

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WESTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH July 2022
7:30pm at Weston Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Alistair Schofield (Chair) Cllr Tim Moody Cllr Steve Ludbrook
Cllr Stewart Clifford Cllr Judith Evans Cllr Jacky Jones

IN ATTENDANCE: Kelly Buckle (Clerk)

2022/07/079 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Matthew Hale, Cllr John Cherry, and Cllr Alison Williams.

2022/07/080 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

2022/07/081 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

2022/07/082 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th June 2022 were approved and duly authorised by the Chairman.

2022/07/083 PLANNING

- a) As at the date of this meeting the following applications have been received:
- Application 22.01676.FPH Reservoir Cottage, Weston SG4 7EB. No objections.
 - Application 22/01661/FP Land Adjacent to Pencroft, Weston SG4 7BG. WPC have applied for and been granted an extension to consider this application in full at the August meeting.
- b) NHC Decision Notices:
- Decision Notice 22.01164.FPH The Cottage, Weston SG4 7AL. Permission granted
 - Decision Notice 22/01291/FPH 20 Friars Road, Weston SG4 7BA. Permission granted

2022/07/084 FINANCE, GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

- a) Cheque Signing. The following items were approved for payment:
- Clerk Salary (June 2021) - £259.56
 - A Schofield. Annual Parish Meeting Expenses - £98.32
 - Information Commissioners Office. Annual Data Protection Fee - £40.00
 - Mr Roger P Seifert. Grass Cutting - £214.50
 - Glasdon. Plaque - £121.99
 - North Herts Council. Annual Rental of the Land Rear of The Snipe - £15.00 (DD)
 - Weston Village Hall. Hall Hire - £64.00
 - Jacky Jones. Jubilee Celebrations - £101.97
- b) Payments processed since the last Meeting. The following items were approved for payment:
- Soccertackle. Goal Post - £474.69
 - Fifth Wheel. Jubilee Celebrations - £150.00
 - Waveco Productions. Jubilee Celebrations - £1,702.20
 - Igloos. Jubilee Celebrations - £90.00
- c) Clarification of Councillor Responsibilities. The role of communications and media was defined.
- d) Overpayment of Grant by Hertfordshire County Council. WPC received a payment in error of £50,679 on the 10th June 2022. The amount should have been £500 for a Grant from Cllr S Jarvis towards the storage facilities at the Youth Club (Minute 2022/05/063 refers). A cheque to refund the balance to Hertfordshire County Council for £50,179 was authorised.

2022/07/085 PROJECTS

- a) Snipe Play Area. Purchase Order WPC/2022/01 was raised to Setter Play on the 26th May. Section 106 Monies have been allocated by NHC and will be paid to WPC upon presentation of copy invoices. Setter Play is due to install the trail kit the week of the 25th July. Work is also to begin on Monday 18th July on removing and disposing of the existing trail, removal of existing item and installation of goal posts, and to lay grow through matting to existing swing.

2022/07/086 NHC LOCAL PLAN. Nothing to Report.

2022/07/087 VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT including FOOTPATHS and MAINTENANCE:

- a) Halls Green Dog Waste Bin. Council approved a budget of £300 for the purchase of a bin. Cllr A Schofield to place the order.
- b) Cutting back along School Lane and path from Church to Recreation Ground. Cllr J Evans reported that she had undertaken this work. The Council expressed their thanks to Cllr J Evans. Cllr J Evans reported that works required to footpaths 6/7 and 25 will be progressed by HCC Rights of Way and Cllr Schofield reported that he had chased Settle with regard to the cutting of the footpath to the rear of Friars Road and the Snipe.
- c) Tommy Silhouette. Council approved a budget of £350 plus shipping costs for the purchase of a Tommy Silhouette from the Royal British Legion. Cllr A Schofield to place the order.
- d) Ukrainians in Weston. There are now a number of families living in Weston and a number of children attending the primary school. There is a concern that funding allocated for the children from Hertfordshire County Council is not flowing down to the school. Cllr A Schofield to contact Cllr S Jarvis.
- e) Village Pond. A site visit to be organised to determine what needs to be done and to prioritise the tasks. Cllr S Clifford to organise.
- f) Sustainability Projects. Cllr S Clifford to take the lead in identifying specific sustainability projects for the community. If members of the parish have any thoughts and suggestions, please contact Cllr Clifford via his email address: stewartst@yahoo.com.
- g) Jacksons Lane Car Park. Fencing has been damaged in the car park. A resident has been invited to submit possible solutions to prevent future damage with costings to this council.

2022/07/088 RECREATION GROUNDS and SPORTS FACILITIES:

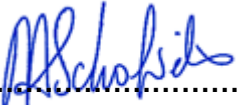
- a) Cutting and baling of wildflower meadow. This Council expressed their thanks to Cllr J Cherry for agreeing to cut and bale the wildflower meadow.
- b) Annual Inspection and Risk Assessment of Play Areas 2022. North Hertfordshire Council is arranging for the annual inspection of playgrounds in the Autumn of 2022. This council agreed to request an inspection for the recreation ground only as the Snipe equipment is being newly installed. Clerk to action.

2022/07/089 HIGHWAYS and LIGHTING:

- a) Traffic Calming and Section 106 Monies. Hertfordshire County Council thanked this Council for the report and asked it to be resubmitted when relevant planning applications are submitted.
- b) Verge cutting in Maiden Street (between the school and Church Lane). To be reported to Highways as a danger to parents and children accessing the school. Clerk to action.

2022/07/090 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING Thursday 11th August 2022

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20:57

Signed.....  **Chairman**

Date: 11th August 2022