

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
on Wednesday, 4th March 2020 in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Chase, Henderson, C Laughton, P Laughton, Lowney and Saddington
C/Cllr Laughton, D/Cllr Michael

1 Member of the Public

Apologies: - Cllr Francis

200210 Reasons for Absence were approved,

Declarations of Interest – Cllrs Chase, C Laughton, P Laughton – 200215 (iv)

Open Forum – ten minutes to receive questions and comments from members of the public

NONE

200211 To accept the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th February 2020

After a discussion, Cllr P Laughton proposed accepting the minutes, Cllr C Laughton seconded. Agreed unanimously

200212 To note and report matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

i) Clerk Vacancy

One application has been received. The Chair has emailed and rung the applicant but has not managed to speak to them.

It was agreed to re-advertise the vacancy with new dates – closing date 17.04.20 and

interviews w/c 20.04.20. The Chair to inform applicant of the new timescale. Cllr

Laughton to advertise in Unity Magazine, Cllr Lowney to place advert on FaceBook and website.

200213 To receive reports from County Council and District Council Representatives

D/Cllr Michael informed the meeting that N&S Homes has been brought back in house with potential savings of £800k per year. Some of the staff have moved across and there is a new housing manager.

The Chair requested an inspection of the soil heaps deposited to form a floodbank at Scarthingmoor by N&SDC as on a walkabout the removal works, already subject to enforcement action had not been carried out. D/Cllr Michael to chase.

C/Cllr Laughton reported there would be a 3.99% increase to the NCC portion of council tax.

A new permit scheme has been introduced for any person who wants to work on the Highway. Permits cost £90 each with the money going towards inspectors who will check the work. This will be for all adopted highways.

The condition of Nottinghamshire highways has been discussed and hopefully there will be government funding for the repairs.

The MyNotts app has now launched. Issues such as potholes and broken streetlights can be reported using the app instead of by phone and through the NCC website.

NCC have introduced a zero tolerance on badly maintained flood defences which allow water from riparian owners to get onto the highway and will issue 7 day notices where appropriate.

Cllr Lowney asked whether reporting flytipping could be made using the MyNotts app.

D/Cllr Michael to chase.

200214 To receive and consider any Highways & Rights of Way issues

200215 To consider financial matters

i) To record the balance of accounts at 29th February 2020

No bank statement had been received.

ii) To report receipts - None

iii) To agree payments:

NALC – £90.15

Agreed unanimously – cheque signed

Employee salary and expenses

Agreed unanimously – cheque signed

- Cllr Lowney requested the Clerk's invoice be circulated with the agenda in future.
- iv) Donation request from Village Hall for VE Day event
After a discussion, it was agreed (by those able to vote) to approve a cheque for £100.
The Funding Guidelines need updating. **Clerk to draft updated Funding Guidelines and agenda for April meeting.**

200216 To consider any planning matters

- i) New Applications – 19/01152/OUT

Conversion and extension of existing house to form two dwellings and the erection of 3 dwellings (revised plans and amended description)

Extension for comments has been given by N&SDC

After a discussion, councillors voted unanimously to object to the proposal. Comments – over development of the site and lack of parking provision particularly as next to the Village Hall. **Clerk to inform N&SDC**

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- i) John S Wilson, Regional Employer Engagement Director – Armed Forces Covenant
Councillors agreed to support this initiative. **Clerk to update certificate and forward to Chair for signature.**
- ii) Came & Company Newsletter – noted
- iii) Nottingham Roosevelt Memorial Travelling Scholarship – noted. This has been publicised around the village and on the website.
- iv) Keep Britain Tidy – Spring Clean (20 March – 13 April 2020) – noted
- v) NottsALC – How to Employment Guide and HR resources available on NALC website – noted
- vi) National Village & Community Hall Network News – passed to Village Hall Committee
- vii) Heather Sutton – Stakeholder Update – noted
- viii) Flood Warning Community Schemes Event – cancelled
- ix) NottsALC – Parish Online – noted
- x) NottsALC – Transport Issues Weblinks – noted
- xi) NCC – Notice of Submission of Minerals Local Plan – noted
- xii) Kay Cutts, NCC – MyNotts Mobile Phone App – see earlier agenda item
- xiii) NottsALC – Local Electricity Bill Campaign – not appropriate at the moment
- xiv) NCC – Notice of Public Consultation on Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan Issues and Options Document (27th February – 9th April 2020) – noted
- xv) Came & Company – FREE Training Event – noted
- xvi) Fabrications North East Limited – Remembrance Bench – noted
- xvii) Paddy Tipping – The Beat (Latest News Update) – noted
- xviii) Resident – Complaint of dog mess around village
After a discussion it was agreed to redo the posters and look into other options including liaising with the Dog Warden.
Concern was expressed about correspondence and GDPR. Any circulated correspondence to be anonymised unless permission has been sought from originator.

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200218 To consider and discuss any non-agenda items

Dates for future meetings was discussed. **Clerk to circulate dates.**

VAT return – needs to be completed. **Clerk to completed VAT 126**

Housing Survey – Posters provided for putting up around village.

Next Meeting – Wednesday 1st April 2020 at Weston Village Hall from 7.30pm

Meeting Closed at 2040hrs