

## WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

**Present** Cllr Glyn Francis (Chair) Cllr Colin Laughton Cllr Pauline Laughton  
Cllr David Chase Cllr Richard Henderson  
District Cllr. Sylvia Michael  
4 Members of the public in attendance

### **230401 To receive Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Bruce Laughton (County Council), Cllr. Nick Scott, Janet Birkin (Clerk) – Accepted  
Declaration of Interest from Cllr Colin Laughton in respect of items 230410 A & B.

### **230402 Open Forum – ten minutes to receive questions and comments from members of the public**

Residents raised the issue of parking outside of their property. Their concern was with the increase and inconsiderate parking generally along Main Street and from the adjacent development site as well as in the vicinity of the village hall, especially when events were held there and that they are hoping for an amenable solution to their problem. A recent incidence of a vehicle parked across their driveway prompted them to raise their concerns by email to the PC and Village Hall and to attend this meeting. Cllr GF advised that the Parish Council had no powers regarding parking within the public highway and that only the Police can take action for enforcement of any parking contravention or Actual obstruction offence. Also, any issues concerning attendees at the Village Hall should be directed to the Village Hall Committee. Cllr PL said she had also received the email and that this matter would be discussed at the next Village Hall Committee meeting and a response would then be provided. D.Cllr SM advised there are 'Inconsiderate Parking' cards available to the PC and that this common problem has occurred in Caunton, Sutton on Trent and other villages within the area. Cllr PL offered to talk to the builders with a request that they park their works vehicles with consideration to residents.

### **230403 Matters Arising from Minutes**

- A) Letter of thanks sent to Cllr H, Saddington (Clerk)
- B) Notice of vacancy published and put on noticeboard and web-site (Cllr. C.L)
- C) Update on church key/clock (Cllr. G.F. and Clerk) see below
- D) Request for 'siding up' of verges – reported and has been inspected by Highways
- E) Elections. Parish Council see below
- F) Coronation Grant – Cllr CL said Mementos have been purchased (showed example) and street party (7/5/23) arrangements are in hand by Village Hall Committee.
- G) Speeding. Clerk will be asked to follow up again with Highways requesting information on 'Traffic Loops' recently placed on the B1164 Great North Road near Hall Farm Access. Also to query Highways response of no injury accidents reported on this road since 2014 when it is known there have been serious injuries (fatality?) reported near Red Roofs. It has been noted the B1164 does change name within Weston village (Clerk)
- H) Further email received concerning Footpaths still being used by horses. A reminder that horses should be ridden only on Public Bridleways and NOT on public footpaths has been included in the latest edition of the Weston Wanderer and on the Weston website
- I) Permitted Development email – Clerk has responded that decision is to continue to receive notifications..
- J) Coronation Grant –Clerk responded to N&SDC accepting available grant of £150.00
- K) Climate Emergency Declaration- : Clerk responded No.
- L) SSL certificate- cost of £5 pm, N&SDC believed to offer this service free of charge (Clerk to investigate further)
- M) Clock risk assessment (Cllr. C.L. and S Meadows agree current risk assessment adequate
- N) Standing Orders Update ongoing (Cllr. C.L)

**Minutes approved as a true record and signed.(Cllr G.F.) Proposed Cllr DC and seconded Cllr CL**

### **230404 To note and report matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda**

- A) Date of AGM to be Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- B) Future meetings to be 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month except August and December
- C) Standing Orders – see above
- D) Election of Parish Council. Cllr GF said he is sad to have received Resignation from Clerk. All agreed JB has been an excellent Clerk in her time with WPC and all wish her well. D.Cllr SM confirmed only 3 PCllr nominations had been submitted to N&SDC for Weston. Cllr PL suggested NALC be contacted re finding a temporary Clerk and Cllr GF agreed to do this. D Cllr SM said Clerk at Sutton on Trent had kindly offered to assist with submitting this years' accounts if required.

### **230405 To consider and discuss any non-agenda items**

None

**230306 To receive reports from County Council and District Council Representatives and Parish Councillors**

D Cllr. Sylvia Michael reported N&SDC have agreed 140 Ltr bins for kerbside Glass Collection Service commencing September 2023 for those residents that wish to join this scheme.

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 N&SDC collection service for bulky items changed due to items such as settees requiring transportation to Kirkby in Ashfield for incineration. Charges for items such as settees and furniture has been amended. Residents can arrange for multiple pickups on same collection round.

**230407 To receive and consider any highway issues.** See above re: speeding issues. Recent RTC at junction B1164 and Bell Lane was noted – no further information available.

**230408 To consider financial matters**

- A) Internal Audit- Agreed Mike Harness to carry out Audit.
- B) AGAR (Annual Governance) Cllr GF will complete and submit return (due Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July)
- C) NALC annual payment made
- D) HMRC confirmed account paid to date
- E) Dog bin contract paid
- F) Repayment made to Cllr C.L for dog foul signs
- G) Lengthsman scheme invoice sent to Via and now received in PC account
- H) Coronation Grant submitted to NSDC £150
- I) Balance of Bank account £16,758.96

Discussed the need to ensure necessary signatories in place once new Councillors elected. Agreed Cllr PL will set up payment once invoice received from Darbys Ltd to avoid delay due to Councillor changes.

**230409 To consider planning matters and receive updates on ongoing applications**

- A) **22/02086/FUL** | Change of use of agricultural land to proposed turning area at Hutchinson Engineering Services Ltd, Weston – No decision yet
- B) **22/02331/FULM** Change of use of land and erection of two 5 bedroom houses with associated parking, turning area and garages. Land Adjacent Weston Cricket Club Great North Road- Appeal submitted – No decision yet

**230410 To discuss any issues raised by residents since last meeting**

- A) Residents query about parking on Main Street - discussed during Open forum as above
- B) Anti-social behaviour – Police aware

**230411 Consider correspondence circulated to Councillors since last meeting**

- A) WPC Insurance renewal 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 – agreed cover to be added for office equipment (laptop & external hard drive) Cllr CL & Clerk
- B) Comm Development Officer to be invited to VH Coffee morning (Clerk)
- C) HMRC Payroll – Darbys Ltd dealing with this
- D) Access to Church Clock for winding – awaiting response from Diocese

**230412 *Open Forum – ten minutes to receive questions and comments from members of the public***

Member of the public requested information on current works on land near Scarthingmoor. Cllr DC confirmed this was work by Island Gas to decommission all of the existing oil wells in the vicinity.

**230413 To consider and discuss any non-agenda items and business for the next meeting on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 at 7.30 p.m.**

Temp Clerk (Cllr GF)  
Councillor Vacancies  
Internal Audit (Clerk)  
Lengthsman Vacancy  
Church Key- Update (Cllr G.F.)  
SNG Report (Cllr PL)  
Standing Orders Update (Cllr. C.L.)  
SSL certificate (Clerk)

**Meeting closed at 8.29 p.m.**

Pauline Laughton for Clerk

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023