

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Also Present: Councillor S. Michael of Newark and Sherwood District Council and two members of the public.

210701 To receive Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest
Apologies received from Cllr. P. Laughton

Open Forum – ten minutes to receive questions and comments from members of the public
A member of the public raised the issue of noisy vehicles on the Great North Road outside the village. The Councillors stated that they were aware of the issue, and from previous enquiries, the only remedy is to ask the Police to take action

210702 To accept the minutes of the meeting held on June 2nd 2021
The Minutes were accepted unanimously.

There then followed a presentation by Enso in relation to the proposed Solar Farm outside the village. The Council were advised that there have been changes to proposed plans in relation to landscaping and reducing the number of proposed panels near Ruddings Farm. They advised that the power generated goes to the National Grid via a buried cable and Enso have no control over pricing, although solar power is cheaper to produce than gas or coal. Enso confirmed that they take a bespoke approach and may be prepared to get involved with Community Projects. Land likely to have sheep grazing. Will be a 2m high fence each parcel of land, with CCTV and remote monitoring. There will be industrial fencing round the battery areas, substations etc. Construction of the entire project is estimated to take about 7 months once planning permission is granted. The life of the solar farm is 40 years, after which the land reverts to the landowner. A noise assessment is part of the planning application as the project involves inverters with fans, generators (within shipping containers to minimise noise), sub-station and battery units. There will be signs outside the village to ensure that there is no access to work vehicles. Transportation statement by Enso is part of the planning application. There are to be no more than 10 HGV's going to the site per day. The panels are made in Indonesia or China and are largely recyclable or repurposed. The Cllr. G Francis thanked Enso for their presentation.

210703 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 had been paid to Time Assured and that the work was now underway
- ii) Update on Rural Broadband Scheme
Cllr. G Francis & Open Reach have been in touch. We are in a backlog. There may be news by the next Council meeting.
- iii) Bench at Colley Lane
Nothing more has been heard. Cllr. D. Chase will chase his contact

210704 To receive reports from County Council and District Council Representatives
Cllr Michael reported that 1,163,794 vaccines had been carried out in Nottinghamshire. There are now walk in centres for over 18's

210705 To receive and consider any highways issues
It was confirmed that the Footbridge at Grassthorpe has now been installed and looks good.

210706 To consider financial matters

- i) To report receipts

None

ii) To report payments

There have been no payments. It was agreed cheques could be drawn for payment to Community Heartbeat Trust and to Newark & Sherwood DC for Election fees.

iii) Update on change of Bank

No further progress had been made. Lloyds are not currently opening Treasury Accounts due to backlog. It was agreed that the Council would have another look at the possibility of opening Internet Banking with NatWest

210707 To consider planning matters and receive updates on ongoing applications
There were no such matters to consider

210708 Consider correspondence circulated to Councillors since last meeting:

i) RSN Rural Funding Digest June 2021 edition

ii) NSDC - Health & Community Engagement Team

iii) NSDC - Weekly Planning Lists

iv) Rural Bulletin 8th June

v) Notts CC - Improving Broadband for Very Hard to Reach Places

vi) News Journal - Weekly News Digest 10th June

vii) Tanya Grimes - Remote Meetings - Call for Evidence

vii) Letter from Robert Jenrick MP

viii) Nickie Anthony NSDC

ix) Julie Zemontas - EU Settlement Scheme

x) NSDC - Weekly Planning Lists

xi) Rural Bulletin 15th June

xii) News Journal - Weekly News Digest 17th June

xiii) Tanya Grimes - Change of email address for NALC

xiv) VIA East Midlands - Footbridge Update

xv) NALC - Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2nd June 2022

Council to discuss possible plans to celebrate at future Council meetings

xvi) NSDC - Model Code of Conduct - Adoption & Training

xvii) NSDC - Weekly Planning Lists

xviii) NSDC - Adoption of Residential Cycle and Car Parking Standards & Design Guide SPD (2021)

xix) Rural Bulletin 22nd June

xx) VIA East Midlands - Temporary Road Closure - Moorhouse Road, Egmonton

xxi) NHS Nottingham & Notts CCG - Covid Vaccine Toolkit - Edition 7

xxii) NALC - The future of high streets and town centres

xxiii) Public Sector Executive - Public Sector Decarbonisation Event 9th September 2021

xxiv) Daisy Lee Notts CC - Nottinghamshire County Council Civic Service 11 July 2021 - Livestream

xxv) News Journal - Weekly News Digest 24th June

xxvi) NALC - Boundary Commission for England - review of Parliamentary Constituencies

xxvii) NSDC - Planning Agenda 6th July 2021

xxviii) Nickie Anthony NSDC - Asset Mapping

Cllr. C. Laughton stated that he was waiting to hear whether benches should be included

xxix) NALC - Funding Bulletin

xxx) NSDC - Weekly Planning Lists

xxxi) Richard Royal - Enso Accepting Invitation to speak

xxxii) NALC - E-Learning Courses

xxxiii) Rural Bulletin 29th June

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

210709 To consider and discuss any non-agenda items and business for the meeting on Wednesday 2nd June 2021

i) **The Clerk is to advise NALC of our updated details re: Officers, contacts etc**

ii) **Dr Maloney is leaving the Houndsfield Surgery. Clerk to contact surgery with regard to future plans so that residents can be reassured.**

- iii) The Clerk is to clarify which road flooding issues have been reported and dealt with.

The meeting closed at 20:22

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