

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Main Street, Weston on Wednesday 2nd November 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr G. Francis (Chair) Cllr. C Laughton Cllr. P Laughton, Cllr. D Chase, Cllr. R Henderson
Cllr. Harvey Saddington

Janet Birkin, Clerk 1 Member of the public present.

221001 To receive Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies received Cllr. Nick Scott Bruce Laughton (County Councillor)
Sylvia Michael (District Councillor)

No declarations of interest

The new clerk Janet Birkin was welcomed.

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

None at this point

221002 To accept the minutes of the meeting held on October 5th 2022

These were accepted as a true and accurate record- Proposed Cllr. David Chase Seconded Cllr.
P.Laughton

221103 Matters Arising from Minutes October 5th 2022

1. .To consider the Lengthman's scheme Update (See Gov.uk Employment guidance document.)
Cllr. Glyn Francis has produced an advert for the Lengthsman vacancy.
Action: Cllr. G.F. will forward the advert to all councillors and will put the advert on the website a.s.a.p.
2. Letter to Church -Response to request for Grass Cutting Contribution.
Cllr. G.F. has written to Weston Church to confirm no contribution can be made towards grass cutting as advised by NALC
3. Update of Tommy signs - 25 have been purchased by Cllr. C.L. These are all up now in the village.
- 4.. Update of Village Gateway sign. This had been installed again but in a different place. After discussion, all councillors happy with the new position. It can be seen as you approach the village,
- 5.. Update of Planning training - Cllr. C.L. had contacted training dept. to explain difficulties of attendance for courses that were organised in the daytime. Slides have been sent from the last training to make it accessible to people who couldn't make it . **Action: Cllr C.L.** Waiting for more consideration from training department.

221004 To note and report matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

1. Issue of dog fouling in the village.
Action: Cllr. C.L will look into dog fouling signs.
2. Overgrown hedge on Colley Lane obstructing the pavement.- **Action: The Clerk** will check whether this has been notified to N.C.C. by the previous Clerk and if not to do that.

221005 To receive reports from County Council and District Council Representatives

Cllr. B. Laughton and Cllr S. Michael not at the meeting and no reports had been received.

Safer Neighbourhood Report from meeting- Cllr. P.L. had attended the meeting.

Rural Crime and Speeding were the priorities.

Incidents reported to the police :

Weston-Vehicles coming across land re: A1.

Norwell – Drone activity. School Lane/Bathley Lane unknown

Egmonton- Padlocks glued again. Parking on corner. (Polite advice-P.C. to speak to property owners first. Speed levels.

Laxton- Eggs/Money stolen. Attempted catalytic converter theft.

North Muskham- A1 pursuit-culprit entered house requesting to be hidden, All O.K.

Little Carlton- Speeding

Maplebeck- Land Rover Defender- Stolen keys from house. Theft of tools from Barn.

Cromwell- Catalytic converter thefts.

Southwell- Rogue traders- Roofs/Drives Police advice to always refuse work offered on doorsteps.

Have doorbell cameras (Evidence can now be used for prosecution-clear images)
Community Speedwatch- Police will train Speedguns can be shared between villages.
If concerned 101 or 999 emergency Incidents should be reported to make police aware.

Weston beat Surgery. 5 people attended

221006 To receive and consider any highways issue

Lots of leaves etc on the road in Weston **Action: The Clerk** will request a road sweep

Cllr. G.F had previously contacted police about speeding issue. No response. **Action: Cllr. G.F** will follow

this up.

Forthcoming Road closure on Bell Lane- **Action: Cllr C.L.** will put up notice.

There will be a closure of Colley Lane for electrical work/cablings underground.

221007 To consider financial matters

i) To report receipts - Cllr. D.L. has received contributions for Old Seats- £40 and £20. The Clerk gave details of Lloyds bank so this could be paid in.

ii) To report payments -Dog bins, Morris Cast Signs Tommy Signs Weston village Hall- Jubilee

iii) Update of current balance- £11,289.98

iv) Update re. previous NatWest account Just waiting for finalisation of signatories to completely close Nat West account and transfer balance to Lloyds. **Action: Cllr P.L.** to go into bank to finalise this with signatures required.

v) Review Lloyds bank - Up and running now. Online facilities, Just needs final transfer from Nat West when account is closed. **Action :Cllr. P.L.** will sort out facility for Clerk to be able to access statements to monitor payments/receipts. **Action: Clerk** will notify Newark and Sherwood of new bank details.

vi) Consider PAYE for employees Cllr. P.L. had obtained details for using Darbys to do this. Cost £90 a year + VAT. Because now 2 employees- Clerk and Lengthsman, agreed by all members to employ Darbys (Accounting service.) Retford to deal with PAYE **Action: Cllr. P.L.** to contact Darbys to organise this.

vii) New Clerk training (**See Training for New Clerk doc**) Councillors agreed for new Clerk to attend new Clerk training course £45 and Budget course. £30 **Action: Clerk** will organise this and attend.

221108 To consider planning matters and receive updates on ongoing applications

22/01784/HOUSE 4 Meadow Lane – Original details sent mistakenly 2 storey. Changed by Newark and Sherwood to 1 storey.

22/00641/FUL. Lowcroft- Progressing. On occasions fencing has protruded onto pavement area. Mud should be always cleared up, **Action: Cllr. P.L.** will talk to the builders if necessary.

221009 To discuss any issues raised by residents

No issues

221010 Consider correspondence circulated to Councillors since last meeting.

i.) Committee Matters Newsletter

ii) Charities Buying Group- mobile phone

iii) HMRC Cars, phones, travel and homeworking

iv) ACRE (Action with communities in rural England) Village Hall's week.23-29 Jan 2023 Theme- Warm, welcoming and Inclusive. Media pack to follow. Village hall Domesday book-send photograph. Platinum Jubilee Grant Fund -Expression of Interest from £3 million fund._

v) GE views- Planting equipment etc

vi) Outstanding schools Asia conference

vii) Planning weekly list- None for Weston

viii) National strategy for Defibrillators and accessories.

Viii) Queen's Green canopy-receive an Oak sapling - Agreed to register. **Action Cllr. D.C.** has a site for the sapling for the village to remember this event. **Action: Clerk** to notify to register.

All correspondence was considered by councillors.

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

1. Speeding through the village particularly white vans.
2. Question of where 20 m.p.h. areas are enforced. – Usually around schools at peak times.
3. Question of decision as to what trees should be protected at Lowcroft. Query of Elderberry Tree staying. - An arborist survey was carried out and this determined the trees that had to be retained.

221011 To consider and discuss any non-agenda items and business for the meeting on Wednesday 4th January 2023

1. Nat West bank update
2. Lloyds bank update
3. Budget
4. Clerk training update

HAPPY CHRISTMAS !

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Signed: G. Francis

Dated: 4/01/2023

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