

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WESTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023**  
**7:30pm at Weston Village Hall**

**PRESENT:** Cllr John Cherry (Chair) Cllr Stewart Clifford Cllr Judith Evans  
Cllr Jacky Jones Cllr Alison Williams Cllr Matthew Hale  
Cllr Steve Ludbrook

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Kelly Buckle (Clerk)

**2023/03/024 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Alistair Schofield and Cllr Tim Moody. County and District Cllr Steve Jarvis sent his apologies.

**2023/03/025 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**2023/03/026 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**2023/03/027 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were approved and duly authorised by the Chairman.

**2023/03/028 PLANNING**

- a) As at the date of this meeting the following applications have been received:
- 23/00508/FPH - Cowmead Cottage, Church Lane SG4 7AH. The Clerk to request an extension until after the April meeting.
- b) NHC Decision Notices:
- 22/03302/FPH - Chipslea, Fore Street SG4 7AS. Permission Granted

**2023/03/029 FINANCE, GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

- a) Cheque Signing. The following items were approved for payment:
- Clerk Salary (February 2023) - £297.00
  - Jacky Jones (Litter Pick Expenses) - £111.42
  - Tim Moody (Litter Pick Expenses) - £42.00
  - Weston Village Hall (Hall Hire 12<sup>th</sup> January) - £12.00
- b) Annual Parish Meeting. Date to be decided at the April Meeting.
- c) First Aid Training 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023. This will be held at the Village Hall 1030-1200.
- d) Government Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill. The Government's Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill (currently in committee stage) has presented an opportunity to sort out some of the anomalies and shortcomings regarding the legislative framework that governs parish councils. Amendments have been submitted by Baroness Scott. The Chair of HAPTC has asked that Council's lobby their MP to support the proposed amendments. The Clerk to draft a response to Oliver Heald MP, to be circulated to Council prior to sending.
- e) Grant Payments – Weston Table Tennis Club. The club were paid 50% of the grant awarded in November 2022 (Minute 2022/11/120 refers). This Council agreed to release the balance of the Grant (£640) to enable the club to purchase a second table. The Clerk to liaise with David Pidgeon re: transferring the funds.

**2023/03/030 PROJECTS**

- a) HRH King Charles III Coronation. The following events were approved:
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Coronation Bunting Making- 10am.
  - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Screening of the Coronation. Weston Village Hall. Times tbc.
  - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Big Weston Walk – 10am
  - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Weston Big Picnic Lunch – 12pm

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Big Help Out (Litter Picking) – 11am

Council agreed a Budget of £1,000 for this Project. Cllr Jones to arrange for the events to be advertised in the WPN, and for the road closure on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**2023/03/031 VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT including FOOTPATHS and MAINTENANCE:**

- a) Internet connection in Halls Green. A Government scheme to enhance connectivity in homes is currently on hold. Individual households can register their interest for a grant per household when the scheme re-commences.
- b) Well on the Village Green. Defer to the next meeting.
- c) Weston Church Clock. The repairs to the clock have been carried out and the cost was significantly less than expected. The church has therefore withdrawn the request for financial assistance.
- d) Defibrillator. The Weston Village Hall Committee Trustees have agreed to the defibrillator being attached to the front wall of the hall provided power can get to it. Cllr A Schofield to liaise with Hearn Training re: a suitable storage cabinet.
- e) Gritting Hatch Lane / Chalk Hills. Cllr Alistair Schofield wrote to HCC regarding gritting Hatch Lane and Chalk Hills. HCC have responded stating that each year they have a review of the winter season and how well it went. As part of that, HCC review all requests for additions to the routes that they received during the season. The request to grit Hatch Lane and Chalk Hills will be included in that review process.
- f) Brambles outside Marlborough Close. This Council agreed to speak to the residents in Marlborough Close who are affected by brambles growing on common land affecting the light into the properties. To be added to the potential list of work for the "Big Help Out".
- g) Reported Items (ALL)
  - Jacksons Lane. Parking spaces have been cleared of leaves and cleaned.
  - Village Bins. The Clerk to contact NHC as the bins are not being emptied in time.
  - Remedial work to footpaths. Cllr J Evans reported that remedial work to Footpath 25 and the junction of Footpaths 6 and 7 is being progressed by Highways.
  - Deer in Recreation Ground. Cllr J Cherry to arrange for the removal of a dead deer from the Recreation Ground.
  - Picnic Table in the Recreation Ground. Cllr J Evans reported that the picnic table has been moved. Council to discuss fixing it to the ground at the next meeting.

**2023/03/032 RECREATION GROUNDS and SPORTS FACILITIES:**

**2023/03/033 HIGHWAYS and LIGHTING:**

- a) Consultation for weight restriction on A507. This Council noted that the proposals look sensible and unlikely to impact Weston.

**2023/03/034 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20:51

Signed.......... Chairman

**Date: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023**