

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WESTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 13th June 2024
7:30pm at Weston Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Alistair Schofield (Chair) Cllr Jacky Jones Cllr Matthew Hale
Cllr Steve Ludbrook Cllr Tim Moody

IN ATTENDANCE: Minutes taken by the Clerk

County and District Councillor Steve Jarvis

2024/06/066 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Judith Evans, Cllr Stewart Clifford and Cllr John Cherry.

2024/06/067 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2024/06/068 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

2024/06/069 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th March 2024 were approved and duly authorised by the Chairman.

2024/06/070 PLANNING

- a) Council will discuss all planning applications relevant to the Parish. As at the date of this Meeting, the following applications were received.
 - 24/00626/FPH Pendmere Fore Street Weston Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7AS. No objection.
 - 24/01168/FP Land At Green End Weston Hertfordshire SG4 7AL. Clerk to request an extension to after the next meeting of Council
 - 24/01209/LBC Friends Green Damask Green Road SG4 7BU. No objection.
- b) NHC Decision Notices
 - 24/00662/LBC. The Thatched Cottage Weston SG4 7ED. Permission granted.
 - 24/00661/FPH. The Thatched Cottage Weston SG4 7ED. Permission granted.
- c) 23/02492/FP Roundwood (GA1). Cllr Schofield has had further conversations with HCC Highways and Croudace regarding Back Lane. It is anticipated that a revised application will be submitted to Nort Herts Planning.
- d) GA2 Public Consultation. A number of residents attended the public consultation on 23rd May at the Great Ashby Community Centre. The Clerk to arrange a meeting between WPC and Picture Estates to discuss the development further.

2024/06/071 FINANCE, GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

- a) Cheque Signing. The following items were approved for payment:
 - Clerk Salary (May 2024) - £316.26
 - Kelly Johnson Expenses (Weston Village Hall Inv 681 and 694) - £36.00
 - Kelly Johnson Expenses (GOV.CO.UK) - £6.00
 - Alistair Schofield (APM Expenses) - £115.93
 - Jacky Jones (Poppy Wreath) - £24.49
 - Zurich Insurance (01.06.24 – 31.05.25) - £1,140.26
 - Vicky Martin (WordPress) - £194.40
- b) First Aid Training Day. Potential dates in September are being considered.
- c) Councillor Vacancy. To be reviewed in six months.
- d) Assets of Community Value. In progress.
- e) WPC Financial Regulations. Agreed by Council. The Clerk to update the website.
- f) WPC Risk Assessment. Agreed by Council. The Clerk to update the website and to develop a template risk assessment document.

2024/06/072 VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT including FOOTPATHS and MAINTENANCE

- a) Well on the Village Green. Measurements have been provided to suppliers and quotations requested.
- b) Refurbishment of the Village Sign. Council formally thanked Cllr Moody for collecting the sign. It will be reinstalled as soon as possible.
- c) Memorial for American Bombers. In progress.
- d) Horse trough and pump. Deferred.
- e) WPC Noticeboard. Deferred.
- f) "Your Tree, Our Future". Cllr Jones to add WPC to the waiting list.
- g) Clearing School Lane to Church (FP19 & 20). No problems reported.
- h) Footpath access from wildflower meadow to Recreation Ground. No action to be taken at present.
- i) "No Lorries" signs. Several signs have been erected on roads leading to Weston. These were installed as part of the A507 weight restriction at Cottered and are designed to deter lorries from seeking alternative routes through rural lanes. The signs are advisory only.
- j) Jackson Lane parking spaces. Cllr Hale to progress.
- k) Reported Items:
 - Manhole cover Munts Meadow. Council formally thanked Bullards for reporting. Fixed by HCC Highways.
 - Manhole cover Maiden Street. Council formally thanked Hilary Bailey for reporting this issue. HCC Highways have deemed no action to be taken.

2024/06/073 RECREATION GROUNDS and SPORTS FACILITIES

- a) Cutting and bailing of wildflower meadow. Deferred.
- b) Recreation Building Maintenance. Re-felting required on the roof(s). Council to obtain measurements and cost estimates.

2024/06/074 HIGHWAYS and LIGHTING. None.

2024/06/075 MATTERS ARISING to be added to the next Agenda.

- a) The ultra-fast broadband status.

2024/06/076 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

- a) Thursday 11th July 2024 at 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 21:05

Signed.....  Chairman

Date: 11th July 2024