

## WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 at 7.30pm

**Present: Councillors D. Chase, G. Francis, C. Laughton, R. Henderson, H. Saddington.**

**Also Present: Councillor B. Laughton of Nottinghamshire County Council, Councillor S. Michael of Newark and Sherwood District Council and 5 members of the public.**

210601 To receive Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

**Apology received from Cllr P. Laughton.**

**Cllr. D Chase declared an interest in matters to be discussed under Agenda point 21063(iii)**

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

**The following matters were raised by members of the public:**

i) **Had letter delivered to the Clerk concerning the new gates near the Beck been circulated? Clerk confirmed she would do this forthwith. It was confirmed that the matter of the gates would be discussed later in the meeting.**

ii) **Cars parking on the pavements in the village is becoming a concern. Cllr. S Michael commented that the Safer Neighbourhood Group meetings are due to restart in July. These are meetings with a Police Representative and a Representative from each Parish Council. The Council confirmed that the concerns of the villagers would be passed to our representative, Cllr P. Laughton. Potential spot leafleting or a mention in the next Weston Wanderer publication were also mooted to highlight the issue**

210602 To accept the minutes of the meeting held on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2021

**The Minutes were accepted unanimously**

210603 To note and report matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

i) **Parish Clock Update**

**The Clerk confirmed that the deposit for the repair works had been paid and that we were awaiting further news as to when work could start and the likely timescale**

ii) **Update on Rural Broadband Scheme**

**Cllr. G. Francis has asked Open Reach how this matter moves forward given the options available (as detailed in previous Minutes). Open Reach are in the process of making the appropriate application to the Government Department responsible. Cllr. G. Francis explained to the members of the public present how the Scheme works as far as funding is concerned. Cllr. D. Chase stated that he has spoken to 4 businesses who would sign up to the Scheme.**

iii) **Update on the matter of the new gates near the Beck**

**The Councillors reminded those present that they had agreed to write to the landowner to make him aware of villagers' concerns, but were not able to "take sides" on the issue. It was confirmed that the letter had been sent to the landowner and that a response had been received by email. The response was summarised in general terms with no specifics being given. It was stated that the landowner had asked for proposals on how to reach a mutually agreeable solution. At this stage it was agreed that the Council had fulfilled its role and that**

it was now up to the Villagers to move things forward with the landowner, or to take whatever steps they deem appropriate.

There was also some discussion about the impact of gates erected by the Drainage Board following the recent work on the Beck. It was confirmed that all work had been done within the powers of the Drainage Board.

iv) Bench on Colley Lane Update

Cllr. D. Chase stated that he had spoken to Hutchinsons who may be able to help with or supervise the project

210604 To receive reports from County Council and District Council Representatives

Cllr. S. Michael gave the latest figures for the Covid 19 Vaccination programme in Notts, with a total of 921,310 vaccines having been given to the week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021. The numbers for the first jab continue to be encouraging as more of the population become eligible, with second jab percentages increasing too. She stated that the over 40s can now go to some centres without an appointment.

Cllr S. Michael reiterated that the Safer Neighbourhood meetings were restarting with the first meeting being on either 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> July

Cllr. G. Francis then congratulated Cllr. B. Laughton on his re-election to Notts CC and his appointment as Deputy Leader of the Council.

Cllr. B. Laughton confirmed that the new Leader of Notts CC was already proving effective, given his links with Parliament. He stated the County Council were aiming for Nottingham to become carbon neutral by 2030. He also said that they were instigating an investigation as to how VIA were tackling potholes etc in the County. Notts CC were also trying to get Community Teams to harness volunteers and they were hoping to find funding for this. The Clerk confirmed that she would send the dates of the forthcoming Parish Council meetings to Cllr. B. Laughton's secretary so that these can be put in his diary.

210605 To receive and consider any highways issues

i) Update on Grassthorpe Bridge Installation

The Clerk confirmed that there had been a delay, but that it was hoped that work would recommence during the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

With regard to FP2, Cllr. C. Laughton stated that he had received a letter saying that work to clear this was planned to start on or about 24<sup>th</sup> May, but as yet nothing has been done.

210606 To consider financial matters

i) To report receipts

**No receipts, other than Bank interest**

ii) To report payments and discuss any payments due

**The payments agreed at the last meeting had been made. It was agreed that payment could be made to the internal Auditor and for the Defibrillator annual "donation"**

iii) Review and Approval of Annual Accounts 2020/21 and update on Audit

**The Clerk confirmed that the Annual Accounts had received their Internal Audit and had been signed off by the Auditor. A copy of the Audited Accounts had been sent to the Councillors prior to the meeting. The Accounts were approved unanimously.**

iv) To complete the Annual Governance Statement & Accounting Statement for 2020/21

**Cllr. G. Francis as Chairman read Page 5 of the AGAR Report and the form was duly completed and signed.**

v) Update on New Bank Account Application

**Cllr. C. Laughton reported that the application signatories had been asked to supply information and this was being gathered.**

210607 To consider planning matters and receive updates on ongoing applications

**Notice of the Decision for Planning Application 21/00853/HPRIOR was noted**

210608 Consider correspondence circulated to Councillors since last meeting:

- i) NSDC – Amended Planning Scheme of Delegation
- ii) RSN Rural Funding Digest May 2021 Edition
- iii) NSDC - News Journal
- iv) Tanya Grimes – NALC Coronavirus Update
- v) NSDC – Planning Weekly List
- vi) Sue Jarczewski – VIA Update of Grassthorpe Bridge
- vii) Richard Royal re: Solar Application Skegby

**It was agreed that Richard Royal be invited to the July meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the proposals**

viii) Linda Simpson – Volunteer Time Keeper Risk Assessment

**The Clerk is to acknowledge the Risk Assessment, and ask that as these impacts on the Parish Council, they be involved in future Assessments.**

- ix) RSN – Rural Bulletin 12 May 2021
- x) NSDC – News Journal
- xi) VIA – Roadworks Bulletin
- xii) Heather Sutton letter of thanks
- xiii) Resident – Sighting of Mink
- xiv) RSN – Rural Bulletin 18 May 2021
- xv) NSDC – Planning Decision Notice re: Old Boot & Shoe
- xvi) NSDC – Planning Weekly List 18 May 2021
- xvii) Stephen Williams (Time Assured) – Order Confirmation
- xviii) Julie Zemontas – Personnel News Letter May 2021
- xix) Charlotte Hughes 2 (Notts CC) – Directory of Publications Across Notts
- xx) NSDC – Planning Committee Agenda for 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021
- xxi) Julie Zemontas – Training: Cemetery & Churchyard & Management
- xxiii) NSDC – Weekly Planning List 24 May 2021
- xxiv) Charlotte Alardyce – Stakeholder Update
- xxv) RSN – Rural Bulletin 25 May 2021
- xxvi) Tanya Grimes – Securing a Ballot MP: Calls to Action etc
- xxvii) Charlotte Allardice – Newark & Sherwood NPI

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

**A member of the public pointed out the poor state of local roads, particularly with regard to potholes.**

210609 To consider and discuss any non-agenda items and business for the meeting on  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Thanks expressed to Hall Farm for allowing Parish Council to hold the meeting there.**

**Next meeting should be back in the Village Hall.**

**The meeting closed at 20:22**

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