2024/02/015 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

2024/02/016 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th January 2024 were approved and duly authorised by the Chairman.

2024/02/017 PLANNING

- a) Council will discuss all planning applications relevant to the Parish. As at the date of this Agenda, the following applications have been received:
 - 24/00028/FPH Erection of detached triple carport and garden room at Wheelers Plat. No objections.
- b) NHC Decision Notices. None.
- c) 23/02492/FP 292 homes at Roundwood. Meetings have been arranged with Croudace and Hertfordshire County Council (Highways) in conjunction with Graveley Parish Council to discuss likely traffic volumes and potential mitigation.

2024/02/018 FINANCE, GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

- a) Cheque Signing. The following items were approved for payment:
 - Clerk Salary (January 2024) - £316.26
 - NHC. Emptying of dog bins (01/04/23 – 31/03/24) - £643.87 (DD for information only)
 - Weston Village Hall 593 (Hall Hire) - £12.00
- b) First Aid Training Day. Council decided not to provide a full first aid course but instead to investigate the possibility of another defibrillator awareness day in April. Cllr Jones to action.
- c) Councillor Vacancy. Deferred until the next meeting.
- d) Weston Luncheon Club. Cllr Jones informed this council that the management of the luncheon club has changed. WPC wishes the new management all the best.
- e) Internal Audit year-end 31/03/24. Council agreed to change the internal auditor.

2024/02/019 PROJECTS. Nothing to report.

2024/02/020 VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT including FOOTPATHS and MAINTENANCE

- a) Well on the Village Green. Deferred to the next meeting.
- b) Refurbishment of the Village Sign. Council are awaiting clarification on pricing now the sign has been delivered.
- c) WPC Litter Pick- Saturday 3rd February. Council would like to extend their thanks to all the individuals who took part. There was an excellent turnout across Weston and Halls Green.
- d) D-Day 80 Beacons. This is a national event to be held on 6th June 2024 to mark the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. Council would be happy to help promote this event if any local organisations wish to organise their own beacon.
- e) Reported Items (ALL)
 - Cllr Schofield has reported a pothole on Hitchin Road.

2024/02/021 RECREATION GROUNDS and SPORTS FACILITIES.

- a) Remedial work at Jacksons Lane Recreation Ground. Council to investigate putting timber along the back of the parking bays to prevent vehicular damage to the adjacent fences.

2024/02/022 HIGHWAYS and LIGHTING

- a) Gritting of Chalk Hill. Cllr Steve Jarvis to progress.

2024/02/023 MATTERS ARISING

- a) Annual Parish Meeting. Date and themes to be added to the March agenda.
- b) Open Reach. Status report to be added to the March agenda.

2024/02/024 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING Thursday 14th March 2024 at 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20:46

Signed..........Chairman

Date: 14th March 2024