

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WESTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025**  
**7:30pm at Weston Village Hall**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Alistair Schofield (Chair) Cllr Jacky Jones Cllr Tim Moody  
Cllr Stewart Clifford Cllr Matthew Hale

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Minutes taken by the Clerk

**2025/10/114 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr James Logan, Cllr Steve Ludbrook, Cllr John Cherry and Cllr Judith Evans

**2025/10/115 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**2025/10/116 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**2025/10/117 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 were approved and duly authorised by the Chairman.

**2025/10/118 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:
  - 25/02291/FPH Glebe Cottage Church Lane Weston SG4 7DJ. No objection.
  - 25/02292/LBC Glebe Cottage Church Lane Weston SG4 7DJ. No objection.
- b) NHC Decision Notices. None received.
- c) Roundwood GA1. The Construction Management Plan will be secured by a condition. The Application for approval of details reserved by condition will be available to view on the NHC website when received. WPC will have the opportunity to comment.
- d) GA2 – Nothing to report.
- e) WE1 – Nothing to report.

**2025/10/119 FINANCE, GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

- a) Cheque Signing. The following items were approved for payment:
  - Clerk Salary (September 2025) - £360.00
  - Clerk Expenses (305XL Ink Cartridges Black) - £28.89
  - Clerk Expenses (WVH Invoice 1045) - £12.00
  - A Schofield Expenses (Repair of Road Sign) - £4.78
  - Bullards (Grass Cutting) - £105.46
- b) Asset of Community Value (ACV) Terms Triggering Event. Members expressed their thanks to the owners of the Cricketers public house for notifying WPC that they are in the process of transferring ownership from personal ownership to Anglian Country Inns. Because the pub is registered as an Asset of Community Value, WPC have the option of requesting a delay in the process to enable us to become involved. However, because the transaction will have no impact on the management or running of the pub, Members agreed that our involvement would not be necessary and that we would therefore not wish to trigger the 6-week delay in the proceedings.
- c) HCC Winter Celebration Event Grant. WPC have secured a grant from HCC of £275 towards the village Christmas celebrations. WPC would like to thank Tracy Westgate at HCC for her assistance in publicising the grant process.

- d) Christmas celebrations. The Christmas tree to be lit on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec with the village celebrations on the evening of Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Members wished to record their thanks to Alex Cherry for again donating a Christmas tree for the village.
- e) North Herts Council - Section 106 Planning Contributions Survey. Cllr Schofield has submitted a response on behalf of WPC.
- f) New Bank Account. WPC have opened a new bank account with The Unity Bank Trust. Funds are in the process of being transferred to this new account from the existing Barclays account. Cllr Schofield, Cllr Moody and Cllr Jones, and the Clerk are authorised signatories on the new account.

**2025/10/120 VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT including FOOTPATHS and MAINTENANCE**

- a) The Red Lion. The Red Lion is a Community Asset. This gives WPC the right to bid for the asset should it come up for sale at any point. WPC have no jurisdiction over the day-to-day use of the property.
- b) Remembrance Sunday. The Tommy statue to be put up on the Village Green.
- c) Reported Items (All).
  - Parking outside Weston Primary & Nursery School. WPC do not endorse putting double yellow lines opposite the school. Cllr Schofield to respond to enquiry from the school.
  - Several streetlights in the village are not working. These have been reported to HCC.
  - Working Party to tidy up hedgerows and brambles on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Volunteers to meet at 0930 at the Village Hall. Provisional dates for subsequent working parties on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

**2025/10/121 RECREATION GROUNDS and SPORTS FACILITIES**

- a) Tennis Pavilion Roof Repairs. WPC approved an additional £250 budget for this Project.

**2025/10/122 HIGHWAYS and LIGHTING**

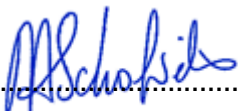
Nothing to report

**2025/10/123 MATTERS ARISING**

- a) North Herts Planning Application 25/01947/FP Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), ground mounted solar farm, associated infrastructure, access and landscaping on land south of A507 near Cumberlow Green. The WPC response was approved for submission by the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**2025/10/124 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.30pm

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

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

**Date: 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025**