

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WESTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 13th March 2025
7:30pm at Weston Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Alistair Schofield (Chair) Cllr John Cherry Cllr Tim Moody
Cllr James Logan Cllr Steve Ludbrook Cllr Matthew Hale

IN ATTENDANCE:

Minutes taken by the Clerk
North Herts Council Community Partnership Tracy Westgate

2025/03/023 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Judith Evans, Cllr Jacky Jones and Cllr Stewart Clifford. Cllr Steve Ludbrook attended up to and including item 2025/03/029.

2025/03/024 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

2025/03/025 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

2025/03/026 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th February 2025 were approved and duly authorised by the Chairman.

2025/03/027 PLANNING

- a) Council will discuss all planning applications relevant to the Parish. As at the date of this Meeting, the following applications were received:
- 25/00497/FPH at Friends Green Farm SG4 7BU. No objection.
 - 25/00498/LBC at Friends Green Farm SG4 7BU. No objection.
- a) NHC Decision Notices: None
- b) GA1 "Roundwood". No update for this meeting.
- c) GA2. No update for this Meeting.
- d) Lightrock installation at Cumberlow Green - Chris Hinchliff MP letter to Parish Councils. Cllr Hale to attend the public consultation meeting on the 18th March.

2025/03/028 FINANCE, GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

- a) Cheque Signing. The following items were approved for payment:
- Clerk Salary (February 2025) - £338.40
 - Weston Village Hall (Invoice 899) - £12.00
 - Steve Ludbrook (Bin Bags) - £22.04
 - Tim Moody (Refreshments for Litter Pick) - £85.00
 - Tim Moody (Paint for Well Cover) - £34.00
 - NHC (Annual Play Inspection Reports) - £120.00
 - NHC (Emptying of Dog Bins) - £674.74
- b) Assets of Community Value. Cllr Schofield has resubmitted the application for Weston Stores.
- c) Annual Parish Meeting. Confirmed as 7th May at 19:30. Details to be advertised nearer the time.
- d) WPC Finance Reports. Deferred to the next meeting.

2025/03/029 VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT including FOOTPATHS and MAINTENANCE

- a) Well on the Village Green. The cover is now on the well. Council extended their thanks to Councillor Moody for overseeing this Project and doing so much of the work himself.
- b) Tree Inspection March 2025. Evolution Tree Works to carry out the inspection.
- c) Litter Pick. Council would like to thank everyone who took part in the litter pick.
- d) Reported Items
 - Blocked drains (Maiden Street)
 - Broken road sign (Village Green)
 - Worn markings and displaced sign (Post Office Row)
 - Unauthorised road closure 10th March (Maiden Street). Herts Highways confirmed that no permit was issued for the road closure and will follow up with BT/Openreach.
 - The overflowing dog waste bin at the Recreation Ground has been reported.
 - The broken dog waste bin in Friars Road has been repaired.
 - Highways have been contacted to challenge the ownership of the non-working street light near the garages in Friars Road, which Highways do not believe to be their responsibility.
 - Damask Close. This Council would like to extend their thanks to the residents of Damask Close who have done such a fantastic job cutting overgrown vegetation and edging the grass along the footpaths. Cllr Mood to contact residents to discuss a suitable planting scheme to replace the removed brambles

2025/03/030 RECREATION GROUNDS and SPORTS FACILITIES.

- a) Tennis Club Sponsorship. The Tennis club has requested permission to put up a sponsor's sign at the club. Councillors agreed to grant permission.

2025/03/031 HIGHWAYS and LIGHTING. None.

2025/03/032 MATTERS ARISING to be added to the next Agenda:

- a) Discussion on English Devolution
- b) Hedging plants for Damask Close
- c) Installation of steps on footpath from Church towards Halls Green

2025/03/033 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING Thursday 10th April 2025 at 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20:28

Signed.....  Chairman

Date: 10th April 2025