

# WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020 which commenced at 8:00pm

**PRESENT:**

Chair: Councillor John Cherry  
Councillor Judith Evans  
Councillor Matt Hale  
Councillor Steve Ludbrook  
Councillor Claire Mason  
Councillor Rob Noble  
Councillor Vicky Patmore

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Lorraine Ellis (Clerk), County Councillor Steve Jarvis and one resident (from 8:13pm)

**2020/09/054** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillors Tim Moody (holiday) and Alistair Schofield (holiday)

**2020/09/055** **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT:**

None.

**2020/09/056** **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2020:**

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

**2020/09/057** **PLANNING:**

**Applications:**

**None received.**

It was noted that a mobile home had arrived at Old Farm. If the structure is still in place after one month of its arrival, County Councillor Jarvis will notify the NHDC Planning Officers to ascertain if permission has been granted.

**NHDC Decisions:**

**None received.**

**2020/09/058** **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION:**

**a. Cheque signing and accounts for September 2020** - The accounts for September for £628.23 were duly approved.

**b. NHDC Business Support Grants** – Councillors considered possible projects for the £10K grant:-

- New play equipment – The Snipe
- Replacement benches – play and amenity areas
- Village entry gates
- The pond
- Border between Ashleigh and Forge End
- Pathway in Damask Green Road nr Marlborough Close/The Cricketers (Common land)

**c. Communications and Media** – Councillor Patmore reported that the foodbank collection at the start of the month was amazing. Thanks to all those who have donated so generously.

It was also reported that a suspicious transit van had been seen in neighbouring locations, the van drives onto properties and items have been reported as missing.

**d. Correspondence** – Duly noted.

The Clerk reported that a Post Office Row resident had approached the Council to obtain their approval for her to erect an oak porch at the front of the property. Although it is within the Conservation Area it would appear that it does not require planning permission. Councillors had no objection on the understanding that NHDC had confirmed to the resident that permission was not required. This should be obtained prior to any work being undertaken. Councillors considered the quotation for tree works in School Lane. Although this work is the responsibility of HCC Councillors **agreed** that the work should be undertaken as quickly as possible for safety reasons.

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

The Acting Chairman welcomed the resident to the meeting.

The resident reported that tensions are being raised in Friars Road due to the lack of sufficient parking being available for the number of vehicles. It is reaching boiling point.

County Councillor Jarvis reported that HCC have earmarked funds in this year's budget for 6 parking bays. Also white line marking will be applied to achieve neat parking. HCC will undertake a consultation with residents prior to any work commencing.

County Councillor Jarvis hoped that HCC may, in the future, be able to include additional parking beyond the bungalows. Unfortunately the grassed area is owned by SETTLE. He agreed to approach them to obtain their views and to remind them that they have a responsibility for their tenants and the lack of parking availability for them.

The resident left the meeting at this juncture (8:40pm).

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**NEW HOUSING STRATEGY:**

County Councillor Jarvis reported that the NHDC Local Plan Hearing Sessions commence on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September via video conferencing. Housing numbers and the green belt will be discussed. There is still a debate on the reduction in housing numbers (Office of National Statistics ONS)

2020/09/061

**VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT including FOOTPATHS and MAINTENANCE:**

**a. Traffic management plan update** – Nothing to report at this time.

**b. Hatch Lane village gates update** – Nothing to report at this time.

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**RECREATION GROUNDS and SPORTS FACILITIES:**

**a. Recreation ground damage** – Councillors Hale and Moody to replace a number of the posts.

It was reported that a resident had complained about the bad language during a recent football match at the recreation ground. Upon receipt of the date of the match, the Clerk will liaise with the individuals concerned.

**b. Update on the cutting and baling of the wildflower area** - Councillor Cherry reported that the work would be undertaken within the next 24 hours.

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**HIGHWAYS and LIGHTING:**

**Friars Road/The Snipe parking** – Item covered at 2020/09/059.

County Councillor Jarvis reported that the drains are being reviewed by Ringway in November. Hopefully this will reduce the amount of flooding in Weston.

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**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**a. Footpath in Friars Road/The Snipe** – It was noted that some vegetation and hedges had been improved but further trimming is still required. SETTLE have reduced the number of cuts they undertake at this location.

**b. Jacksons Lane car park** – It was noted that a resident had indicated that his boundary fence had been damaged by users of the hall/recreation ground. The resident to contact the Clerk with detailed information on the damage for consideration by Council.

**c.Homelessness** – Councillors considered the recent reports of an individual living rough in Weston. Councillors **agreed** that social services be contacted to understand what help can be provided to the individual. County Councillor Jarvis agreed to contact them.

The Acting Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The meeting then closed at 9:08pm with the next meeting being held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 8:00pm in the Village Hall. The agenda will be displayed on the noticeboard three days prior to the meetings.

**Signed..... Chairman**

**Date.....**