

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WESTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 12th December 2024
7:30pm at Weston Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Alistair Schofield (Chair) Cllr Tim Moody Cllr Stewart Clifford
Cllr James Logan

IN ATTENDANCE: Minutes taken by the Clerk

2024/12/133 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Steve Ludbrook, Cllr Jacky Jones, Cllr Matthew Hale, Cllr Judith Evans, and Cllr John Cherry.

2024/12/134 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. None

2024/12/135 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS. None

2024/12/136 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

2024/12/137 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: None
- b) NHC Decision Notices:
 - 24/02203/FPH. Kyrenia SG4 7AA. Permission granted.
 - 24/01859/FPH. Pencroft SG4 7BG. Permission granted.
 - 24/01860/LBC. Pencroft SG4 7BG. Permission granted.
- c) GA1 "Roundwood". The Planning Application is due to be submitted before Christmas.
- d) GA2. The Masterplan has been submitted to and accepted by North Herts Council.

2024/12/138 FINANCE, GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

- a) Cheque Signing. The following items were approved for payment:
 - Clerk Salary (November 2024) - £338.40
 - Weston Village Hall Invoice 818 (Hall Hire) - £12.00
 - David Baines (Christmas Celebrations) - £75.00
 - Steve Ludbrook (Bin Emptying) - £250.00
 - Alistair Schofield (Christmas Celebrations) - £342.79
- b) Christmas Celebrations. Council formally thanked Cllr Clifford and Cllr Moody for arranging the WPC contribution to the Christmas Tree Festival. Council also formally thanked Lannock Christmas Trees for providing the Parish Christmas Tree, Cllr Moody for putting the lights up, and Mr Baines for supplying the electricity. Thank you to all who attended the lighting of the tree and the carol singing so brilliantly led by Hillary Bailey. Father Christmas is looking forward to visiting the village on Saturday 14th December after the storms made it unsafe to visit on Saturday 7th.
- c) Draft Budget. Council agreed a Precept of £23,000 and approved the budget for FY 2025/6.
- d) Asset Register and Reserves Policy. The Asset Register and Reserves Policy were agreed by Council. The Clerk to update the WPC website.

2024/12/139 VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT including FOOTPATHS and MAINTENANCE

- a) Well on the Village Green. The bricklaying to be done when the weather is dryer.
- b) Memorial for American Bombers. An exhibition and walking tour of the crash site has been arranged for Saturday 25th January 2025 to start at Lollywood Café. For further information please contact Cllr Clifford or see the Facebook page "Weston, Herts, B17's Memorial".
- c) Weston Village Hall road markings. The Saturday café has offered to donate £160 towards this work.
- d) Resurfacing of the Red Rath. It was agreed that Red Path should be resurfaced, with the ideal time to complete the work being after the well work is completed as that will involve some grading of the surface and the filling of the area adjacent to the path that is prone to flooding. Cllr Moody to provide a cost estimate for materials for a future meeting.
- e) Reported Items (ALL)
 - Bins. This Council has been notified that as a cost-cutting exercise NHC are going to remove some of the kerb-side litter bins. Cllr Schofield to contact NHC in an attempt to retain some of the most used bins.

2024/12/140 RECREATION GROUNDS and SPORTS FACILITIES

- a) Tennis Court Maintenance. No update for this meeting.

2024/12/141 HIGHWAYS and LIGHTING

2024/12/142 MATTERS ARISING to be added to the next Agenda

- a) Village Website and village historical
- b) Tree Inspection March 2025
- c) Parishioner footpath from Marlborough Close to Town Farm
- d) HAPTC Subscription.
- e) Litter Pick

2024/12/143 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING Thursday 9th January 2025 at 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20:51

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

Date: 9th January 2025