

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WESTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 9th July 2026
7:30pm at Weston Village Hall

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Cllr Alistair Schofield (Chair), Cllr Tim Moody, Cllr Stewart Clifford, Cllr Jacky Jones, and Cllr Steve Ludbrook

In Attendance: Cllr Steve Jarvis (District and County Councillor)

Members of Public: None

2026/07/074 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Evans, Cllr Hale, Cllr Cherry, Cllr Logan and the Parish Clerk.

Minutes taken by Cllr Schofield.

2026/07/075 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public attended.

2026/07/076 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

2026/07/077 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

2026/07/078 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. None.
- b) NHC Decision Notices. None.

2026/07/079 FINANCE, GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

- a) Income and Expenditure since the last Meeting. There has been expenditure of £672.92 since the last meeting. This including an invoice for grass cutting for £544. There has been income of £2,289.19 since the last meeting. This includes the 2024/25 VAT126 reclaim of £2,272.75.
- b) Finance Report 2026/27 Q1. Previously circulated. Deferred to next meeting.
- c) Public Works Loan for Village Hall Roof Replacement. Cllr Clifford reported that the Village Hall Committee believe that they will be able to fund the roof repairs without the need of a Public Works Loan (PWL) and are therefore notifying the Council that a PWL will no longer be necessary.
- d) Councillor Vacancy. Cllr Judith Evans is moving away from the parish and has therefore tendered her resignation as a Parish Councillor with effect from the 27th July. The Clerk to notify NHC Elections and Monitoring Officer on this date. Members agreed unanimously to recognise the significant contribution Judith has made to both the Parish Council and the parish at large by granting her Freedom of the Parish, the highest honour that a Parish Council can bestow. Council also agreed to host a leaving event for her at the Cricketers pub on the evening of Thursday 16th July.

The vacancy will be advertised in WPN and on Facebook.

2026/07/080 VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT including and MAINTENANCE

- a) Damage to verge in Hitchin Road. Work to be completed shortly.
- b) Groundswell 2026. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to congratulate the organisers for yet another successful event promoting the huge environmental benefits of regenerative agriculture. Members also agreed that the traffic management during the 2 days of the event was far better than in previous years and that it was key to minimising the disruption to the community.

2026/07/081 RECREATION GROUNDS and SPORTS FACILITIES

- a) Basketball Hoop Repairs. Cllr Schofield had obtained a quotation for like-for-like replacement parts. Council agreed a budget of £1,000. Cllr Schofield to order and fit the parts.
- b) Cllr Schofield reported that the roof of the tennis pavilion porch was leaking. Council agreed a budget of £120 for new felt. Cllr Schofield to order the felt and organise the repair.

2026/07/082 HIGHWAYS and LIGHTING

Nothing to report.

2026/07/083 MATTERS ARISING to be placed on the next Agenda

- a) Pollarding of the Willow tree on the Village Green (AS)
- b) Overhanging trees and overgrowing verges (MH)
- c) Village artefacts (TM)

2026/07/084 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

- a) Thursday 13th August 2026 at 7.30pm
- b) Thursday 10th September 2026 at 7.30pm
- c) Thursday 8th October at 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20:00

Signed..... Chairman



Date: 13th August 2026