

Weston Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Weston Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 6th of May 2026 in the Village Hall at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllr. S Meadows (chair) · Cllr. D Hill · Cllr. R Henderson · Cllr. D Chase · Cllr. S Widdowson
District Councillor Sylvia Michaels · Benefice Operations Manager Julie Readman
Clerk: Callum Bryant · 1 Resident

26.05.01 ELECTION OF CHAIR / VICE CHAIR

It was resolved to elect Cllr. Meadows Chair and Cllr Henderson Vice-Chair.

26.05.02 APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

26.05.03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

26.05.04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Benefice Operations Manager Julie Readman introduced herself to the council and gave a recap of her background and current role as operations team-lead for rural churches within the Diocese of Southwell.

A resident talked about planning and enforcement issues within the parish.

26.05.05 UPDATE FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Newark and Sherwood District Councillor Sylvia Michaels gave a report regarding food-waste collection, planning, the upcoming safer neighbourhoods meeting and the council's acquisition of an enterprise-grade drone.

- CLOSURE OF THE PUBLIC SESSION -

26.05.06 MINUTES

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th of March as accurate.

26.05.07 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Widdowson gave a report on the condition and operation of the village defibrillator, outlining the Community Heartbeat contract and how it relates to the useful lifetime of the defibrillator.

26.05.08 HIGHWAYS

Cllr. Chase reported that Footpath Number 9 had been closed due to the deterioration of the bank beneath the bridge-end. Cllr. Widdowson reported a wall deteriorating at another bridge crossing site.

26.05.09 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

- a) Accounts, including end-of-year were approved and signed.
- b) Transaction summaries were approved and signed.
- c) Bank reconciliations were approved and signed.
- d) Expenditure against budget was noted.

26.05.10 INSURANCE QUOTES

it was resolved to insure the Parish Council with Zurich at a cost of £214.

26.05.11 VILLAGE FOOTPATH

The council discussed provisioning a footpath near the village entrance, resolved that the clerk will obtain a list of approved contractors.

26.05.12 PLANNING MATTERS

The council discussed general planning matters as well as the Field East of Moorhouse Road and upcoming enforcement deadlines.

26.05.13 POLICY REVIEW

It was resolved to approve the draft Financial Regulations, Standing Orders, Risk Assessment, and Code of Conduct.

26.05.14 ONGOING ISSUES AND UPDATES

- a) Village Clock: The Council discussed the current position regarding the village clock, including access for winding, maintenance, safety checks and the historic arrangements between the Parish Council and the church. It was noted that the clock remains unwound and that access arrangements need to be resolved before any further inspection or servicing can take place. Julie Readman agreed to speak with the Churchwarden and seek to facilitate a meeting or discussion to establish a practical way forward. The item will remain on the agenda.
- b) JPAG update: Cllr. Meadows outlined the status of the project and the ongoing consultations.

26.05.15 CORRESPONDENCE AND ISSUES RAISED

The council considered correspondence regarding developments on Main Street working outside of normal hours.

26.05.16 MEETING DATES AND NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Meeting dates were confirmed as July 1, September 2, October 4, January 6, March 3. Items for inclusion on the next agenda were relayed to the clerk.

- THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 21:26 -