

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the electronic Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday, 6th January 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors D. Chase, G. Francis, C. Laughton, P. Laughton, R. Henderson and H. Saddington.

210101 To receive Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest
Councillor D Chase declared an interest in agenda item 210107

Open Forum – ten minutes to receive questions and comments from members of the public
No members of the public were present.

The Chairman notified the Council of the death of former Clerk to the Council, Sandra Akerman. All Councillors expressed their sadness and shock at the news and agreed that a card of condolence should be sent to former Councillor Michael Lowney.

210102 To accept the minutes of the meeting held on November 4th 2020
Accepted. Proposer – Councillor G Francis, Seconder – Councillor C Laughton.

210103 To note and report matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

i) Parish Clock update

The Clerk read a letter received from the Weston PCC which stated that a couple of queries had been received on the faculty which had been dealt with before Christmas and that they planned to chase the matter further in mid-January would advise us of further news

ii) Update about concerns about motorbikes travelling at speed on Great North Road
The Clerk apologised for not contacting the Beat Officer and confirmed that she would now do so

iii) Update on Rural Broadband Scheme

Councillor G Francis confirmed that he would volunteer to get help from the Village in gauging interest. He would also speak to the Notts CC Broadband Officer

iv) Update on revisions to Website

**Councillor G Francis advised that if further revisions were needed then the Council would need to change their supplier. Councillor P Laughton confirmed that the Village Hall Committee would update their page on the Website
The Clerk confirmed that she would check emails for the current details of church services so that these could be put on the Website**

210104 To receive reports from County Council and District Council Representatives
**Councillor Bruce Laughton advised that there was a new NSDC Parish Fund available, although it was confirmed that as the Council had previously received an award, they would not be eligible to apply this time.
With regard to COVID-19 19, he advised that 18k people in Nottinghamshire had been vaccinated. He reported that letters sent out inviting people to go for vaccines included a phone number which was being passed to over 80s who had not received letters and they were then getting appointments. The advice is not to pass the phone number on to anyone else. He reported that the infection rates in the NSDC area were increasing, but not drastically. He also reported that a COVID-19 vaccination site at Newark Showground is due to open on 11th January 2021**

210105 To receive and consider any highways issues:

It was noted that potholes were opening up near Laxton, in Muskham and in Carlton

210106 To consider financial matters

i) Balance of account

Noted

ii) To report receipts

The sum of £500 had been received from Notts CC as a contribution toward the repairs to the Parish Clock

iii) To report payments

A payment to Councillor D Chase to reimburse him for an annual subscription to Zoom on behalf of the council was agreed (in addition to the previously agreed reimbursement of 3 months of subscriptions)

iv) Update on change of account signatories and internet banking

Online Banking Signatures had been requested and were being dealt with. When all relevant parties have dealt with the request, further details should be sent out by the Bank to enable access to online banking

v) To discuss NSDC Precept estimates 2021/22

After discussion it was agreed that the Council should not put a further burden on residents by seeking an increase in the Precept, and that the Precept figure should remain unchanged. Proposer – Councillor C Laughton, Seconder – Councillor G Francis. Passed unanimously

vi) To discuss Budget 2021/22

It was noted that the Budget included figures for items that may not be paid due Lockdown restrictions

210107 To consider planning matters and receive updates on ongoing applications

i) To discuss the electronic consultation for Egmonton Oil and Gas Field, off

Moorhouse Road, Egmonton as per email from Notts CC dated 11th November 2020

There were no objections to the proposal

210108 To consider the application by Weston PCC for a grant towards the cost of grass cutting at All Saints Church

It was agreed that the Council needed to support the application, although until the Council's own financial position became clearer it was agreed to pay part of the Grant now and reassess the matter in 6 months when more was known.

Agreed unanimously

210109 Consider correspondence circulated to Councillors since last meeting:

i) Via East Midlands re: trees on Bell Lane

ii) News Journal 13/11/20

iii) Stakeholder Newsletter November 2020

iv) Notts CC Planning – electronic consultation for Egmonton Oil and Gas Field

v) Rural Bulletin 17th Nov 2020

vi) Enquiries broadband at Notts CC re: poor broadband 18 Nov 2020

vii) News Journal 19/11/20

viii) Enquiries broadband at Notts CC re Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme

ix) NSDC Guidance & tools re latest restrictions

x) NSDC – planning agenda 23/11/20

xi) Rural Bulletin 24/11/20

xii) Julie Zemontas – Latest News from Paddy Tipping

xiii) Notts CC – Notts Minerals Local Plan – Main Modifications consultation

xiv) NSDC – Planning Notice decision re: Dog Parlour

xv) Rural Bulletin 1/12/20

xvi) Rural Funding Digest December 2020

xvii) Notts CC confirmation of signage repair

xviii) NSDC Planning Appeal Notification re Redroofs Farm

xix) News Journal 3/12/20

- xx) Christmas E-card from Chairman of Notts CC
- xxi) Tanya Grimes re: Standards Matter 2
- xxii) Rural Bulletin 8/12/20
- xxiii) NSDC free trees offer
- xxiv) Tanya Grimes – NALC breaking news
- xxv) Contact via HugoFox
- xxvi) Angie Emery re Christmas Church services
- xxvii) Via Roadworks Bulletin re Hawbush Road, Weston
- xxviii) News Journal 10/12/20
- xxix) Rural Bulletin 15/12/20
- xxx) Stakeholder Update December 2020
- xxxi) NSDC re: Precept estimate 2021/22
- xxxii) News Journal 17/12/20
- xxxiii) NSDC LGA Model Code of Conduct
- xxxiv) Rural Bulletin 23/12/20
- xxxv) VIA Roadworks Bulletin re Temporary Road Closure Bell Lane, Weston

Open Forum – ten minutes to receive questions and comments from members of the public

210110 To consider and discuss any non-agenda items and business for the meeting on Wednesday 3rd February 2021

Councillor P Laughton expressed thanks to Councillor D Chase for providing the Village Christmas tree

With regard to May elections, it was asked whether any steps needed to be put in place.

Councillor C Laughton and Councillor G Francis agreed to liaise to put together a village News letter covering items such as Broadband, Parish Council vacancy, help for Villagers during lockdown etc

The meeting was declared closed at 20:35.

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