

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WESTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 12th March 2026
7:30pm at Weston Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Alistair Schofield (Chair) Cllr Tim Moody Cllr Judith Evans
Cllr Stewart Clifford Cllr James Logan Cllr John Cherry

IN ATTENDANCE: Minutes taken by Kelly Buckle (Clerk)

2026/03/023 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Jacky Jones, Cllr Steve Ludbrook and Cllr Matthew Hale

2026/03/024 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. None

2026/03/025 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None

2026/03/026 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th February 2026 were approved and duly authorised by the Chairman.

2026/03/027 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:
 - 26/00294/FP Lannock Manor Farm SG4 7EE. No objection.
- b) NHC Decision Notices:
 - 25/03211/FP Fairclough Hall Farm SG4 7DP. Permission granted.

2026/03/028 FINANCE, GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

- a) Payments made since the last meeting. Noted and attached at Appendix 1.
- b) Internal Audit for Year-End 31st March 2026. The Clerk to appoint an Internal Auditor.
- c) WVH Trustee Representative. There is a vacancy for a PC representative. If parish residents are interested in getting involved, please contact representatives of the Village Hall Committee or the Parish Clerk at westonclerk@yahoo.co.uk.
- d) Village Hall Roof Replacement. The Chair briefed the Council on the process for obtaining a Public Works Loan and the potential costs. Councillors agreed to formally discuss the principle of obtain such a loan at the April meeting.
- e) North Herts Draft Design Code Supplementary Planning Document. Open consultation runs until 2nd April. No comment.
- f) Chris Hinchliff MP Visit 6th March. The visit was structured around a Q&A format and was very well attended. Cllr Moody verbally fed back to WPC on the issues discussed.
- g) Annual Parish Meeting. Confirmed as Friday 24th April at 1930.

2026/03/029 VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT including FOOTPATHS and MAINTENANCE

- a) NHC Review of the village to look at the current litter-bin provision. NHC to arrange a review of the village to look at the current litter-bin provision, including the two locations highlighted by WPC around Fore Street/Mill Lane and Damask Green Road/Park Drive. This will help NHC understand how the changes made last year are working in practice and whether any adjustments or reinstatements may be appropriate.
- b) Neighbourhood Policing Team. To note the drop-in session on Saturday 13th June 10:00-11:30.
- c) Damage to verges in Hitchin Road. Cllr Moody to obtain quotes for large rocks to protect the verge.
- d) Food Bank. April will be the 70th consecutive month that the foodbank has run. Cllr Moody to write an article for the WPN.
- e) Reported Items.
 - Overflowing bins. A number have been reported and subsequently emptied by NHC.
 - A member of the public has reported a semi-clothed rambler to the police.

2026/03/030 RECREATION GROUNDS and SPORTS FACILITIES

- a) Cllr Schofield to negotiate a new contract for the provision of electricity to the recreation ground

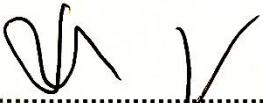
2026/03/031 HIGHWAYS and LIGHTING. None.

2026/03/032 MATTERS ARISING to be placed on the next Agenda.

- a) Weston Speed Limit.

2026/03/033 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING Thursday 9th April 2026 at 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20:52

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

Date: 9th April 2026

APPENDIX 1 – PAYMENTS MADE SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Date	Payee/Description	Budget Heading	Voucher	Amount	Ex VAT	VAT
20/02/2026	British Gas (Tennis Club)	Administrative / Utilities	2026/49	30.87	30.87	0.00
31/01/2026	UNITY Service Charge	Administrative / Utilities	N/A	6.00	6.00	0.00
10/03/2026	Reimbursement for refreshments for litter pick	Administrative / Utilities	2026/50	45.00	45.00	0.00
10/03/2026	1st- Surface LTD	RESERVES	2026/51	13,191.60	10,993.00	2,198.60
10/03/2026	Weston Village Hall 1154	Village Hall Hire	2026/52	15.00	15.00	0.00