

# WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at The Village Hall, Main Street, Weston on Wednesday 6th April 2022 at 7:30pm

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

Also in attendance: Cllr. S Michael and Cllr. B Laughton

Clerk: Andrea Wilson

One member of the public joined the meeting

## **220401 To receive Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest**

Apologies received from Cllr. N Scott, Cllr. P. Laughton, Cllr. B Laughton

No declarations of interest

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

Councillors discussed the issue of phone call and email scams and the need for everyone to be vigilant and report cases whenever possible.

## **220402 To accept the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022**

Accepted with minor alterations - Cllr. Michael had agreed to seek partial funding for the repair of the clock and not the full cost.

Proposed: Cllr. C. Laughton

Seconded: Cllr. Francis

## **220403 To note and report matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda**

- a. Parish Clock Update  
Councillors were informed that a new ladder is now in place to access the clock and the Faculty has been extended. Time assured are booked to visit on the 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> April 2022
- b. Update on Rural Broadband Scheme  
No update but Cllr. Francis has chased this with Openreach
- c. Update on the repair of the Village sign/insurance  
The quote from Morris Cast Signs was considered and it was agreed to approve this quote and then the Clerk will approach the insurance company to make a claim  
**Action: Clerk to contact insurance company**
- d. Armed Forces Covenant (Bronze award)  
A certificate is now with Cllr. C. Laughton

## **220404 To receive and consider any highways issues**

No issues to report

## **220405 To receive reports from County Council, District Council Representatives and Parish Councillors**

Cllr. Michael informed the Council of the Community Grants scheme, organised through Newark and Sherwood District Council facilitating applications for grants of up to £5000. The applications require an endorsement from a local representative and Cllr. Michael agreed to endorse the application to this fund to support the repair of the Church clock.

**Action: Clerk to access the application for grant via: [engagement@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk](mailto:engagement@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk)**

Cllr. Michael informed the Council that the District Council will adopt a cabinet and not committee structure in the future.

It was noted that the Safer Neighbourhood group had met on the 21 4 22 – Cllr. P. Laughton was in attendance.

**220406 To report on Grassthorpe Beck Solar Farm**

Councillors were informed of the public consultation to be held 4/5/22 13.00 to 19.00 hours. Cllr. Francis will ask representatives for enso energy if they will also talk at the Parish Council meeting that follows on from the consultation at 19.30 hours.

**220407 To report on N&SDC trees/hedging plants**

Cllr. Francis informed Councillors that he has a bucket of trees available for distribution.

**220408 To report and update on the Platinum Jubilee celebration arrangements and funding application**

Cllr. Francis informed the Council of the successful application to Newark and Sherwood District Council for £150 funding for the forthcoming Jubilee events to be held in the village.

Cllr C Laughton then detailed the events to take place in the village. A Beacon lighting ceremony on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and a street part on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June

A poster of events and timings will be place on the village noticeboard and posted to the website.

**220409 To report on the bench at Colley Lane**

It was reported that the bench will be sited during the spring, dependent on the weather.

**220410 To consider financial matters**

a. To report receipts - none

b. To report payments and discuss any payments due –

Invoice N&SDC bin emptying £93.60

Invoice NALC £91.90

Balance including payments above: £12065.93

Approved Cllr. C. Laughton seconded Cllr. Francis

c. PAYE

The Clerk explained the reason for the Parish Council needing to be responsible for PAYE

d. Change of bank - Unity

This item was moved to next month in order to give Councillors the opportunity to research the proposed idea of moving to Unity bank

**220411 To consider planning matters and receive updates on ongoing applications**

No applications to consider

**220412 To consider issues raised by residents**

a. Bonfires at Low Croft

A complaint was raised by a resident. Cllr. P. Laughton had raised this with the Council and checked the legality of the situation. The bonfires were acceptable and the Clerk emailed the relevant resident

**220413 To consider correspondence circulated to Councillors since last meeting:**

Correspondence circulated

The Rural community police event at showground 16.5.22 has been advertised on the village Hall notice board.

**220414 To consider and discuss any non-agenda items and business for the meeting on Wed. 4th<sup>th</sup> May**

Cllr. C. Laughton noted that there will be first aid training 5.5.22 and that there are four available places. Cllr.

Francis noted the forthcoming Church yard clean-up for anyone interested

**2022220415 To confirm a date for the 2022 AGM**

Annual Meeting followed by the PC meeting 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Starting at 19.30 pm

The Annual Meeting. to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Starting at 10.00 am

**Action: Clerk to invite representatives from the District and County Council and the Police Open Forum – ten minutes to receive questions and comments from members of the public**

The meeting Closed at 8.13 pm

Signed:

Dated: May 2022