

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for the Meeting on Wednesday 4th January 2023
in the Village Hall 7.30pm

Present	Cllr Glyn Francis (Chair) Cllr Colin Laughton Cllr Pauline Laughton Cllr Nick Scott Cllr Richard Henderson Cllr. Sylvia Michael (District Councillor) Janet Birkin (Clerk) Members of the public in attendance 1
230101	To receive Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest Cllr David Chase (Accepted) Cllr Harvey Saddington (Accepted) No declarations of Interest
230102	Open Forum – ten minutes to receive questions and comments from members of the public There was a comment about the state of the roads -holes bad for cars travelling on them. Also, lots of litter around the grass verges on the Great North Road (and the A1)
230103	Minutes of the Meeting -November 2nd 2022 confirmed as a true record – Proposed Cllr. P.L.and seconded Cllr C.L. and signed and dated by Cllr G.F. (Chair) Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting -November 28th 2022 confirmed as a true record -Proposed by Cllr. P.L. and seconded by Cllr. C.L. and signed and dated by Cllr. G.F. (Chair)
230104	Matters Arising from Minutes Meeting November 11th 2022 1.Lengthman Scheme (Cllr G.F) There had been 1 application for the Lengthsman job vacancy (which was advertised on the website, in the bus stops) from Cllr. Colin Laughton. Cllr. C.L. has been appointed. Action : Cllr. G.F. will have a meeting with Cllr. C.L. to discuss requirements and contract. 2.Dog fouling signs (Cllr C L) Examples of signs and prices were shown. Agreed that more robust signs look more professional and will last longer. Action: Cllr. C.L. will count up how many signs are needed (6?) and order them. 3.Overgrown Hedge Colley Lane (Clerk) The Clerk had reported the hedge to highways. There had been confusion at highways and it was still not resolved. The Clerk reported it again and had been assured it would be actioned. Action: The Clerk will keep on this issue until it is resolved. 4.Burst pipe- Colley Lane – Severn Trent (Cllr. P.L.) Cllr. P.L. had reported the burst to Severn Trent and it was repaired (after the closure of Colley Lane for 2 days) Discussion of water pressure seeming to be too high in parts of the village but very low in other parts. Action: Clerk to email Severn Trent to notify them of the problem. 5.Road sweep request (Clerk) This had been reported by the Clerk and the roads and pavements had been swept promptly. 6.Speeding issue.-Follow up (Cllr G.F) Speeding on the Great North Road- particularly towards the area of Red Roofs holiday home. There had been no response from the Police. Action: Clerk will find out if anything can be done about speeding on the Great North Road. 7.Road closure on Bell Lane- (Cllr C.L) Notice was put up by Cllr. C.L. and the work has been carried out. 8.Closure of Colley Lane for electrical work/cabling underground. No notification of when this will happen yet. 9.New Clerk training (Clerk) The Clerk had taken apart in a Finance Zoom training, and a 1-1 training for New Clerks at NALC Southwell. The Clerk thanked the Councillors for supporting her with training. They have both been very beneficial. 10.Queen’s Green Canopy (Clerk) Action: Clerk As decided by the council at a previous meeting, the Clerk applied for an Oak sapling and will send another email asking if it is available yet. 11.Extra Ordinary Meeting 28th November 2022. See Planning section
230105	To note and report matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda Parish Clock- Update. The Clerk had checked all payments made to Time Assured and the final amount of £360 owing has been paid. Cllr. Sylvia Michael has managed to get a community grant of £4000 towards the cost. Sylvia was thanked for her efforts and success in doing this. Action: Clerk to get details for Maisie and send invoice.
230106	To consider and discuss any non-agenda items The council expressed thanks and appreciation to Cllr. David Chase (absent) for the donation of the Christmas Tree and lights and for putting them up with other members of the Council.
230107	To receive reports from County Council and District Council Representatives and Parish Councillors. Cllr. Sylvia Michael outlined that £39,000 has been itemised for Crime Prevention in the Newark and

