

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 13th June 2019
in the Village Hall Reading Room which commenced at 8:05pm

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Tim Moody
Councillor John Cherry
Councillor Judith Evans
Councillor Matthew Hale
Councillor Steve Ludbrook
Councillor Alistair Schofield

IN ATTENDANCE: Lorraine Ellis (Clerk) and County Councillor Steve Jarvis
(from 8:12pm)

- 2019/06/064 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**
Councillors Claire Mason (illness) and Vicky Patmore (other commitments).
- 2019/06/065 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**
None.
- 2019/06/066 **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.
- 2019/06/067 **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 9th MAY 2019:**
To take the minutes of the meetings as read and approve them as a true and accurate record. The minutes were then duly signed by the Vice Chairman.
- 2019/06/068 **PLANNING:**
Applications:
Reservoir Cottage, Hatch Lane, Weston – Part two and part single storey side extension and addition of ebony stained featheredge timber cladding to all existing and proposed external elevations and ancillary works. **No objection.**
Lannock Manor, Hitchin Road, Weston – Conversion of barn to one 4-bed dwelling including external re-cladding and alterations to windows and doors arrangement. **No objection.**
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 (as variation of Condition 2 of application 17/04137/S73 granted on appeal 28.9.18). Council **agreed** to write to the Planning Inspectorate to support NHDC's objection.
NHDC Decisions:
3 Frays Cottage, Weston – Two storey side extension. **Withdrawn.**
Lynton, Fore Street, Weston – Single storey side extension. **Conditional permission.**
Friends Green Farm, Friends Green, Damask Green Road, Weston – Alterations to and change of use of West Barn to a 3 bed dwelling, including demolition of existing lean-to. Change of use of land from paddock/agricultural to domestic garden and landscaping. **Conditional permission.**
- 2019/06/069 **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION:**
a. Cheque signing and accounts for June 2019 - The accounts for June for £653.39 were duly approved.
b. Parish Councillor vacancy – The Chairman reported that two residents had applied to fill the Parish Councillor vacancy. Both candidates were

considered and it was **agreed** that Wayne Dumpleton should be invited to re-join the Council. The Chairman to advise both candidates of the decision.

c.Communications and Media – Councillor Patmore has advised that she has added all of the annual financial documents to the website. It was noted that the website has been ‘refreshed’ and activity has increased slightly.

d.Correspondence – Duly noted. It was **agreed** that the Rights of Road Officer for the Hertfordshire Trail Riders Fellowship should be invited to attend the July Council meeting.

2019/06/070 **NEW HOUSING STRATEGY:**

NHDC Local Plan main modifications: It was noted that the Inspector has been reviewing another district’s local plan but it is hoped that he will shortly return to continue the outstanding work on the NHDC local plan.

2019/06/071 **VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT including FOOTPATHS and MAINTENANCE:**

Traffic management plan update: Councillor Hale reported that the first group meeting had been held with 12 residents attending. Groups have been formed and a further meeting will be held by the end of the month. Pedestrian safety is a key factor especially in Hitchin Road.

County Councillor Jarvis reported that some initial work has been undertaken by Highways engineers and proposals are awaited however this may go beyond what is available in the Locality Budget. He stated that he was happy to talk to residents if that would be useful. He further reported that a review of the speed management strategy was due from HCC.

Cutting vegetation in School Lane – Councillor Evans reported that the cutting back of the vegetation in School Lane was due; this work has previously been undertaken by volunteers. Councillor Evans agreed to liaise with Councillor Mason on obtaining equipment and volunteers. As soon as this has been arranged a date will be fixed. Consideration was also given to approaching a local contractor who may be willing to undertake the bulk of the work. Councillors Evans to approach the contractor.

Councillor Evans reported that members of the Herts & Middx Wildlife Trust had surveyed the meadows which took approximately 5 hours. It was **agreed** that Councillor Evans should invite them to attend the July Council meeting to discuss their findings.

2019/06/072 **RECREATION GROUNDS and SPORTS FACILITIES:**

Jackson’s Lane car parking – Councillors Cherry and Moody will liaise on the marking out of the car parking spaces and resolve the car parking issue.

Update on recreation ground storage – Councillor Schofield reported that he was currently waiting for a digger to be made available to undertake the preparatory work. As soon as the site is sorted the container will be ordered. He also confirmed that he had approached the owner of the trees that need to be cut back; they have no objection to this work being undertaken. He **agreed** to draft a letter to be sent to them confirming this arrangement.

Rugby Club agreement – Councillor Schofield reported that the agreement for usage of the changing rooms was currently with Weston Rugby Club waiting for their acceptance of the agreement between themselves and the Council.

2019/06/073 **HIGHWAYS & LIGHTING:**

The Clerk to contact Herts Highways to obtain information on when the broken drain in Munts Meadow will be fixed.

2019/06/074 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

The Chairman reported that the Church would be celebrating their Patronal Festival on Sunday 16th June at 10:00am and all are welcome to attend.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting then closed at 9:05pm with the next meeting being held on Thursday 11th July 2019 at 8:00pm in the Village Hall Reading Room. The agenda will be displayed on the noticeboard three days prior to the meetings.

Signed..... Chairman

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