

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

**HELD ON THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**7:30pm at Weston Village Hall**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Alistair Schofield (Chair) Cllr Tim Moody Cllr Stewart Clifford  
Cllr Steve Ludbrook Cllr Jacky Jones Cllr Mattheew Hale  
Cllr John Cherry Cllr Judith Evans

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Minutes taken by the Clerk

County and District Councillor Steve Jarvis

5 Members of the Public

**2024/11/121 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.** None

**2024/11/122 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public raised concerns about the business use at Friends Green Farm.

**2024/11/123 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Jones declared an interest in item 2024/11/127(b)

**2024/11/124 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 were approved and duly authorised by the Chairman.

**2024/11/125 CO-OPTION TO WESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Following previous advertisements of a vacancy, Council received an application for co-option from James Logan, a resident of the parish. The motion was therefore put to Council to co-opt James Logan into the Casual Vacancy of Weston Parish Council. All in agreement. The Clerk Witnessed the signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office by James Logan. Cllr Logan was welcomed to Weston Parish Council and took up full voting rights from this point forward. Cllr Logan to forward their Declaration of Interests Form to the NHDC Monitoring Officer within 28 days of this Meeting. The Clerk to inform the NHC Monitoring Officer and NHC Elections of the appointment of Cllr Logan.

**2024/11/126 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:
  - 24/02203/FPH Kyrenia SG4 7AA. No objection.
  - 24/02384/FPH West Barn Friends Green Farm SG4 7BU. No objection.
  - 24/02385/LBC West Barn Friends Green Farm SG4 7BU. No objection.
- b) NHC Decision Notices:
  - 24/01737/FP Lannock Farm SG4 7EE. Permission refused.
  - 24/01737/FP West Barn Friends Green Farm SG4 7BU. Permission granted.
  - 24/00482/FP Munts SG4 7AG. Permission granted.
- c) GA1 Roundwood. A representative from Croudace Homes and a representative from NHC Strategic Planning (Transport) will be attending the next meeting of the Great Ashby Community Council on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 1930. WPC Councillors have been invited to attend. Cllr Hale to contact traffic consultants.
- d) GA2. The GA2 Masterplan is the subject of an NHC Agenda item for their Cabinet and Full Council Meetings on the 21<sup>st</sup> November and 28<sup>th</sup> November respectively. NHC Officers are expected to present the draft GA2 Masterplan to NHC Councillors at the public meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> November where NHC approval will be sought for the plan.

**2024/11/127 FINANCE, GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

- a) Cheque Signing. The following items were approved for payment:
  - Clerk Salary (October 2024) - £338.40
  - Clerk Salary (Backdated April – October 2024) - £132.84
  - Weston Village Hall (Inv 794) - £12.00
  - Creative Pond Covers (Village Well) - £1,740.00
  - Stewart Bullard & Son LTD (Grass Cutting) - £5,273.95
- b) Grant Applications for the 2025/26 Financial Year:
  - Weston Luncheon Club. Application for £300 to be used to buy capital equipment required to cook the lunches. Agreed.
  - Weston Cricket Club. Application for funds to be used to make the grounds more accessible. WPC agreed a grant of £300.
- c) 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of “Victory in Europe” Day (8<sup>th</sup> May 2025). This Council will be supportive of any initiative arranged to support this.
- d) Christmas Celebrations
  - Lighting of the Christmas Tree and Carol Singing Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December
  - Father Christmas visit to the village Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December
- e) Draft Budget. The Clerk to re-circulate the draft budget using a draft Precept of £23,000
- f) Asset Register and Reserves Policy. Reserves Policy. Cllr Schofield to update and recirculate.. Asset Register. Clerk to update and recirculate.
- g) Sale of Weston Post Office and Stores. Under the Localism Act 2011 this Council has historically registered the Weston PO and Stores as an Asset of Community Value. The current owner and potential new owner kindly attended this meeting. The potential buyer confirmed that their intention is to retain the use as a village shop. Council have no objection to the sale and wished all parties well.

**2024/11/128 VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT including FOOTPATHS and MAINTENANCE**

- a) Well on the Village Green. No update for this meeting
- b) Memorial for American Bombers. Provisional dates in January 2025 – for further information people should contact Cllr Clifford.
- c) Village Event Parking Issues. Concerns were raised by a minority of residents following the fireworks event organised by Friends of Weston School (FoWS). A particular concern was cars parked on the village green. A representative FoWS attended the meeting. It was clarified that 1,700 tickets were sold with 150 non-attendees. Ample parking was allocated with parking marshals around the village. The representative from FoWS indicated that next year more cones would be used, and the village green could be roped off. Council formally congratulated FoWS for the substantial funds raised at this event of circa £12,000 and thanked them for their ongoing support and contribution towards the village primary school.

Other residents had raised concerns regarding congestion when there were rugby or football matches. Marshals are present to direct cars to appropriate parking locations for youth rugby matches as they attract more spectators. Adequate off-road parking is available for adult rugby matches. It was hoped that a recent problem will not occur again as it was caused by the unfortunate incident of a youth rugby and football game occurring at the same time, despite both clubs working to avoid such clashes.

- d) Reported Items (ALL)
  - Wildflower Meadow. Cllr Cherry reported that the wildflower meadow had been cut. The Council extended their thanks to Cllr Cherry for undertaking this on behalf of the parish.
  - Fence at Irongate Farm obscuring the litter bin at Halls Green.
  - Leaves in Jackson Lane have been cleared.

**2024/11/129 RECREATION GROUNDS and SPORTS FACILITIES**

- a) Recreation Building Maintenance. Deferred until the spring.
- b) Tennis Court Maintenance. Cllr Schofield reported that the Tennis Club are currently obtaining quotations for the resurfacing of the lower court and the repair of the fencing.
- c) Fencing repairs Jacksons Lane. Council agreed a budget of £250.

**2024/11/130 HIGHWAYS and LIGHTING**

- a) Parking on Maiden Street. The parking/obstruction issues at the school were discussed. It was agreed that parking, whilst a nuisance for short periods of the day, was not a major safety issue and restricting parking with yellow lines may increase speeds and therefore increase danger. County Councillor Steve Jarvis reported that the new speed signs agreed with the school management will be installed in this financial year

**2024/11/131 MATTERS ARISING to be added to the next Agenda**

- a) Weston Village Hall road markings. A representative from the Village Hall Committee has contacted this Council. The Committee wish to reinstate the yellow safety road markings and add warning signs to the side of the building. Council confirmed they are happy for this to proceed.
- b) Resurfacing of the red path.

**2024/11/132 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 7.30pm**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 21:50

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

**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024**