

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd July 2019 in the Village Hall, Weston commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Councillors: D. Chase, P. Laughton, M. Lowney, C. Laughton,
H. Saddington, R. Henderson
District Councillor: S. Michael
Clerk: S. Akerman
Members of the Public: 3

190701 To receive Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Francis and County Cllr. Laughton.
Declaration of Interest – Cllr. P. Laughton declared an interest in any matters relating to
highways

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

- A resident commented on a point 190706 relating to how open spaces can be more wildlife friendly and diversified.

190702 To accept the Notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th June 2019
The notes were accepted as a true and correct record and duly signed by the Chair.
Proposed by Cllr. P. Laughton and seconded by Cllr. C. Laughton.

190703 To accept the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th June 2019
The minutes were accepted as a true and correct record and duly signed by the Chair.
Proposed by Cllr. C. Laughton and seconded by Cllr. Lowney

190704 To note and report matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

- i) To discuss amendments to dog bin contract – Cllr. C. Laughton advised that the bins had been checked over the last few weeks and were not overflowing. **All agreed** to retain the fortnightly emptying.
- ii) Replacement bench at Colley Lane – the Clerk advised that the permission to work on the highway to install a concrete plinth has been requested. The bench will be ordered from Glasdon on receipt of permission.
The Clerk was asked to request N&SDC move the new litter bin at the corner of Main Street to the new post which is further away from the bench.
- iii) Parish clock – the Clerk has been advised that a faculty is required from the diocese before any work on the clock can be carried out. Time Assured are in contact with Simon Meadows regarding this. Estimated time for work to start would be August/September. The Clerk to write to Simon Meadows regarding the faculty requirements.
- iv) Gateway signs – the Clerk circulated a current photo of the signs prior to the meeting. Outline black and cream painting is completed with hand painting of the central scene to be done over the next two weeks. Estimated time for the signs to be installed is the end of July. The Clerk suggested posting photos and a timeline onto the website. **All agreed.**

190705 To receive reports from County Council and District Council Representatives
District Cllr. Michael advised that N&SDC will be holding meetings over the next three months to gain information of any identified inefficiencies and local issues. It was suggested a copy of the Community Plan be circulated and the subject added to the agenda for September. **All agreed.**

190706 To receive and consider any Highways & Rights of Way issues

- i) Update on any outstanding issues logged
 - Cllr. C. Laughton raised the broken hand rail on the footbridge across the dyke. Clerk to log.
 - Cllr. Lowney raised the blocked gullies along the length of the Great North Road past the village. Clerk to log.
 - Cllr. Lowney raised the state of the footpath at Main Street/Colley Lane with moss and weeds. Clerk to log.
- ii) Resident correspondence regarding speed and footpaths on the Great North Road. Details of the correspondence were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

District Cllr. Michael agreed to forward the details to County Cllr. Laughton.

- Cllr. Lowney asked if the Clerk could raise the issue at the next Safer neighbourhood Group meeting and whether there is a chance of the speed detector van being in the area. Clerk to speak with PCSO Crowhurst
- Cllr. Henderson raised the general poor state of the footpaths along the Great North Road. Clerk to log.

iii) Resident correspondence regarding verges. Details of the correspondence were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr. Chase summarised the process for cutting the verges and then opened the discussion to members of the public. A query was raised as to whether wildlife and diversity can be encouraged by looking at the way the verges in and around the village are maintained. Open spaces and verges are the County Council responsibility and it was agreed that any further discussion should take place with County Councillor Laughton present. **All agreed** to add the subject to the agenda for September.

190707 To consider financial matters

i) To record the balance of accounts at 30th June 2019 – the Clerk reported a balance of £17,493.44 which includes LIS Funds of £4,455 and defibrillator funds of £1,046

ii) To report receipts

i) Hutchinson Engineering Services for annual donation to defibrillator @ £250

The Clerk advised that the defibrillator battery is likely to require replacing next year (after 5 years) at an approx. cost of £282. Cllr. Lowney queried when the defibrillator itself would need replacing.

iii) To agree payments

i) Notts ALC for New Councillor Training for Cllr. Henderson @ £35 (Chq 512)

190708 To consider any planning matters and receive an update on ongoing applications

i) 19/01034/FUL Retrospective application for the erection of an agricultural storage building at Crossways, Great North Road. Details were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Following a discussion and a vote, the majority supported the application.

190709 To receive and consider correspondence received

i) Notts Police introduction to the new Chief Inspector for Bassetlaw/Newark & Sherwood. Details to be circulated to councillors.

ii) Notts Police correspondence regarding press reports that Newark Police Station may close. No decisions have been made at this time. The Clerk was asked to respond to Inspector Sutton and also to write to Robert Jenrick stressing the importance of retaining the presence in Newark.

iii) Advance notice of three-way traffic lights at Colley lane/Great North Road on Friday 12th July. To be posted to website and Facebook.

iv) Planning application 19/01074/FUL received and to be considered at a separate planning meeting scheduled for Wednesday 10th July at 7.30pm. The Clerk to circulate details.

At this point the Clerk advised that not all planning applications can be accessed via the village website Planning Tracker if post codes are not made available by N&SDC and was asked to add a link to the planning portal. Details of how to access planning applications are already included on the site.

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

- Following the query regarding replacing the defibrillator, the meeting was advised that upgrades are available. The Clerk to clarify the contract with CHT on this point.

190710 To consider and discuss any non-agenda items

Cllr. Chase raised the issue of garden waste being fly tipped in the dyke at the end of Ladywood Lane. Cllr. Michael is aware of the issue. The Clerk was asked to write to the resident concerned asking for the rubbish to be moved and to include the topic on the agenda for the meeting on 10th July for follow up.

Next Meeting – Wednesday 4th September at Weston Village Hall from 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.40pm

Signed by the Chair as a true record on 4th September 2019. Minute reference 401-402