

# WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 which commenced at 8:15pm

## PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Alistair Schofield  
Councillor Matt Hale  
Councillor Steve Ludbrook  
Councillor Claire Mason  
Councillor Tim Moody  
Councillor Rob Noble  
Councillor Vicky Patmore

IN ATTENDANCE: Lorraine Ellis (Clerk)

The Chairman wished to take this opportunity to formally thank Councillor Tim Moody for being such an outstanding Chairman for almost 10 years – a hard act to follow. Tim responded by saying that he had thoroughly enjoyed his stint as Chair and thanked all Councillors and the Clerk for their huge support over the years.

2020/10/070 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors John Cherry (other commitments) and Judith Evans (other commitments)

2020/10/071 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

2020/10/072 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT:

None.

2020/10/073 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 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 Councillor Ludbrook.

2020/10/074 PLANNING:

### Applications:

**a.Paddock View Barn, Friends Green, Damask Green Road, Weston –** Change of building usage from livery yard to car showroom and single storey 3 bedroom dwelling. **Objection – WPC strongly opposes this application. Previously planning approval was granted for a livery business on this site in the green belt, due to the proposed loss of stables from a separate planning application. Contrary to the granted permission, the site has never been used as indicated; indeed it has been used as a car business without required planning consent. The proposal sets a dangerous and unacceptable precedent and goes against the spirit of planning policy – we contend that it would be extremely unlikely that a green belt site with no buildings on it, would get planning permission for a car business together with a residential dwelling.**

**The change of use of a livery business, from a recent planning permission, and never used as such, to a car showroom/business is opposed by WPC for the reasons above.**

**Conversion of a proposed stable block (currently not built) to a residential dwelling is opposed as it is not an acceptable use of the green belt.**

**b.Old Farm, Fore Street, Weston –** Temporary siting of mobile home in farm yard for farm worker for 12 months. **No objection.**

**NHDC Decisions:**

**Friends Green Farm, Friends Green, Damask Green Road, Weston** – Retention of 2 metre high entrance gates with brick piers and alterations to triple garage involving addition of fascia board & UPVC guttering - **Refused.**

**Land adjacent to driveway to Amberley & Everglades, Maiden Street, Weston** – Erection of one 2-bed bungalow including parking, landscaping and amenity space – **Refused.**

**Warrens Green Farm, Warrens Green Lane, Weston** – Demolition of Grade II Listed barn – **Consent granted.**

**The Cottage, Green End, Weston** – T1 3 x conifer – remove – **No objection.**

**Response to the Government’s Planning consultation documents:**

It was **agreed** that Councillors would review the documents and forward their comments to Councillor Ludbrook by 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020. He will collate the responses.

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**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION:**

**a. Cheque signing and accounts for October 2020** - The accounts for October for £573.90 were duly approved.

**b. Quarterly review of the accounts Apr – Jun 2020** – Councillor Ludbrook reported that the accounts were in order.

**c. NHDC Business Support Grants** – Councillors reviewed the possible projects. Councillors **agreed** that the grant should be used to benefit all in the village as a memorial to remember the events of 2020.

Additional projects were added for consideration:-

- Village orchard
- Children’s allotment area
- Renovation of the village green

An investigation will be made into the feasibility of acquiring a parcel of land for an orchard or allotment area. Also, consideration will be given to the existing suggestions before seeking input from the broader community.

The work required at Ashleigh/Forge End will be funded via the Council’s maintenance budget. This work will commence shortly.

**d. Communications and Media** – Nothing to report at this time.

**e. Correspondence** – Duly noted.

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**NEW HOUSING STRATEGY:**

It was reported that County Councillor Jarvis was attending a meeting at NHDC to consider reducing the housing numbers in the NHDC Local Plan. A revised start date for the hearing sessions had not yet been set.

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**VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT including FOOTPATHS and MAINTENANCE:**

**a. Traffic management plan update** – Councillor Hale reported that he had been advised that County Councillor Jarvis had agreed to fund a feasibility study from his Highways Locality budget, this work will be undertaken in the current financial year.

**b. Hatch Lane village gates update** – HCC have advised that repair/replacement of the village gates was a low priority and it is therefore unlikely that anything will happen for some considerable time. Councillor Hale reported that he had investigated the likely costs of repairing the gates in Hall Green and advised that this would be several hundred pounds.

**c. Village hedges** – It was noted that a number of residential hedges and vegetation were overgrown and impacting upon on pathway and roadway access. Councillors wished to thank those residents who had already undertaken work to cut back their hedges.

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**RECREATION GROUNDS and SPORTS FACILITIES:**

**a.Recreation ground damage** – It was reported that a further post has been removed. Councillors Hale and Moody will review the situation and report back at the November meeting.

**b. Jacksons Lane parking** – Councillors discussed possible options to reduce damage to residents fencing. Councillor Hale will assess the situation with a view to installing protective stakes.

**c.Future of the dugout** – Councillors **agreed** to defer any discussion on the future of the dugout at this time.

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**HIGHWAYS and LIGHTING:**

**Friars Road/The Snipe parking** – Councillor Hale reported that County Councillor Jarvis has committed spending to install 6 parking bays in Friars Road. It is currently unclear when this work will be undertaken.

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**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**a.Footpath in Friars Road/The Snipe** – It was noted that Weston Park Farms were arranging for their trees and hedges to be cut back, this work will be undertaken after the harvest.

An update is still outstanding from County Councillor Jarvis on the vacant property in The Snipe.

**b.Weston Voices** – Councillor Moody reported that he had tried to obtain an update on this project following the Council’s awarding of a grant. There was nothing to report at this time.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The meeting then closed at 9:45pm with the next meeting being held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. The agenda will be displayed on the noticeboard three days prior to the meetings.

**Signed..... Chairman**

**Date.....**