

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WESTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 11th August 2022
7:30pm at Weston Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Alistair Schofield (Chair) Cllr Tim Moody Cllr Steve Ludbrook
Cllr Judith Evans Cllr Alison Williams Cllr John Cherry

IN ATTENDANCE: Kelly Buckle (Clerk)

2022/07/091 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Jacky Jones and Cllr Matthew Hale. Cllr Stewart Clifford arrived at item 2022/07/097.

2022/07/092 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

2022/07/093 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

2022/07/094 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th July 2022 were approved and duly authorised by the Chairman.

2022/07/095 PLANNING

- a) As at the date of this meeting the following applications have been received:
- Application 22/01661/FP Land Adjacent to Pencroft, Weston SG4 7BG. The Parish Council objects to this application due to its impact on the Green Belt and Conservation Area. In the event that this planning application is approved, the Parish Council would like it to be noted in the planning documentation that the horse trough and pump (that are situated between the road and the boundary of this property) are the property of the Parish Council and should not be disturbed.

2022/07/096 FINANCE, GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

- a) Cheque Signing. The following items were approved for payment:
- Clerk Salary (July 2022) - £259.56
 - Mr Roger P Seifert. Grass cutting - £181.50
 - Setter Play. The Snipe Play Area - £11,950.03. Minute 2022/05/060.
 - A Schofield. Tommy Statue (RBLI) - £200.00. Minute 2022/07/087(c).
 - A Schofield. Bin (Glasdon) - £350.62 Minute 2022/07/087(a).
 - A Schofield. Grass Seed (The Snipe) - £5.29
 - PKF Littlejohn LLP. 2021/2022 Limited Assurance Review - £240.00
- b) AGAR Section 3 External Auditor Report. PKF Littlejohn LLP have completed the review of Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR and concluded it is in accordance with Proper Practices. No other matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. A "Notice of Conclusion of Audit" has been prepared and placed on the WPC noticeboard and the WPC website along with Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the AGAR. The external auditors report will remain publicly available for 5 years.

The Council expressed thanks to the Clerk for doing such an excellent job in managing the finances and governance processes.

- c) Q1 2022 Finance Report. Cllr Williams signed the Bank Reconciliation.

2022/07/097 PROJECTS

- a) Snipe Play Area. The new play equipment has now been installed. Section 106 Monies have been allocated by NHC and will be paid to WPC upon presentation of copy invoices. This Council agreed to the purchase of a new picnic bench from Martin Sheds at a cost of £180. Cllr Schofield to liaise with local residents to see if a working party can be arranged to clear the nettles behind the goal. Cllr Schofield agreed to advertise the old goal that has now been removed from the site for sale.
- b) Jubilee 2022 spend v budget. Net expenditure (total expenditure less sponsorship and income from cream tea tickets) was £507 under the budget granted of £5,000.

2022/07/098 NHC LOCAL PLAN.

Nothing to Report.

2022/07/099 VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT including FOOTPATHS and MAINTENANCE:

- a) Support to Ukrainians in Weston. This Council wrote to HCC Cllr Steve Jarvis regarding the inadequacy of the support for Ukrainian children attending Weston school. Cllr Jarvis has spoken with the Director of Education who explained that funding had been delayed due to central Government failing to make the necessary payments. It is understood that this has now been resolved and the school should receive its allotted funding in time for the Autumn term. The school have also been notified of this to ensure that the necessary processes are followed to secure the funding.
- b) Village Pond. The Council agreed to remove undesirable self-seeded plants to expose the pond and to reduce the water consumption, whilst leaving selective plants which will be pruned appropriately. Once this work has been undertaken, the next step will be to decide on the appropriate measures to take to maintain the banks and improve the overall appearance of the area.
- c) Overflowing Bins. The Clerk to request if the frequency of visits to empty the bins can be increased during the summer months.
- d) Hatch Lane. A resident had noted that the road on either side of the bridge over the bypass along Hatch Lane narrows, therefore creating a danger to unwitting drivers. This has been raised with Highways previously who stated that the highway over the bridge was constructed to meet road width standards whereas the existing road on either side is narrower. The narrowing at either side of the bridge is therefore unavoidable.
- e) Reported Items:
 - The footpath behind The Snipe and Friars Road. This has now been cleared by NHC on behalf of Settle.
 - Several overflowing litter bins have been reported to NHC.
 - Cllr Schofield has taken the opportunity of the lengthy dry spell to send Anglian Water photographs of the water leaks in Maiden Street, Hitchin Road and Friars Road.

2022/07/100 RECREATION GROUNDS and SPORTS FACILITIES:

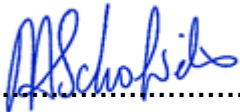
- a) Annual Inspection and Risk Assessment of Play Areas 2022. WPC has requested that an inspection be carried out at the recreation ground.

2022/07/101 HIGHWAYS and LIGHTING:

- a) Verge cutting in Maiden Street. The Council would like to welcome the new residents in the Old Bakery to the village and thank them for committing to cutting back the hedge along Maiden Street. Cllr Schofield added that Ben Wilson has again offered to help residents with hedge cutting where the use of his tractor and hedge-trimming equipment would be beneficial.

2022/07/102 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING Thursday 8th September 2022

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20:28

Signed.....  Chairman

Date: 13th October 2022