

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 9th May 2019
in the Village Hall Reading Room which commenced at 8:15pm

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor John Cherry
Councillor Judith Evans
Councillor Steve Ludbrook
Councillor Claire Mason
Councillor Vicky Patmore
Councillor Alistair Schofield

IN ATTENDANCE: Lorraine Ellis (Clerk) and County Councillor Steve Jarvis

2019/05/053 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors Matthew Hale (other commitments) and Tim Moody (holiday).

2019/05/054 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

2019/05/055 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. Councillor Schofield declared an interest in the Lynton planning application and Councillor Mason declared an interest in the Damask Green Cottage planning decision.

2019/05/056 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11th APRIL 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.

2019/05/057 PLANNING:

Applications:

Lynton, Fore Street, Weston – Single storey side extension. **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. **Insufficient information provided to enable Councillors to reach a decision. The Clerk to request that the application is deferred to the June meeting.**

NHDC Decisions:

Damask Green Cottage, Damask Green Road, Weston – Single storey side extension following demolition of existing garage, outbuildings and link extension. **Permission granted.**

Old Bakery, Maiden Street, Weston – Erection of single storey garage/outbuilding with electric car charging point. **Permission granted.**

2019/05/058 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION:

a. Cheque signing and accounts for May 2019 - The accounts for May for £2,195.92 were duly approved.

b. To approve the 2018/19 Annual Governance Statement – Council **unanimously agreed** that the annual governance statement should be signed. The Chairman and the Clerk duly signed the statement.

c. To approve the 2018/19 Annual Audit Return – Council reviewed the 2018/19 year-end accounts and **unanimously agreed** that the annual audit return along with the exemption certificate should be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

d. Communications and Media – Councillor Patmore reported that a number of articles had been added to the website but that additional photographs were

still required. It was noted that there needs to be collaboration on the village calendar.

e. Broadband update – Councillor Schofield **agreed** to proof-read the document which will then be included in the next edition of Weston Parish News. The Council wanted to take this opportunity to thank Wayne Dumpleton for the work carried out in producing this information for residents.

f. Correspondence – Duly noted.

2019/05/059 **NEW HOUSING STRATEGY:**

NHDC Local Plan main modifications: Nothing to report at this time.

2019/05/060 **VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT including FOOTPATHS and MAINTENANCE:**

Traffic management plan update: The Clerk reported that a number of letters and emails had been received from residents following the issue of the traffic letter. Councillor Hale will contact all the people that have responded and he will set up a meeting towards the end of the month.

2019/05/061 **RECREATION GROUNDS and SPORTS FACILITIES:**

Jackson’s Lane car parking – Councillor Cherry will liaise with Councillor Moody to resolve the car parking issue.

Update on recreation ground storage – Councillor Schofield reported that 40ft shipping containers were available again to purchase. They can be either blue or green and cost £2,500 + VAT delivered. A low loader and crane would be required to ensure the container be placed in the correct position. Railway sleepers would be placed on the ground which needs to be level and hard.

It was noted that a number of trees under the ownership of a resident would ideally need to be removed. Councillor Schofield agreed to approach the resident to request their removal by the Council. In addition to the cost of the container a further £500 would be required for other associated works. Councillors **agreed** to proceed.

It was reported that an under 12s football team from Baldock have asked to use the recreation ground. Council **agreed** that the team could use the Council’s facilities, there would only be an issue if Weston FC were to return as they do not have a pitch available for the forthcoming season.

Councillor Schofield **agreed** to prepare a contract for the Rugby Club which he will share with Councillors. Councillor Mason will liaise with the club to agree a fee and will update Councillor Schofield as necessary.

2019/05/062 **HIGHWAYS & LIGHTING:**

It was noted that the broken drain on the corner of Munts Meadow had not yet been repaired by Highways. The Clerk to report the matter again to HHs

2019/05/063 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting then closed at 9:05pm with the next meeting being held on Thursday 13th June 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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