

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the remote Meeting held on
Thursday 9th July 2020 which commenced at 8:00pm

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Tim Moody
Councillor John Cherry (until 8:22pm)
Councillor Judith Evans
Councillor Matt Hale
Councillor Steve Ludbrook
Councillor Claire Mason
Councillor Rob Noble
Councillor Vicky Patmore
Councillor Alistair Schofield

2020/07/035 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Clerk

2020/07/036 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None.

2020/07/037 **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT:**

Councillor Hale declared an interest in the planning application at Fairclough Hall Farm and Councillor Schofield declared an interest in the planning application at Karibu, Damask Green Road.

2020/07/038 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th MARCH 2020:**

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.

2020/07/039 **PLANNING:**

Applications:

Councillors endorsed the planning application decisions taken during the lockdown period Apr – Jun (see schedule a)

Fairclough Hall Farm, Halls Green, Weston – Change of use of existing business meeting room, work stations, toilets and a café to offices (B1) for a temporary period of three years. **No objection.**

Karibu, Damask Green Road, Weston – Extension and conversion of existing garage to form annex. **No objection.**

NHDC Decisions:

Duly noted.

2020/07/040 **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION:**

a. Cheque signing and accounts for July 2020 - The accounts for July for £470.90 were duly approved.

b. Quarterly review of the accounts Jan-Mar 2020 – Councillor Ludbrook reported that the accounts were in order. Councillors thanked him for his work throughout the financial year.

c. Communications and Media – Councillor Patmore provided a brief update on what had been posted and she was thanked for her work during the lockdown.

d. Correspondence – Duly noted.

The issues raised by two residents concerning the planning application adjacent to Amberley was discussed by Councillors.

The response to the resident in Post Office Row regarding the work in the Red Lion car park was noted. The Chairman will discuss with the Herts PCSO the outcome of the meeting regarding security in the church car park.

The letter of thanks from a resident for compensation for a damaged fence post was noted and appreciated.

e.To approve the 2019/20 annual governance statement - Council **unanimously agreed** that the annual governance statement should be signed. The Chairman and the Clerk duly signed the statement.

f.To approve the 2019/20 annual accounting statement and exemption certificate – Council reviewed the 2019/20 year-end accounts and **unanimously agreed** that the annual audit statement along with the exemption certificate should be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

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VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT including FOOTPATHS and MAINTENANCE:

a.Traffic management plan update – It was reported that no progress has been made on the traffic management plan due to Covid-19.

b. Hatch Lane village gates update – The Hatch Lane gates have still not been repaired by Highways, the Chairman to send pictures of the site to the Clerk.

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RECREATION GROUNDS and SPORTS FACILITIES:

a.Recreation ground damage – The damage to the posts in the recreation ground have been noted. It was **agreed** by Council that the boundary should continue to be marked in some way, Councillors Hale and Moody to replace a number of the posts.

b.Play area closures - It was noted that NHDC have not yet opened their play areas but it was **agreed** that Weston would post suitable notices to alert users to stay safe.

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HIGHWAYS and LIGHTING:

Councillors noted the footway improvements in Munts Meadow and Damask Close but the rationale for this work to repair remote; little used footways whilst other more heavily used ones remain in poor condition is a mystery.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

a.Update on the Weston Café/Book exchange – Councillor Mason asked for an update on when the café and book exchange would be open again. The Chairman reported that re-opening was not yet possible but he would consult with the WWH Committee on the possibility of opening the book exchange in advance of the full service.

b.Footpath in Friars Road/The Snipe – It was noted that the overgrown hedges and vegetation on the footpath behind Friars Road and The Snipe had still not been resolved by Settle. The Clerk to obtain an update from Settle on when they propose to undertake the clearance required. It is hoped that this area would be included on their annual programme of maintenance work in Weston.

The Chairman thanked everyone for accessing the zoom meeting. The meeting then closed with the next meeting being held on Thursday 13th August 2020 at 8:00pm in the Village Hall. The agenda will be displayed on the noticeboard three days prior to the meetings.

Signed..... Chairman

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