

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WESTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 11th June 2026
7:30pm at Weston Village Hall

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Cllr Alistair Schofield (Chair), Cllr John Cherry, Cllr Tim Moody, Cllr Stewart Clifford, Cllr James Logan, and Cllr Steve Ludbrook

In Attendance: Kelly Buckle (Clerk), Cllr Steve Jarvis (District and County Councillor)

Members of Public: None

2026/06/062 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Jacky Jones, Cllr Judith Evans and Cllr Matthew Hale

2026/06/063 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

2026/06/064 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

2026/06/065 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th May 2026 were approved and duly authorised by the Chairman.

2026/06/066 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:
 - Planning Appeal Notification Ref: 25/02950/FP. Land To The Front Of Everglades, Maiden Street SG4 7AA. WPC continues to have no objection.
- b) NHC Decision Notices:
 - 26/00294/FP Lannock Manor Farm SG4 7EE. Permission granted.
 - 26/00074/LBC Juniper Cottage SG4 7AA. LBC granted.
 - 26/00054/FP Juniper Cottage SG4 7AA. Permission granted.
- c) NHC Notice of Intention to begin a review of the Local Plan. Scoping Consultation 11 May - 28 June 2026 period noted. Cllr Schofield to respond on behalf of WPC stating that Council would like to provide input at the appropriate time on the Green Belt and Conservation Area boundaries.

2026/06/067 2025/2026 ANNUAL GENERAL ACCOUNTING RETURN.

Resolved: To Approve the following documents:

- a) Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2025/26
- b) Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2025/26
- c) Bank Reconciliation and Explanation of Variances
- d) The Period for the Exercise of Public Rights as Wednesday 1st July – Tuesday 11th August 2026

Proposed: Cllr Schofield
Seconded: Cllr Cherry
In Favour: All

All documents to be displayed on the Council website as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 and the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. The Clerk to return all documentation to the External Auditor no later than the **30th June 2026**.

2026/06/068 FINANCE, GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

- a) Income and Expenditure since the last Meeting. There has not been any income received since the last meeting. There has been expenditure of £2,294.69 since the last meeting.
- b) Public Works Loan for Village Hall Roof Replacement. Cllr Schofield pointed out that the timescale for obtaining a Public Works Loan are quite significant. Cllr Clifford to ascertain whether the VHC would still like to pursue that route. Cllr Schofield offered to meet with representatives from the Village Hall Committee to discuss timescales and the requirements necessary to obtain a Public Works Loan.

2026/06/069 VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT including and MAINTENANCE

- a) Damage to verge in Hitchin Road. Repairs were completed. Item closed.
- b) Reported Items:
 - Overgrown Footpath behind Warrens Green Farm. Cllr Cherry to progress.
 - Giant Hogweed Plants. Reported.

2026/06/070 RECREATION GROUNDS and SPORTS FACILITIES.

2026/06/071 HIGHWAYS and LIGHTING

- a) 20mph Village Speed Limit. Proposal: To extend the request for 20mph limit(s) to Halls Green. This is included as the request was that all 30mph zones within the parish be converted to 20mph zones.
- b) Reported Items:
 - Manhole cover Maiden Street. Thanks to Hilary Baily for reporting and to Cllr Clifford for effecting a repair. Cllr Clifford also reported that paint has appeared around the cover suggesting that it is scheduled for a more permanent repair by Highways.

2026/06/072 MATTERS ARISING to be placed on the next Agenda

- a) Repair of basketball hoops. Estimate £950 (including delivery)

2026/06/073 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

- a) Thursday 9th July 2026 at 7.30pm
- b) Thursday 13th August 2026 at 7.30pm
- c) Thursday 10th September 2026 at 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20:58

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

Date: 9th July 2026