

# WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of Weston Parish Council held in Weston Village Hall THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7:30pm

**PRESENT:** Cllr Alistair Schofield (Chairman) Cllr Judith Evans  
Cllr John Cherry Cllr Matthew Hale  
Cllr Tim Moody

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Kelly Johnson (Clerk).  
2 members of the public attended the meeting

**2021/11/132 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**  
Apologies were received and approved from Cllr. Patmore and Cllr Ludbrook.

**2021/11/133 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**  
None

**2021/11/134 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**  
None

**2021/11/135 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**  
The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were approved and duly authorised by the Chairman

**2021/11/136 PLANNING:**  
**NHDC Decisions:**  
(a) Decision Notice for Application No 21/01263/FPH Glebe Cottage – permission granted.  
(b) Decision Notice for Application No 21/01264/FPH Glebe Cottage – listed building consent granted  
(c) Decision Notice for Application No 21/02693/FPH Warrens Green Farm – permission granted

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION:**

**(a) Cheque signing.** The following items were approved for payment:

- Kelly Johnson. Clerk Salary (October) - £259.56
- Weston Village Hall (Hall Hire) - £60.00
- Clerk Expenses (Arnold-Baker) - £143.99
- A Schofield expenses (Parish Meeting) – £80.87
- Weston Village Hall (Book exchange 04.09 – 30.10.21) - £135.00

**(b) Budget Setting Financial Year 2022/23.**

The Council considered the draft budget. **The Clerk to action all points raised and present an updated version for consideration by Council at the December meeting.**

**(c) Casual Vacancies.** The deadline to apply for co-option to WPC is 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**(d) Communications and Media.** Digital archive of “Village Affairs”. Cllr Moody to progress this item.

**(e) First Aid Training.** The First Aid training course took place on 20<sup>th</sup> October in the Village Hall and was very well attended. The Council discussed the location of the defibrillators in the village and requested that their precise location be publicised in the WPN. It was agreed that another course should be held in March 2022. **The Clerk to liaise with Claire Mason and Hearn Training.**

**(f) Grant Applications:**

The following Grant Applications for funds in 2022/23 were considered:

- Weston Voluntary Car Services. The Council considered and approved an application for £250.
- Weston Music Society. The Council considered and approved an application for £600.
- Holy Trinity Church. The Council considered this application and agreed to pay 50% of contractor costs directly for grass cutting services in 2022/23 up to the value of £1,500.
- Weston Saturday Book Exchange. The Council considered and approved an application for £750 to cover the costs of renting the Village Hall during the 2022/3 financial year. The Council also agreed to fund the remainder of the 2021/22 sessions at a cost of £120.
- Weston Rugby Football Club. The Council considered and approved an application for up to £300 to pay for a petrol lawnmower. Given the circumstances it was agreed that these funds be released immediately.

**The Clerk to write to all applicants to inform them of the Council’s decision.**

**(g) Private Access to Council Land. Action: Cllr Schofield to draft a letter to be sent to the properties affected.**

**(h) Christmas Tree and Celebrations.** The lighting of the Christmas Tree, carol singing, and Santa’s Grotto will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December. The Parish Council to fund mulled wine for this event.

**(k) Remote Meetings Survey (HATPC).** The Council considered a collective response to this Survey. Council agreed it wished to have the flexibility to conduct meetings remotely should the need arise. **The Clerk to submit the Survey by 12<sup>th</sup> November.**

**2021/11/138**     **PROJECTS:**

**(a) Community Wood Proposal.** In progress.

**(b) Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022.** An inaugural planning meeting is to take place before the end of November

**(c) The Snipe Play Area.** Playdale have provided a quote to replace the worn equipment, and for new equipment (including installation). The Council agreed to progress with the quote for a new cradle swing, a new goal, and to look at clearing the area behind the goal. **Cllr Schofield to produce a proposal for public consultation, and to enquire about the availability of funding from the Luton Airport Community and Section 106 monies held by NHDC.**

**2021/11/139**     **NHDC LOCAL PLAN:** Nothing to report.

**2021/11/140**     **VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT including FOOTPATHS and MAINTENANCE:**

**(a) Footpath Maintenance:**

- Council agreed to defer the decision on the work on the footpath from the Recreation Ground to the church until the November meeting.
- Footpath 13 (Grassy bottom steps). Cllr Moody undertook to repair this area and to order MOT1 to build up the surface. Cllr Cherry to move the MOT1 to the site.
- Footpath 22 (Path from Park Drive to the recreation ground). Cllr Moody undertook to work with Cllr Cherry to spread MOT1 at the muddy gate. The MOT1 needs moving from the church car park.

**(b) Flooding.** Cllr. Schofield has produced a map of all gullies in the village. Individual Councillors to ascertain if gullies are blocked and require reporting to HCC.

**(c) Reported items:**

- Dead Trees next to sewage works. Ref: 40100233500
- It was noted that the "No Entry" markings on Post Office Row have been reinstated and the "Unsuitable For Heavy Vehicles" sign on the road towards Green End has been replaced.

**(d) Overgrown Verges and Hedges.** The verges and hedges have now been cut.

**(e) Village Gates.** **Cllr Schofield to write to HCC Highways to discuss options for repairing / replacing the village gates.**

**2021/11/141**     **RECREATION GROUNDS and SPORTS FACILITIES:** Nothing to report.

**2021/11/142     HIGHWAYS and LIGHTING:**

**(a) Traffic Calming and Section 106 Monies.**

Following discussion of the subject during the Parish Meeting, Cllr Schofield to finalise the report ready for circulation / consultation with the village.

**(b) Salt Bin at Woodlands Mead.** Council accepted a quote from Glasdon for a slimline salt bin at a cost of £165 + VAT.

**(c) Dog Waste Bin in Halls Green.** The Clerk to request a litter bin from HCC Highways.

**2021/11/143     DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

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The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 21.45

**Signed..... Chairman**

**Date.....**