

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the electronic Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 7th April 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors D. Chase, G. Francis, C. Laughton, P. Laughton.

210401 To receive Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest
Apologies received from Cllr. R. Henderson and Cllr. H. Saddington. Also in attendance Cllr Sylvia Michael.

Open Forum – ten minutes to receive questions and comments from members of the public
No members of the public were present.

210402 To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2021
Accepted. Proposer – Councillor C. Laughton, Seconder – Councillor G Francis.

210403 To note and report matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

- i) Parish Clock update and provision of equipment for volunteer timekeeper
Clerk confirmed that we were now awaiting a seal to the Faculty and then the work could commence. No indication of how long receiving seal would take. Clerk to contact contractors with a view to arranging date for work to commence. Parish Council have previously agreed to provide a headtorch for the volunteer timekeeper, but this has never materialised. Agreed Council would now provide the headtorch which would be battery operated LED Headtorch. Cllr. P. Laughton agreed to source the torch.
- ii) Update on Rural Broadband Scheme and
Councillor G Francis reported that there had been no real progress. We need Open Reach to provide a firm quote, but that we (and they) were waiting for the announcement of the new voucher scheme (the old one having ended on 31st March). This is called Project Gigabit and is due to be announced on 8th April 2021
- iii) Update on bench at Colley Lane
Cllrs. C. Laughton, G. Francis and H. Saddington to see if they can find a possible date to carry out the work to the base.
- iv) Update on the Footbridge installation at Grassthorpe
VIA have confirmed that the bridge is due to be put in place on 14th May 2021.

210404 To receive reports from County Council and District Council Representatives
Cllr Michael reported that the most recent planning application relating to Redroofs Farm had been dismissed on appeal on 27th March 2021. Cllr Michael also reported that as at 28th March 2021 519,368 COVID vaccines had been carried out in Nottinghamshire, and that the take up percentages were high. She also advised that drop-in testing centres were now opening up with a mobile unit in Ollerton and at Newick Leisure Centre

210405 To receive and consider any highways issues:
The Council was pleased to note that a number of pot holes in the local roads had been filled in.

210406 To consider financial matters

- i) Balance of account
Noted
- ii) To report receipts
No receipts

iii) To report payments

No payments made.

iv) Update on change of account signatories and internet banking

Cllr. C. Laughton reported that an interest has been registered with Lloyds. A reference number has been given and they will be in touch soon with a view to setting up a Treasurers Account.

210407 To consider planning matters and receive updates on ongoing applications
Planning Consultation 21/00567/FUL – Field Ref 5543 Great North Road, Weston: concerns a retrospective application for change of use from agricultural to domestic use. The Parish Council were unanimously against this application on the basis that the land is unsuitable as there is no other domestic buildings in the vicinity. Also, there is currently no formal access to the land. The original planning application was for an agricultural store. Object on the basis that it constitutes a domestic planning application in the open countryside

210408 Recent vandalism in the Village

Cllr C Laughton reported that a brick had been put through the glass at the bus shelter on Colley Lane. It has been made safe and reported to Notts CC and the police. Bulbs were also removed from the front wall at Cllr P. and Cllr c Laughton's property. It is unclear whether damage to the Village sign was caused by vandalism.

210409 Consider correspondence circulated to Councillors since last meeting:

All noted.

With regard to correspondence concerning the potential Solar Farm, Councillor S. Michael reported that it was decided that an Environmental Impact Assessment was not needed. There is no formal planning application as yet, so no steps to be taken by Council at this time.

NALC have confirmed that there should be a return to physical meetings. AGM before 7th May can be carried out via Zoom. It was agreed that the AGM will take place on the date of the next regular monthly Council meeting i.e., 5th May.

With regard to the Protocol to be followed in the event of the death of a national figure, it was noted that the Council have a picture of the Queen and some black ribbon. The Village does not have any flagpoles, so flags are not an issue. There is no book of condolence and it was agreed that the Council needed to obtain one of these.

With regard to flood training, it was noted that no steps had been taken in relation to this. Cllr P Laughton agreed to see if there was anything planned by Notts CC

The Council had also received correspondence and photographs concerning the gates and barbed wire placed near the Beck following recent works by the Internal Drainage Board. It was confirmed that it was they who erected the gates and wire. It was noted that there was already a wire fence with barbed wire before the recent gates had been installed. However, it was noticed that this work had been carried out on private land that was not subject to a right of way and that, therefore, the Parish Council have no jurisdiction, and so cannot take any action.

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

210410 To consider and discuss any non-agenda items and business for the meeting on Wednesday 5th May 2021

The meeting was declared closed at 20:34.

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