	Sherwood area, and in the recent Residents Survey there were requests for Glass Recycling. The Council are considering this.
230108	To receive and consider any highways issues Meadow Lane is to be closed February 14 th -21 st 2023 for surface repairs.
230109	To consider financial matters <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nat West bank update (Cllr P.L.) The Nat West account is now closed. 2. Lloyds bank update (Cllr. P.L.) This account is now open and being used for all transactions. Cllr. P.L. was thanked for all the hard work she had put into closing Nat West and opening Lloyds. 3. PAYE for employees -Darbys (Cllr. P.L) Darbys is now dealing with PAYE for the employment of the clerk, and will also do the Lengthsman's employment PAYE. Cllr. P.L. was thanked for sorting all of this out. 4. Budget /Precept (Clerk) The Clerk presented budget figures for last year and current expenditure, along with predictions for next year. It was agreed to take off the Chairman's allowance of £50, and to halve the Village Organisations figure from £500 to £250. (£300 difference to budget expenditure) Certain expenses will increase next year and percentage rises were looked at with their calculations.(No increase, 3% , 5% and 10% increase) It was voted unanimously to increase the Precept by 3% on last year. Action: Clerk to notify Newark and Sherwood of the Precept bid. The Clerk was thanked for preparing this information and presenting it clearly. 5. Renewal of Web site Domain- 123 (Previous email info-Due 11th January 2023) The Clerk had phoned 123 and they only take card payments or Paypal now, Cllr, offered to pay the amount on his card. Action :Clerk will look into this as we still haven't had an actual renewal notice.
230110	To consider planning matters and receive updates on ongoing applications <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 22/01784/HOUSE 4 Meadow Lane Permission Granted. Only condition -Foundation pads to protect adjoining property. 2. 22/00641/FUL Lowcroft -Extra applications and permission for Heat pumps been processed. 3. 22/02086/FUL Hutchinson Engineering Services Ltd Great North Road Weston No decision yet. 4. 19/01074/FUL Scarthingmoor Cottage Farm Great North Road .Weston - Awarded certificate. 5. Ref: 22/02423/FUL Erection of 5 bed dwelling and garage. New vehicular access. Land Adjacent Ivydene Main Street Weston Comments by 24 January 2023- due to late notice it was agreed to have an Extraordinary meeting on Monday 16th January at 7.30 p.m
230111	To discuss any issues raised by residents since last meeting Footpaths erosion- Complaints had been received about horses using footpaths and making them unsafe for walkers. Discussion of the signs not being clear. The only bridlepath is around the back of the Great Wall. Footpaths are not for the use of horses or bikes. Action: Cllr. C.L. will investigate Rights of Way and get advice. Old Cricket Ground- The council had been asked via the website about what was going to be the use of the old Cricket Ground. No information has been received on this yet but it has been sold.
230112	Consider correspondence circulated to Councillors since last meeting Weston Windmill request for photographs and information. A request was made by someone wanting to write a book about windmills. He asked through the website if anyone had any photographs of the Weston windmill. Cllr P.L. sent 2 links to web sites about the windmill. The correspondent sent a thanks for this. The Chair's training was not felt to be needed by the Chair himself. He understood his role.
230113	Open Forum – ten minutes to receive questions and comments from members of the public Suggestion was made of the Council purchasing a machine to compost cuttings etc. The council felt there wasn't enough vegetation to warrant this. Member of the public offered the loan of a strimmer if needed by the council. Empty property on Main Street- The hedge is very overgrown and the property is looking a little neglected. It has been empty for a long time. Action: The Clerk will ask Newark and Sherwood for advice on this.
230114	To consider and discuss any non-agenda items and business for the next meeting on Wednesday 1st February 2023 123 and Domain name of website.
	Meeting finished at 8.42 p.m.