

## WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in the Village Hall, Weston commencing at 7.30 p.m.

#### **Present:**

Councillors: D. Chase, R. Henderson, C. Laughton, P. Laughton, M. Lowney

Also attending: County Councillor Laughton

Clerk: S. Akerman

Members of the Public: 3

190901 To receive Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest  
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Francis, Cllr. Saddington and District Cllr. Michael. Cllr. Lowney sent apologies that he would be late arriving.

Declaration of Interest – Cllr. Chase declared an interest in agenda point 190908 (i) and Cllr. Lowney declared an interest in agenda point 190907 (iii)

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

- A resident thanked the Council for the recent street sweep along Main Street and the new bench.
- At this point in the meeting all agreed to discuss agenda point 190906 (ii) regarding grass verges in response to a resident query regarding the options available for managing verges around the village to encourage wild flowers and wildlife. It was noted that some neighbouring counties, e.g. Lincolnshire, have a policy of leaving verges for wildflowers, however this is generally not within village environments or a restricted speed area, i.e. 30mph. Highway safety being the primary consideration for the County Council, other considerations also include the control of ragwort and the views of other residents.

County Cllr. Laughton advised a trial was carried out in 2018 which did not produce true results due to the drought. A further trial is currently ongoing on the A6097 between Lowdham and Gunthorpe.

As the Parish Council has no jurisdiction in this matter, the resident was advised to contact NCC Highways for further guidance.

*Cllr. Lowney joined the meeting at 7.45pm*

190902 To accept the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019  
The minutes were accepted as a true and correct record and duly signed by the Chair.  
Proposed by Cllr. C. Laughton and seconded by Cllr. P. Laughton

190903 To accept the minutes of the planning meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July proposed by Cllr. Lowney and seconded by Cllr. C. Laughton and the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July proposed by Cllr. C. Laughton and seconded by Cllr. Lowney. The minutes were accepted as a true and correct record and duly signed by the Chair.

190904 To note and report matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

- i) Parish Clock – Time Assured have advised that the H&S queries have been resolved and a faculty is in the process of being requested for the work to be carried out.

190905 To receive reports from County Council and District Council Representatives  
County Councillor Laughton commented on the following:

- A meeting has been arranged with Highways England, Notts Police and Via EM to discuss the ongoing issues of trespass across farm land close to the A1
- Sutton-on-Trent Library has its re-opening on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm at the Methodist Centre
- One of the new road resurfacing 'Dragons' has been in operation in Egmonton
- The Minerals Local Plan is out for consultation. Focus is on extracted gravel being retained locally thus reducing transportation. The amounts of sand and gravel agreed for extraction over the life of this plan has been reduced from 31million tonnes to 19million. An extension requested at the Cromwell site has not been accepted into the plan. The plan also includes oil exploration and fracking.

*County Cllr. Laughton left the meeting at 8pm*

190906 To receive and consider any Highways & Rights of Way issues

- i) Update on any outstanding issues logged – Clerk to check if repairs have been carried out to the footbridge over Grassthorpe Dyke

- 190907 To consider financial matters
- i) To record the balance of accounts at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 - the Clerk reported a balance of £11,759.88 which includes defibrillator funds of £1,046. Details of the half year position and projected Budget for the remaining year were circulated and noted.
  - ii) To report receipts  
Vat Refund Claim @ 1,278.55  
County Councillor Fund (Parish Clock) @ £400  
LIS Fund remaining balance of award @ £875
  - iii) To agree payments  
Clerk Salary (6 months) and Expenses @ £778.80 (Chq 515)
- 190908 To consider any planning matters and receive an update on ongoing applications
- i) 19/01447/FUL - loft conversion, rear ground floor extension, porch and detached garage at 8 Colley Lane. Details were circulated prior to the meeting. After a discussion **all agreed** to support the application.
  - ii) 19/01522/FULM – application for stables, hay barn and maintenance store at Redroofs, Great North Road. Details were circulated prior to the meeting. After a discussion **all agreed** to object to the application on the ground of overdevelopment of the site.  
Decision (for information):
    - i) 19/01294/PIP – Permission in Principle for land off Main Street granted, technical detail to be submitted before 12<sup>th</sup> Aug 2022
    - ii) 19/01034/FUL – permission refused citing SP3 (development in the countryside)
- 190909 Community Plan  
In the absence of District Cllr. Michael, it was agreed to delay the discussion until the next meeting.
- 190910 To receive and consider correspondence received
- i) Notts ALC AGM – 21<sup>st</sup> November at Epperstone 6.30pm for 7.30pm start
  - ii) NSDC – Parish & Town Conference Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 9am-12pm at North Muskham
  - iii) NCC Minerals Local Plan – public consultation open 30<sup>th</sup> August – 11<sup>th</sup> October; Clerk was asked to submit a comment regarding the 'localism' aspect of the plan.
  - iv) CPRE Conference on Affordable Homes on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November
  - v) Notts Police crime figures for July published with Weston featuring in relation to A1 incidents
  - vi) NCC Winter Service – Clerk asked to order the 5 free bags of salt
  - vii) Resident correspondence thanking the Council for its efforts on the new benches and signs (circulated)
  - viii) Via East Midlands correspondence regarding a resident complaint on the siting of one of the village gateway signs received at the end of July. Via EM responded to the complaint and no further contact has been made
  - ix) Resident correspondence regarding traffic speeding on Colley Lane – to be passed on to PCSO Crowhurst
  - x) Notts ALC advise of a government consultation to extend the 5G network into rural areas. Closes on 11<sup>th</sup> October. Details available on request and sent to Cllrs. Lowney and Henderson
  - xi) Weston WI provided an alternative purchase to commemorate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Further clarification requested.
  - xii) All Saint's Church, Sutton-on-Trent provided a programme of upcoming events which will be shared to the village website and Facebook.
  - xiii) Outline planning application 19/011XX/OUT at Lowcroft, Main Street – response deadline extended to enable the Parish Council to discuss at the October meeting
- Open Forum – ten minutes to receive questions and comments from members of the public  
Cllr. C. Laughton queried the parish council representative on the Richard Hawksworth Charity. Clerk to confirm whether one is required under the new charity.
- 190911 To consider and discuss any non-agenda items  
Nothing raised

Next Meeting – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at Weston Village Hall from 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.40pm

Signed by the Chair as a true record on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019. Minute reference 406-407