

Weston Parish Council

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Minutes of the Weston Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 6th November.

Present: Councillors S Meadows (chair), D Hill, R Liversidge, D Chase, R Henderson.

Also present: NSDC Councillor Sylvia Michael, 4 residents.

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| 24.11.01 | <p>To receive apologies for absence.</p> <p>County Councillor Bruce Laughton sent apologies.</p> |
| 24.11.02 | <p>To determine which items on the agenda, if any, require the exclusion of public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 S1 (2) and resolve to exclude public and press for these items.</p> <p>None.</p> |
| 24.11.03 | <p>To accept the minutes of the previous meetings, 4th September, and 25th September 2024 as accurate.</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the minutes of both meetings as accurate.</p> |
| 24.11.04 | <p>To note any Declarations of Interest.</p> <p>No declarations of interest were made.</p> |
| 24.11.05 | <p>Public Participation:</p> <p>A) To hear issues and views from residents.</p> <p>B) To also receive reports from County Council and District Council representatives and Councillors.</p> <p>A resident made an informal report to the council that they had been threatened by a developer over a planning objection. The chair expressed that the council did not condone threats.</p> <p>District Councillor Sylvia Michaels reported regarding the council losing several senior planning officers in the coming months to central government who are having to deal with an influx of appeals regarding large-scale solar projects and mandated building.</p> |
| 24.11.06 | <p>To receive and consider any highways issues.</p> <p>Cllr Chase reported that a trip hazard on the corner of Colley Ln and Main Street had been repaired within a week of notifying NCC.</p> <p>Cllr Meadows reported that the low 30mph signs on Colley Lane had been replaced.</p> <p>Cllr Liversidge reported that a trailer on the Great North Road had become detached from its cab, travelled across a footpath and damaged a hedge and part of the footpath.</p> <p>It was resolved that the council keep an accident log in order to accrue data that may be needed to inform safety planning in the future.</p> |
| 24.11.07 | <p>To consider financial matters, confirm bank balances and agree bills for payment.</p> <p>A) To discuss draft budget in preparation for precept demand.</p> |

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| | <p>It was resolved to accept the bank statements and bank reconciliation.</p> <p>It was resolved to approve the draft budget with no precept demand increase for the coming financial year and a earmark of £5000 for infrastructure improvements.</p> |
| 24.11.08 | <p>To consider planning matters and receive updates on ongoing applications (as applicable), as well as discussing budgeting for the next financial year.</p> <p>No new applications were presented, but Cllrs Meadows and Henderson reported that highways' surveys were being carried out and that the planning application for 2 houses on land adjacent Ivydene on Main Street had been granted.</p> |
| 24.11.09 | <p>To consider contributing to JPAG, alongside other parishes, to gain access to a planning consultant for assistance with preparing responses for the solar consultation and enabling the Parish Council to effectively represent our parishioners.</p> <p>The council discussed the benefit that a consultant may be able to provide, and it was resolved to approve a contribution of up to £500 for this purpose.</p> |
| 24.11.10 | <p>To discuss any issues raised by residents since last meeting.</p> <p>Residents had raised dog fouling as an issue in the area and requested a bin near the church – Chair invited them to email the clerk with a suggested location for discussion on the next agenda.</p> |
| 24.11.11 | <p>Main Business:</p> <p>A) Any updates on CIL grant and possible projects for the provided funding. The Chair was able to get general advice about CIL rules but is still waiting for a response with more specific information. Council to discuss further in the new year.</p> <p>B) Determine policies to be reviewed for next meeting. Policy update decision to be deferred to next meeting.</p> <p>C) Councillor Email Addresses – implementation. Councillor email addresses have been implemented and login details given to councillors.</p> <p>D) Update on Parish Clock. No update yet, clerk to organise meeting with church regarding access.</p> <p>E) Village Sign Update. S115 checklist has been provided to VIA along with a map and location details, reminder emails seeking quotes have been sent out.</p> |
| 24.11.12 | <p>Consider correspondence circulated to Councillors since last meeting.</p> <p>No correspondence has been received.</p> |
| 24.11.13 | <p>To identify agenda items / business and a date for the next meeting.</p> <p>JPAG update</p> |

Meeting closed at 8:48pm