

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 14th February 2019
in the Village Hall Reading Room which commenced at 8:00pm

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Tim Moody
Councillor John Cherry
Councillor Wayne Dumbleton
Councillor Judith Evans
Councillor Matthew Hale
Councillor Steve Ludbrook
Councillor Claire Mason
Councillor Vicky Patmore

IN ATTENDANCE: Lorraine Ellis (Clerk), County Councillor Steve Jarvis,
Jane Walton (Voluntary Transport Scheme) and 4 residents

2019/02/013 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillor Alistair Schofield (other commitments).

2019/02/014 **TO MEET WITH JANE WALTON, VOLUNTARY TRANSPORT SCHEME:**

Jane thanked the Councillors for the opportunity to attend their meeting to talk to them about the Voluntary Transport Scheme project.

Jane reported that the group were ready to start and would be meeting with the CVS on 1st March. A further meeting and coffee morning event would be held in April to launch the project.

The group are looking for start-up costs of £300 in order for them to join the CVS this organisation would provide the DBS checks at a lower rate (£6 per head x 9 volunteers), the group could also use the CVS premises and also provide a level of training. This would cost £50 for two years. Other items required would be a secure money box and receipt books. Users of the scheme would be charged a minimum fee per mile travelled. Drivers would be supplied with ID cards providing contact details.

The £300 includes a buffer as some funds may be required if some users were unable to pay car park charges.

The group are planning to undertake fund raising but hope that the Council may be able to help financially.

Councillors agreed that the scheme was a worthwhile project and agreed to underwrite the £300 requested. The Chairman to liaise with County Councillor Steve Jarvis on the provision of the funding.

Jane and three residents left the meeting at this juncture (8:09pm).

2019/02/015 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None.

2019/02/016 **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT:**

Councillor Cherry declared an interest in the Lannock Manor planning application.

2019/02/017 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th JANUARY 2019:**

To take the minutes of the meeting as read and approve them as a true and accurate record. The minutes were then duly signed by the Chairman.

2019/02/018 **PLANNING:**

Applications:

a.Lannock Manor, Hitchin Road, Weston – Improvements to the exterior cladding and internal adaptation to facilitate change of use to commercial rented storage with associated ancillary works. **No objection.**

b.Friends Green Farm, Friends Green, Damask Green Road, Weston – Creation of vehicular access. **No objection.**

c.Amberley, Maiden Street, Weston – Replacement dormer window and insertion of full height glazed doors including Juliette balcony at first floor level on the front elevation. Insertion of rear dormer window and two velux windows on the side roof slope. **Objection to glazed doors including Juliette balcony. Over dominance.The PC support the NHDC Officer’s view in 2013. Nothing has fundamentally changed.**

NHDC Decisions:

a.Friends Green Farm, Friends Green, Damask Green Road, Weston – Increase in height of garage/workshop/feed store building to provide tack room at first floor level. **Refused.**

2019/02/019

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION:

a. Cheque signing and accounts for February 2019 - The accounts for February for £4,357.39 were duly approved.

b. Quarterly review of the accounts Oct-Nov 2018 – Councillor Ludbrook reported that the accounts were in order.

c.Communications & Media – Councillor Patmore reported that she had met with Alison Walker regarding the production of some articles for the website. It was noted that due to the hard work of Alison face-book followers had increased from 182 to 432.

d. Correspondence – Duly noted. Council were concerned to note that there had been a number of property break-ins. The Chairman agreed to speak to the Police and would also prepare an article for Weston Parish News.

e.Broadband update – It was noted that Connected Counties had responded to the request for an update on the roll out of the programme in Warrens Green and Tilekiln. It is understood that these areas are in the programme but they will not be brought forward.

Councillor Dumpleton stated that he would be happy to receive and collate ‘drop-out’ data and would advise residents of the relevant ‘app’ to use. He agreed to prepare an explanatory note for face-book.

f. Annual Parish Meeting 4th April 2019 - Council agreed that PCSO Chris Braybrooke should be invited to attend the meeting to provide an update and advice to residents following the recent break-ins.

g.Rose Bowl nominations – Council considered the names put forward. The Chairman agreed to invite the nominated recipient of the Rose Bowl to the APM. Councillor Cherry agreed to undertake the arrangements for the floral tribute.

2019/02/020

NEW HOUSING STRATEGY:

NHDC Local Plan main modifications: It was noted that the Council’s response to the main modifications had been submitted to NHDC.

The resident left the meeting at this juncture (8:55pm)

2019/02/021

VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT including FOOTPATHS and

MAINTENANCE:

Village Clean-up event: Councillor Mason agreed to lead on the village clean-up event which would take place on **Saturday 2nd March**. It was noted that NHDC have agreed to provide the necessary equipment.

2019/02/022

RECREATION GROUNDS and SPORTS FACILITIES:

Councillor Moody reported that the Council had previously agreed to the provision of a picnic table and bench for the Jackson’s Lane play area, he stated that he had placed an order for the items and with the assistance of Councillor Hale he would install them.

2019/02/023 **HIGHWAYS & LIGHTING**

a.Village entry gates: The Clerk reported that the damaged entrance gates in Maiden Street had been repaired but they still appear to be in need of attention. Councillor Hale agreed to make an assessment of what was required and discuss the matter with County Councillor Jarvis.

b.Friars Road/The Snipe traffic issues: The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting with County Councillor Jarvis and Gary Henning (HCC Highways Officer) to discuss the traffic issues in Weston. A number of sites have been identified and Gary Henning will provide costings however funding would not be available until 2021.

Consideration could be given to having 'waiting restrictions' at junctions. It was agreed that the Council would formally request that County Councillor Jarvis investigate the provision of low level posts on the verge in The Snipe/Friars Road in an attempt to stop vehicles parking at this location. It was noted that kerbing in Mill Lane had been investigated and was provisionally in the HCC 2019/20 budget.

Councillor Evans stated that one of the speed signs on Hitchin Road had fallen off. Councillor Moody agreed to report the matter.

2019/02/024 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Councillor Dumbleton reported that he had recently encountered difficulty in parking his vehicle in Clothall. County Councillor Jarvis stated that the Clothall Hall Trustees were able to refuse access to the village hall car park.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting then closed at 9:25pm with the next meeting being held on Thursday 14th March 2019 at 8:00pm in the Village Hall Reading Room. The agenda will be displayed on the noticeboard three days prior to the meeting.

Signed..... Chairman

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