

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 13th April 2023

7:30pm at Weston Village Hall

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

IN ATTENDANCE: County and District Cllr Steve Jarvis
Minutes taken by Cllr Schofield.

2023/04/035 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and approved from Stewart Clifford.

The Clerk was not in attendance at this Meeting.

2023/04/036 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2023/04/037 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

2023/04/038 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th March 2023 were approved and duly authorised by the Chairman.

2023/04/039 PLANNING

- a) As at the date of this meeting the following applications have been received:
- 23/00508/FPH - Cowmead Cottage, Church Lane SG4 7AH. No objection provided garage roof strictly adheres to the planning application.
- b) NHC Decision Notices:
- None

2023/04/040 FINANCE, GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

- a) Cheque Signing. The following items were approved for payment:
- Clerk Salary (March 2023) - £297.00
 - Clerk Expenses (Project H and Castle Water) - £146.78
 - HAPTC. Annual Subscription - £524.88
 - Weston Village Hall. Hall Hire – £12.00
 - Table-Tennis-Tables.co.uk. Minute - £770.95
 - Tim Moody. WVH100 Expenditure - £156.91
 - Jacky Jones. Coronation - £183.25
- b) Annual Parish Meeting. This will be held on 11th May at 8pm following the Parish Council Meeting, which will begin at the earlier time of 7pm.
- c) Internal Audit Financial Year ended 31st March 2023. Steve Vine has been appointed as the Internal Auditor.
- d) Weston Village Hall (WVH) Trustee Representatives. This Council endorsed the following individuals to be its representatives on the WVH Committee: Gill Perkins, Mick Wall and Susie Lucas. All three nominees are willing to continue.
- e) Defibrillator training. Councillors wished to record their thanks to Hearne Training for delivering the excellent training to another group of people in the Village Hall on the 12th March.

2023/04/041 PROJECTS

- a) HRH King Charles III Coronation. Cllrs Jones and Williams had produced leaflets advertising the event for Councillors to deliver to all houses in the parish. Further notices will be issued via social media to ask people for assistance with decorating the village green, erecting signs etc, and with the 'helping out' events on Monday 8th May.

Cllr Jones reported that permission had been granted for Fore Street to be closed to through traffic on Sunday 7th May from 10am to 10pm to make the area around the green safe for the Big Picnic Lunch, and to provide more space for activities. All houses in Fore Street will be informed/leafleted and barriers will be moveable for resident and emergency access.

2023/04/042 VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT including FOOTPATHS and MAINTENANCE:

- a) Well on the Village Green. Cllrs Charry and Schofield to open the well up, photograph it and resecure it. The photographs to be sent to relevant companies to obtain suggestions and quotations for a long-term solution.
- b) Village Pond update to HCC. HCC had enquired as to what work had been carried out following their recommendations. Most of their recommendations were adopted and the work has now been completed. Cllr Evans to respond on behalf of the Council.
- c) Defibrillator. A budget for the installation of an additional defibrillator outside the Village Hall was agreed for £750, of which District and County Councillor Steve Jarvis kindly offered to contribute £500 from his Locality Budget. Final installation details are yet to be agreed with the Village Hall Committee and Hearne Training.
- d) Brambles outside Marlborough Close. These will be cut back and the litter cleared as part of the Big Help Out on Monday 8th May.
- e) Picnic table in the Recreation Ground. Cllr Moody offered to secure the tables in their correct location once again.
- f) PCSO and Community Engagement. The local Police have asked for suggestions as to events and activities they could get involved with as part of their educational and preventative work. Cllr Schofield to respond with details of forthcoming village events. Cllr Moody to speak to the school about their potential involvement, and to also discuss the possibility of the school children getting involved in designing '20s Plenty' stickers that people could attach to their wheelie bins.
- g) Footpaths 6/7, 19/21 and 25. Cllr Evans had met with Herts Highways regarding areas of footpaths 6&7 and 25 that are in need of repair. On path 6/7 Highways propose installing a new kissing gate, and in the case of footpath 25, Highways accepted that repair work was necessary to improve drainage.

Cllr Evans agreed to speak to Highways regarding footpath 19 that leads from the school to the church, as it could do with resurfacing in places to make it more usable for parents parking at the church to access the school, and for children and teaches moving between the school and the church.

(All public footpaths, along with their numbers, can be found on the Herts.gov website at the following address: <https://webmaps.hertfordshire.gov.uk/row/row.htm>).

- h) Reported Items. Cllr Schofield reported the bin outside the village shop and being full and overflowing.

2023/04/043 RECREATION GROUNDS and SPORTS FACILITIES:

2023/04/044 HIGHWAYS and LIGHTING:

2023/04/045 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING Thursday 11th May 2023

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20:50

Signed.....  Chairman

Date: 11th May 2023