

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 at 7.30pm

220201 To receive Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies received from Councillors N. Scott, H. Saddington, R. Henderson and District Cllr. S. Michaels.

Present were Councillors G. Francis, D. Chase, P. Laughton, C. Laughton. County Cllr B. Laughton and one member of the public.

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

Following the recent strong winds, it was reported that a lot of tree mess was entering the storm drains. Who should this be reported to so it can be cleared before it becomes an issue? Cllr B. Laughton offered to email the appropriate department.

220202 To accept the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th January 2022

Proposed by Cllr P. Laughton , seconded by Cllr. C. Laughton. All agreed.

220203 To note and report matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

a) Parish Clock Update

Cllr. G. Francis has spoken to the Archdeacons office about Time Assured not being allowed access to replace the clock. There have been conflicting versions of what occurred on the day. He is waiting for a report from Time Assured that will then be forwarded to the Archdeacon with the ongoing correspondence from Weston Church. The issue is that the faculty runs out at the end of March and will have to be renewed if the work is not completed by then. Cllr B. Laughton offered to speak to the Chief Executive to see if there was any assistance available.

b) Update on Rural Broadband Scheme

No further along, it is still awaiting approval.

c) Update on appointment of new Parish Clerk

Advert has been placed on Facebook and the village website. There has been one application, a meeting is set for next week. She is an experienced local clerk.

ADDITIONALLY

Dog fouling – posters requested previously have not been received

Forces Covenant – Cllr. C Laughton has spoken with NSDC and although Weston cannot give financial aid, he has drafted a shortened version. He will circulate and it can be added to the website once it is agreed.

Green Champions – Cllr C. Laughton has noted our interest but as previously stated it cannot be along the Great North Road. However, the roads and footpaths within the village can be cleared.

Councillor training – this has been arranged for Cllr. N. Scott and the invoice has been received.

220204 To receive reports from County Council, District Council Representatives and Parish Councillors

Cllr. B. Laughton reported that:

- **It has been announced that Nottinghamshire will be a trial area for the Devolution Bill. This will give control of funding to the County and Districts and should make it all more rational i.e. highways.**
- **County Council is doubling the number of patching gangs and is spending £14 million.**
- **A balanced budget has been set.**
- **Leader of the Council has been very busy securing funding etc. and there is a very fired up new group of staff.**
- **Cllr. D. Chase asked about public footpaths on his farm that have not been mown for 2 years. He had a meeting arranged but the Council representative did not arrive and has made no effort to reconvene the meeting. The definitive maps of the paths also do not match where he knows the paths to be. Cllr B. Laughton said he would contact the relevant person to get in touch with Cllr. Chase. The most pressing concern is that the maps and reality of the paths must match up.**

Cllr. P. Laughton reported on Safer Neighbourhoods Meeting

- 29 villages are now being covered by 1 PC and 1 PCSO, they are known as the Rural Beat Team.
 - Priority 1 is rural crime education, getting residents to report without delay on 999 or 111 so a picture of criminal activities can be built up.
 - Priority 2 is speeding, any areas of concern to be sent to the PCSO.
 - Weston had one report of items taken from an outside area.
 - N. Muskham an elderly resident was in bed as someone entered their home. They ran off once they realized the resident was home.
 - Southwell has seen hypodermic needles being used to damage tyres.
 - Farm machinery has been targeted in Laxton and Moorhouses.
 - Hare coursing is becoming an issue again.
 - The new mobile speed camera is in a very poorly marked Ford Fiesta.
- Next meeting is in April.

220205 To receive and consider any highways issues

a) Temporary Road Closure – Stone Road End, Weston 12-13 February 2022 – **This is for drainage maintenance.**

Gulley on the Great North Road off Colley Lane, Cllr. P. Laughton has a reference number for this.

Water leak on Colley Lane has been reported and marked for repair.

220206 To consider financial matters

a) To report receipts – **none received.**

b) To report payments and discuss any payments due
No up to date statement for the current account available.

Invoice for £30 for councillor training – agreed.

Invoice from SB for web domain payment £43.16 – agreed.

Invoice from SB for hours worked up to resignation £512.96 – agreed.

The Natwest in Retford is closing, does this mean internet banking is the way forward?

220207 To consider planning matters and receive updates on ongoing applications

Property adjacent to Ivydene. The only additional information on the planning portal is a removal of the large field to the rear of the property and a streetview which shows outline elevations. It does not have any figures attached to the new build but does give heights for the adjacent residences. The access road, at the side of the new build, is very restricted. If they should ever want to do anything with the field, at the rear of the property, in the future it is a concern as there is no other access. Cllr. G. Francis said he will respond by 8th February expressing that concerns have not changed as the application has not.

220208 Consider correspondence circulated to Councillors since last meeting:

a) RSN Rural Funding Digest January 2022 Edition

b) High Street Safari - Platinum Jubilee Preparations

This is a private company, Cllr G. Francis had tried it but it hadn't worked. No further action.

c) NALC - Streetscape Products

d) Notts CC - Flood Risk - Riparian Responsibilities Leaflet

Posters have been put up. It needs to be added to the website.

e) NSDC - Weekly Planning List

f) RCAN: - omicron leisure and hospitality grants / State of the Sector Survey and Village Hall Week

The Village Hall Week pledge was displayed on the website

g) RCN - The Rural Bulletin - 11 January 2022

h) NSDC - Grant Schemes and Funding

i) NALC policy Consultation Briefing - OFCOM Postal Regulation Consultation

Is incredibly long.

j) Notts Police - January 2022 Update

- k) NALC - Petition on Remote Meetings
- l) NSDC - Weekly Planning List
- m) RSN - The Rural Bulletin - 18 January 2022
- n) NALC - Letter from Bruno Peek re: Platinum Jubilee

Encouraging places to buy a beacon, lots of the same information.

Cllr. D. Chase suggested some kind of beacon party on his land. The national beacon ceremony is June 2nd at 9pm. The street party is June 5th.

Cllr. C. Laughton suggested a meeting in March for all concerned parties to plan events.

- o) NALC - NALC Events
- p) NALC - Weekly Planning List
- q) RSN - The Rural Bulletin - 25 January 2022
- r) Notts CC - Consultation on the draft Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Waste Local Plan

Not much on this document yet.

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

220209 To consider and discuss any non-agenda items and business for the meeting on
Wednesday 2nd March 2022

Replacement pads for defib have arrived. Cllr. G. Francis asked if there is any training available for this. Cllrs. C. Laughton and P. Laughton suggested another first aid course could be arranged.

Meeting was declared closed at 8.16pm.

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