

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WESTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 8th May 2025
7:30pm at Weston Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Alistair Schofield (Chair) Cllr John Cherry Cllr Judith Evans
Cllr Jacky Jones Cllr James Logan

IN ATTENDANCE:

Minutes taken by the Clerk

2025/05/045 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND DECLARATION OF THE CHAIRMAN'S ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Schofield was elected as Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Evans. Seconded by Cllr Cherry. All in favour.

2025/05/046 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr John Cherry was elected as Vice-Chairman.

2025/05/047 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Matthew Hale, Cllr Tim Moody, Cllr Steve Ludbrook and Cllr Stewart Clifford

2025/05/048 TO AGREE COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- a) Finance: Cllr Logan.
- b) Planning: Cllr Ludbrook and Cllr Hale.
- c) Recreation Grounds and Sports Facilities: Cllr Schofield.
- d) Village Environment including Footpaths and Maintenance: Cllr Evans.
- e) Highways and Lighting: All.
- f) Communications and Media: Cllr Jones.

2025/05/049 TO AGREE DATES AND START TIMES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

It was agreed to continue to hold the Meetings on the second Thursday of each month with a start time of 7.30pm.

2025/05/050 TO REVIEW THE FOLLOWING POLICES:

- a) WPC Standing Orders. Updated Model Standing Order 18 further to the recent changes to procurement legislation and to ensure consistency with NALC's Model Financial Regulations. The changes are to 18.a.v, 18.c, 18.d and 18.f of the 2022 version. Model Standing Order 14 has also been updated to better reflect Code of Conduct Requirements.
- b) WPC Code of Conduct. No changes required.

2025/05/051 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. None

2025/05/052 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None

2025/05/053 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th April 2025 were approved and duly authorised by the Chairman.

2025/05/054 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:
- 25/00926/FP Friends Green Farm SG4 7BU. **OBJECTION.**
- b) NHC Decision Notices. None.
- c) GA1 "Roundwood". No update for this meeting.
- d) GA2. No update for this meeting.
- e) WE1. It is understood that a developer has agreed to purchase the land subject to obtaining planning permission.

2025/05/055 ANNUAL INSURANCE POLICY REVIEW

The Policy was reviewed and agreed for the period 01/06/2025-31/05/2026. The well cover to be added to the Asset Register:

2025/05/056 FINANCE, GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

- a) Cheque Signing. The following items were approved for payment:
- Clerk Salary (April 2025) - £360.00
 - Weston Village Hire (Invoice 942) - £12.00
 - Zurich (Annual Insurance Policy Review) - £1,022.39
 - Mr Lindsay Patmore (Word Press) - £43.20
 - Mr Roger Seifert (Grass Cutting) - £303.75
 - Alistair Schofield. Expenses (Parish Meeting) - £122.83

2025/05/057 VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT including FOOTPATHS and MAINTENANCE

- a) Tree Inspection. Evolution Treeworks to prepare a report for proposed works to be undertaken.
- b) Installation of steps on footpath from Church towards Halls Green. In progress.
- c) Reported Items. An overflowing bin was reported.

2025/05/058 RECREATION GROUNDS and SPORTS FACILITIES.

- a) Cllr Cherry has kindly agreed to cut and bale the wildflower meadow at the appropriate time.

2025/05/059 HIGHWAYS and LIGHTING. None.

2025/05/060 MATTERS ARISING to be added to the next Agenda:

- a) Agree the Annual General Accounting Return
- b) Communications and Media

2025/05/061 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING Thursday 12th June 2025 at 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20:18

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

Date: 12th June 202