

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Weston Parish Council on Wednesday 3rd April 2024 held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Attendees:

Weston PC: David Hill, Simon Meadows, Richard Liversidge, David Chase, Richard Henderson

District and County Council Representatives: Sylvia Michael, Bruce Laughton

24.03.27 To receive Apologies for Absence:

None

24.03.28 Matters Arising from Minutes inc:

- To clarify when lengthsman grant will arrive and how to claim it.
Claim has been submitted payment expected 10/04/2024 £960.00
- Cllrs to review and identify the reconciliation discrepancy.
£64.00 discrepancy identified and resolved item closed
- Cllr Meadows to discuss parish clock with Cllr Laughton (Clock is an agenda item).
County Cllr Laughton offered to speak with Adrian Smith (Notts CC Chief Exec) to see Adrian has any contacts within the Southwell Diocese.
- GNR Update.
Solar farm survey was distributed to Weston residents. The developer is amending plans following the 1st round of public consultation. Cllr Laughton advised that the County Council was considering querying flood plans.

24.02.16 To accept the minutes of the previous meeting 6th March 2024 as accurate.

Approval of previous minutes proposed by Cllr Hill and Seconded by Cllr chase.
Minutes approved.

24.02.17 To note any Declarations of Interest

None

24.02.18 Public Participation

- A) To hear issues and views from residents.
Glass bins delivered this week have been well received, General comments about the number of pot holes and litter observed on most roads.

Email received from local resident on 25/03/24 concerning horses using the public footpath off Meadow Lane.

BL requested that the email be forwarded along with the footpath number so that Notts CC footpath team could be informed.

B) To also receive reports from County Council and District Council Representatives and Councillors.

District Council

Glass recycling bins are now being delivered.

Newark DC has increased its portion of the council tax by 2.99%. Also Council House rents will increase by 7.7%.

Newark DC is proposing to reinstate the town centre CCTV cameras potential cost £840k

The Lodge farm planning application appeal has been turned down.

County Council

Junction Improvements on the A614 are due to commence in July. 6 junctions will be altered mostly DfT funded except for the Mickeldale Lane junction at Bilsthorpe which the County Council will fund for £4.6 million.

New county council offices construction to start. Construction cost estimated to be £18 million. Surrounding land and Old Council offices will be sold off which is expected to realise a net gain.

County Council has already consolidated from 15 offices down to 9 and plans to reduce this to 7 in the future.

Council is in the process of setting it's budget for this year and next year.

County Council has commenced pot hole repairs and estimated there are 6 times as many to attend to this year some have been patched with emergency vifix. Council is planning to return to using hot boxes and repair gangs to complete the repairs.

All residents are encouraged to vote in the up coming election for East Midlands Mayor. Some of the mayor's responsibilities will include transport and adult education.

24.01.19 To receive and consider any highways issues

Road closure notice received for temporary lights at Enfield House, Weston.

Gully at the bridge on Great North Road appears to be clear now.

Phone call received from Via re: the request for horse warning signs, however a date for a site meeting was not agreed.

24.01.20 To consider financial matters and accept the financial summary and agree bills for payments

RFO needs to be recruited to compile year end paperwork. NALC may be able to suggest some Locum candidates to assist us.

Payments out

£36.00 Hall hire Jan 24 to March 24 paid

£120.00 Hall hire Apr 24 to Mar 25 proposed and approved Cllr Chase to set up the payment on line

Weston Village hall committee have advised that they have no record of payment for Hall hire May 23 to Dec 23.

24.01.21 To consider planning matters and receive updates on ongoing applications (as applicable)

No new applications to discuss.

Application at dovecote house was approved by Newark planning officer

The appeal at lodge farm was rejected.

24.01.23 Main Business

A) Solar Farm update

No further update

B) Parish Clock

as above item 24.03.28

C) Grounds Maintenance

Footpaths walked and ivy / branches cut back where they were obstructing the paths.

D) Recruitment of Clerk/RFO

Full position now advertised with Lincoln and Notts NALC

Separate message distributed for temp assistance.

Thank you card to be purchased and sent to outgoing Clerk.

24.01.24 Consider correspondence circulated to Councillors since last meeting

NALC news letter: training course is being put on for Chair Skills. Cllr Meadows to attend 12th June. Parish Councillor finance training is also available on 25th April cost £30.00. Councillors to coordinate to see if at least one councillor can attend.

24.01.26 To identify agenda items and business for the next meeting on Wednesday 1st May 2024

Village Sign

AGM to be held at the start of the May council meeting

Annual Parish meeting 11/05/24

Meeting Closed 20:39