

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Minutes taken by the Clerk

2025/11/125 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Judith Evans, Cllr Jacky Jones and Cllr James Logan

2025/11/126 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2025/11/127 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

2025/11/128 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th October 2025 were approved and duly authorised by the Chairman.

2025/11/129 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:
 - 25/02764/FPH Weston Bury SG4 7DL. No objection.
- b) NHC Decision Notices. None received.
- c) Roundwood GA1. No update for this meeting.
- d) GA2. The developer, Picture Estates, will be submitting a planning application to North Hertfordshire District Council soon. Once validated, the NHC will publicise the details on its website and invite comments from residents and interested parties as part of the statutory consultation process
- e) WE1. No update for this meeting.

2025/11/130 FINANCE, GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

- a) The following items were approved for payment:
 - Clerk Salary (October 2025) - £360. Paid by DD.
 - Clerk Expenses (Castle Water 10007991366 & 10008262765) - £17.82
 - Weston Village Hall (Invoice 1068) - £35.00
 - Ramsey Ludbrook (Annual Bin emptying) - £250
 - Alistair Schofield Expenses (Repair of Pavilion) - £572.99
- b) The following policies were reviewed:
 - WPC Asset Register. Cllr Schofield to update.
 - WPC Reserves Policy. The wording was agreed for the B17 Memorial Restricted Reserve.
 - WPC Safeguarding Policy. No changes proposed.
 - WPC Correspondence and Data Policy. No changes proposed.
- c) Budget Setting 2026/27. Proposal: To increase the Precept Demand by £2,000 to £25,000. Council voted 5 in favour, 1 against. Proposal carried.
- d) Christmas Celebrations. The Christmas tree to be lit on Friday 5th Dec with the village celebrations on the evening of Saturday 6th December.
- e) New Bank Account. Cllr Schofield, Cllr Jones, Cllr Moody are set up as authorised signatories for online banking with Unity Bank PLC. WPC are in the process of closing their Barclays accounts and transferring the funds.
- f) Grant Application Weston Luncheon Club. Deferred to the next meeting.

2025/11/131 VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT including FOOTPATHS and MAINTENANCE

- a) Reported Items
 - Playground Inspections. The Play Inspection Company have highlighted 3 areas of concern at the Recreation Ground and The Snipe that require urgent attention. Cllr Schofield and Cllr Moody to action.
- b) Village Clear up Day. Members wished to thank everyone who turned up to help tidy up areas of the village. A great deal was achieved, and another day is being arranged for Saturday 22nd November.

2025/11/132 RECREATION GROUNDS and SPORTS FACILITIES

- a) Damage to Roof of Tennis Pavilion. Members would like to thank Jamie Miessner and Dan Dickey for their help in re-felting the pavilion roof.
- b) Changing Room Roof Repairs. Cllr Schofield and Cllr Moody reported that they had repaired the vandalised areas of the roof. It was also noted that the timber boarding the sides of the roof was rotting. Council agreed a budget of £300 to replace the rotted boarding. Cllr Schofield to action.

2025/11/133 HIGHWAYS and LIGHTING

- a) Reported Items
 - Broken lights at The Snipe have now been repaired.

2025/11/134 MATTERS ARISING

- a) Red Path. Budget requested of £250 for stone chippings.
- b) Replacement dog bin for the Recreation Ground.

2025/11/135 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING Thursday 11th December 2025 at 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 21:20

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

Date: 11th December 2025