

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the electronic Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Wednesday, October 7th 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors D. Chase, G. Francis, C. Laughton, P. Laughton. The meeting was also attended by Councillor B. Laughton

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

201001 To receive Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest
Apologies received from Councillors R. Henderson and H Saddington

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

201002 To accept the minutes of the meeting held on September 2nd 2020
Proposer: P. Laughton, Seconder: G. Francis. Accepted unanimously

201003 To note and report matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

- i) Parish Clock update
DAC Report had been forwarded to the Councillors, and no further progress had been made. Councillor B. Laughton advised Clerk to contact NottsCC with a view to securing a contribution towards the cost of the clock which he would authorise
- ii) Update about Footbridge Closure over Grassthorpe Beck where Weston FP4 meets Weston FP5
No further news. Councillor B. Laughton said he would make enquiries
- iii) Update about the verge at the corner of Colley Lane/Main Street
The verge and the path had been cleared
- iv) Update about concerns about motorbikes travelling at speed on Great North Road
The clerk had written to Heather Sutton and received a reply which was read at the meeting. Not recommended for villagers to undertake any action of their own given the 60 mph limit on the stretch of road outside the village. Letter suggested that the local Beat Officer could carry out an inspection to see whether a mobile speed check could safely be carried out. Councillor P. Laughton agreed to find out who the Beat Officer is.
- v) Update on Rural Broadband Scheme
Councillor G. Francis reported that there were various schemes available. The Rural Broadband Voucher Scheme gives vouchers worth £3.5k for Businesses and £1.5k for putting the broadband structure in. Individuals register with a provider, who register the area and gauge whether there is enough interest. Any Community led group application would need co-ordinating. Councillor G. Francis has registered a community interest with Open Reach. Notts CC has a fund which matches the voucher scheme. An alternative is Advanced Fixed Wireless Access (AFWA) Quickline, which operates in a similar way to a satellite dish. The infrastructure costs £200-£300 per property and has a low internet charge at a decent speed. Notts CC have a Broadband Infrastructure Liaison Office. Councillor B. Laughton agreed to speak to him to ascertain the position re: Weston.
- vi) Update concerning Defibrillator Box
The Clerk reported that she had placed a notice in the box asking residents not to put any items in the box, and the box was currently clear.

- 201004 To receive reports from County Council and District Council Representatives
Councillor B. Laughton reported that the County Council was awaiting the Government decision on stricter lockdown rules in the region. He reported that the County was low on funds due to the Covid crisis
- 201005 To receive and consider any highways issues:
Councillor Chase reported local flooding that had occurred due to a possible pipe collapse/blockage at the side of the road next to Goosemoor Dyke, and water flooding out of the fields and over the road at the end of Moorhouse Road at junction with Egmonton Road (and has flooded the M1 in the past), rather than into the Dyke. The Clerk is to raise an enquiry/report
- 201006 To consider financial matters
- i) Balance of account
Balances noted
 - ii) To report receipts
**Precept received.
Councillor P. Laughton to check whether any refund due to the Council for the hire of the Village Hall**
 - iii) To report payments
**No payments made.
The Council is using the Zoom account of Councillor D. Chase. It was Unanimously agreed that the Council would pay a contribution of 3 months Subscription of £11.99 per month**
 - iv) Update on change of account signatories and internet banking
Mandates are in the process of being sent off
- 201007 To consider planning matters and receive updates on ongoing applications
- i) Planning Application Ref: 20/01683/FUL – Use of land and erection of building for use as a Dog Grooming Parlour at Moor Farm, Bell Lane, Weston.
**It was noted that this would be a wooden building. The Council voted to support the application
It was noted that the planning application for Redroofs Farm had been refused**
- 201008 To discuss a review of the Parish Council Website
**The Clerk agreed to precis the recent communications webinar that she attended. The changes that can be made within the Hugo Fox format need to be checked and they should be contacted to make sure that the site is compliant with the new WCAG 2.1 Guidelines.
It was suggested that there be a “Minutes and Agendas” tab to make documents easier to find.**
- 201009 To discuss the vacancy on the Parish Council
It was minuted in May 2020 that the vacancy had been reported to NSDC and their Advice was sought at that time concerning an election. There seems to be conflicting advice from NSDC and NALC. The Clerk is to speak to the Returning Officer at NSDC to seek up to date advice
- 201010 Consider correspondence circulated to Councillors since last meeting:
- i) Rural Services Network – The Rural Bulletin 2/9/20
 - ii) RSN – Rural Funding Digest – September 2020 edition
 - iii) ICO – Latest news from ICO
 - iv) Newark and Sherwood News Journal – 10/9/20
 - v) Tanya Grimes – NALC online event on Planning
 - vi) Tanya Grimes – NALC Planning Consultations
 - vii) Ian Kemp – Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan Hearings
 - viii) RSN – The Rural Bulletin 8/9/20

- ix) Tanya Grimes – NALC Funding and Grants Bulletin
- x) NSDC – Invitation t 2020 Newark and Sherwood Parish Conference
- xi) Tanya Grimes – Free Communication Webinar on 30/9/20
- xii) Tanya Grimes – Notts ALC AGM on 19/11/20
- xiii) RSN – The Rural Bulletin 15/09/20
- xiv) NSDC – Public Consultation on Draft Residential Cycle and Car Parking Standards & Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document
- xiv) RSN – The Rural Bulletin 22/9/20
- xv) NSDC re Grant Funding available for cleaner, safer & greener projects
Possible Litter Pick Grant if available to tidy up Village. Consider for next year
- xvi) Tanya Grimes – NALC Funding and Grants Bulletin September 2020
- xvii) NSDC – Agenda for Planning Committee Meeting 6/10/20
- xviii) RSN – The Rural Bulletin 29/9/20
- xix) Tanya Grimes – NALC online event: Collaboration for Health and Wellbeing
- xx) Notts CC – Town & Parish Councils Focus Groups Invitation
- xxi) Anonymous Email from Weston Resident concerning Publication of Documentation and Vacancy on Parish Council
The contents of the Email and the response given were discussed. Matters raised will be borne in mind on the context of the review of the Council Website.

201011 To consider and discuss any non-agenda items and business for the meeting on Wednesday 4th November 2020

Matter of the bench at Colley Lane to be included in minutes of next meeting.

The next meeting is due to be held electronically on Wednesday 4th November

The meeting was closed at 21:02.