

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the electronic Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Wednesday, September 2nd 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors D. Chase, G. Francis, R. Henderson, C. Laughton, P. Laughton

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

200901 To receive Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest
**Apologies received from Councillor H. Saddington and from Sylvia Michael (NSDC)
Councillor P. Laughton declared an interest in the matter of the overgrown grass verge to
be discussed under Agenda item 200903(ii)**

Open Forum – ten minutes to receive questions and comments from members of the public
No members of the public attended the meeting.

200902 To accept the minutes of the meeting held on July 1st 2020
**Proposer – Councillor G. Francis; Seconder – Councillor C. Laughton. Approved
unanimously.**

200903 To note and report matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the
agenda

- i) Parish Clock update
**The Clerk read an email received from Simon Meadows, advising that there had
been a delay in the clock advisor from the diocese carrying out an inspection due
to Covid shielding. A 2hr inspection of the clock was carried out on 5th August,
including a thorough documentation of all the parts and history. He will be
preparing a report to support the faculty submission. He did have a couple of
items that he thought Time Assured should include whilst carrying out the works
and he will include these in his report and speak with them to ensure no extra
cost is incurred. Once the report is received the faculty can be completed and
could take up to 8 weeks. He will keep us advised.**
- ii) Overgrown verge update
**The grass verge has been cut back. The Clerk submitted a request to Via that
their operatives make a pass through the village to deal with any overgrown
verges when carrying out their regular grass cutting along the Great North Road.**
- iii) Footbridge Closure over Grassthorpe Beck where Weston FP4 meets Weston FP5
No further information at present on when work will be carried out.

200904 To receive reports from County Council and District Council Representatives
**The Council have been advised by Sylvia Michael that she hopes to be able to attend future
electronic meetings as she is now able to use her work computer for this purpose.**

200905 To receive and consider any highways issues:

- i) Discuss requirements and arrangements for provision of road salt for winter 2020/21
from Via East Midlands
**Councillor D. Chase advised that he still has 5 20kg bags which should be sufficient
for the forthcoming winter. Clerk to advise Via East Midlands accordingly, but that
we wish to be on the list for next year.**

**There was a report of vegetation at Goosemoor Dyke growing over the path. Councillors
were unsure whether the offending plants were on privately owned land, There is an enquiry
in with NSDC to establish this. If so, Council will write to the owner requesting that action
is taken.**

Similarly, a member of the public had reported that the view to the village from the bench on Bell Lane was now completely obscured by hedging. Again, it is not known if the hedges are on private land. If so, the owners will be approached.

The matter of motorbikes driving fast along the GNR had been raised by a member of the public. It was noted that this had been an ongoing problem and that a previous speed survey had revealed that the average speed of vehicles along the stretch of the GNR at the edge of the village was below 60mph. It was also noted that speed guns find it difficult to pick up motorcycle details because of the way number plates are fitted. It was noticed that as it is not an accident hotspot, it was unlikely that a speed camera would be installed. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask our Community Police team what our possible options are.

There is an uneven surface along the GNR at Goosemoor Hall which has been inspected by Via.

The verge at the corner of Colley Lane/Main Street is overgrown resulting in a narrowing of the highway. Clerk to notify Via.

200906 To consider financial matters

i) To report receipts

No receipts.

ii) To report payments

ICO Annual Report payment of £35, and Clerk's Course £20 paid for

iii) Update on change of account signatories and internet banking

Councillor P. Laughton reported that she has now got the correct form to enable the change in signatories which she will download and complete and take into the Bank. At the same time she will enquire about online banking. She will advise the Clerk when this has been done.

The Clerk reported that she was still not getting monthly statements for both bank accounts, despite this having been requested.

200907 To consider planning matters and receive updates on ongoing applications

i) Planning Application Ref 20/01157/FULM – Construction of agricultural building to accommodate tractors and implements with secure workshop at Redroofs Farm, Great North Road, Weston, NG23 6ST (revised application of 19/01522/FULM)

It was noted that this application did not show any real change from the last one. It was felt that allowing this application would lead to an overdevelopment of the site. Vote: In favour: 0, Against: 5. Clerk to advise the NSDC accordingly.

200908 Consider correspondence circulated to Councillors since last meeting:

i) NSDC re: anti-litter campaign posters

Councillor C. Laughton has put posters in bus shelters and they have been displayed in Facebook and the Website.

ii) Rural Services Network Rural Funding Digest July 2020 Edition

iii) Heather Sutton Stakeholder Newsletter July 2020

iv) Rural Bulletin 14 July 2020

v) Steve Shaw – Update: The Local Electricity Bill's Reintroduction

vi) RCAN re: RCAN membership Scheme

vii) Tanya Grimes – Proposed new NALC constitution

viii) Tanya Grimes re: EPC4 – Communities framework & the devolution white paper

ix) Hugo Fox enquiry re: "Hillcrest"

The Clerk reported that the current owner is preparing a history of the property.

x) NSDC – notice of Planning Committee meeting to be held on 4th August 2020

xi) Tanya Grimes – Survey Completion Request re: remote meetings for next issue of LCR

xii) Rural Bulletin 28 July 2020

xiii) Rural Bulletin 4 August 2020

xiv) NSDC re: Local Authority Discretionary Grant Fund

xv) RSN Rural Funding Digest August 2020 edition

- xvi) Newark News Journal
- xvii) Rural Bulletin 11 August 2020
- xviii) NHS Nottingham & Nottinghamshire CCG – NCC Covid 19 Assets Newark – Notices

Councillor C. Laughton has put up notices in the bus shelters.

- xix) Heather Sutton Stakeholder Update August 2020
- xx) Catalyst Support Services – Grant Funding Support
- xxi) Via East Midlands – Winter Service 2020/2021 – Offer of Assistance to Parish Councils
- xxii) Rural Bulletin 18 August 2020
- xxiii) Via East Midlands – Roadworks Bulletin re Temporary Traffic Signals
- xxiv) Tanya Grimes Funding Bulletin

The question of Rural Broadband Vouchers was discussed. It was agreed that a co-ordinator would be needed to establish whether a faster connection to the village is needed, and if so to approach companies to see what is available and what information is needed. Councillor G. Francis agreed that he would look into the options that are available and report his findings at the next meeting

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200909 To consider and discuss any non-agenda items and business for the meeting on
Wednesday 7th October 2020

The Clerk reported that there had been various message received from residents concerning the lighting of bonfires. Councillor G. Francis advised that the latest advice from NSDC had been put on the Parish Council's Facebook page and on the Website. It was noted that it was not the Council's responsibility to adjudicate in disputes and that the affected party should speak to the person lighting the bonfires in the first instance. The Clerk agreed to place a notice in the Defibrillator Box to request that no books be left in the box as this may inhibit use of the defibrillator. Councillor P. Laughton agreed to remove any books which may be in there and place them inside the village hall. The subject of the concrete base and new seat at the bench on Colley Lane will be placed on the Agenda for the meeting scheduled for Wednesday 7th October 2020.

Next meeting – Wednesday 7th October 2020 to be held electronically (unless advised otherwise) from 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 20:57.

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