

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WESTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 8th December 2022
7:30pm at Weston Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Alistair Schofield (Chair) Cllr Tim Moody Cllr Stewart Clifford
Cllr John Cherry Cllr Alison Williams Cllr Jacky Jones
Cllr Steve Ludbrook

IN ATTENDANCE: Kelly Buckle (Clerk)
County and District Cllr Steve Jarvis

2022/12/127 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Judith Evans and Cllr Matthew Hale.

2022/12/128 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

2022/12/129 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

2022/12/130 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th November were approved and duly authorised by the Chairman.

2022/12/131 PLANNING

- a) As at the date of this meeting the following applications have been received:
- 22/02883/FP Friends Green Farm, Friends Green SG4 7BU. No objection.
 - 22/03009/FP Village Hall, Maiden Street SG4 7AA. No objection.
 - 22/03049/TCA 2 Butts Green, Maiden Street SG4 7AD. No objection.
 - 22/03034/TCA Cowmead Cottage, Church Lane SG4 7AH. No objection.
 - 22/03150/FPH 68 Friars Road SG4 7BB. Clerk to request an extension until after the January meeting of this Council (12th January 2023).
- b) NHC Decision Notices:
- 22/02534/LDCP Old Bakery, Maiden Street SG4 7BG. Application deemed lawful.
 - 22/02328/FPH The Stables, Halls Green SG4 7DZ. Permission granted.
 - 22/02741/FPH Glebe Cottage, Church Lane SG4 7DJ. Permission granted.
 - 22/02228/LBC Woodvine Cottage, Damask Green Road SG4 7DE. Listed building consent granted.

2022/12/132 FINANCE, GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

- a) Cheque Signing. The following items were approved for payment:
- Clerk Salary (November 2022) - £297.00
 - Clerk Salary (Backdated 1st April – 31st October 2022) - £262.08
 - Hertfordshire County Council (Replacement Gates) - £6,200.00
 - Glasdon UK Limited (Bench N Brewster) - £748.77
 - Castle Water (Water Supply) - £23.02
 - Tim Moody (Expenses) - £36.12
 - Weston Village Hall (Hall Hire) - £64.00
- b) Grant Application 2023
- Cherry Tots. Grant of £400 awarded.
 - Luncheon Club. Grant of £300 awarded.
- c) Budget Setting Financial Year 2023/2024. A Precept of £21,000 was agreed by this Council.
- d) Christmas Tree Lights / Celebrations. It was confirmed that everything was ready for the events during the weekend of the 10th Dec.
- e) North Herts Ward Boundary Review. Cllr A Schofield to circulate draft response to councillors objecting to the Boundary Commission's current proposals on the basis that they would result in Weston becoming part of a much larger ward including Ashwell, and with 3 District Councillors assigned to it.

2022/12/133 PROJECTS

- a) Snipe Play Area. Project completed.

2022/12/134 NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE COUNCIL (NHC) LOCAL PLAN 2011-2031.

2022/12/135 VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT including FOOTPATHS and MAINTENANCE:

- a) Village pond: Update (SC). This Council would like to extend their thanks to all those who supported the working party on the 19th November. Council will proceed to obtain planning permission to reduce the willow tree.
- b) Village Sign (TM). Cllr Moody has requested a quote for renovation. This will be revisited in the Spring.
- c) HRH King Charles III Coronation. Saturday 6th May 2023. The working party have met to formulate ideas. A breakdown of proposed income and expenditure and what events will be held will be presented in January 2023.
- d) Weston 100 Outdoor Day (TM). Deferred to the January meeting.
- e) Internet connection in Halls Green (JJ). Report to be presented in January.
- f) WPC-owned tree inspection (AS). The Clerk to ask Evolution Tree Works for a quote.
- g) Reported Items (ALL)
 - NHC Contractor / Rugby Field. The Clerk has contacted Tom Ayres at NDC to request that the Contractor be asked to not bring vehicles into the rugby field.

2022/12/136 RECREATION GROUNDS and SPORTS FACILITIES:

- a) Topping Margins in Recreation Ground. Cllr J Cherry to action.
- b) Bin Emptying. This council has had one applicant for the role of emptying all bins at the recreation ground, one bin at the Snipe play area and one in the Church Carpark. Cllr T Moody to provide a role specification.
- c) Charity Commission Annual Return 2022 (Recreation Ground). Completed by the Clerk and circulated to Council.
- d) Valuation Office Agency (Tennis Club). Completed by the Clerk and circulated to Council.

2022/12/137 HIGHWAYS and LIGHTING:

- a) Road safety in Jacksons Lane. To be progressed by the Weston Village Hall Committee.

2022/12/138 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING Thursday 12th January 2023

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 21:35

Signed.....  Chairman

Date: 12th January 2023