

# WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Draft Minutes for the Meeting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 in the Village Hall 7.30pm

<b>Present</b>	<p>Cllr Glyn Francis (Chair) Cllr Colin Laughton Cllr Pauline Laughton Cllr David Chase Cllr Richard Henderson Cllr. Bruce Laughton (County Councillor) Janet Birkin (Clerk) 1 Member of the public in attendance</p>
<b>230201</b>	<p><b>To receive Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest</b> <b>Apologies</b> Cllr Nick Scott Cllr Harvey Saddington Cllr. Sylvia Michael (District Councillor)-Charring another Council Meeting. <b>No declarations of Interest</b></p>
<b>230202</b>	<p><b>Open Forum – ten minutes to receive questions and comments from members of the public</b> The Member of the public has received a note through the door about signing up for “Next Door” website and supplying a password. Cllr. G.F. assured the member of public that it was genuine- a well known community site .</p>
<b>230203</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising from Minutes</b> 1. <b>Lengthsman</b> agreement of contract (Cllr G.F. and Cllr. C.L.) <b>Action : Cllr. G.F. will finalise this with Cllr. C.L.</b> 2. <b>Dog fouling signs</b> (Cllr. C.L.) Cllr. C.L. has purchased these. 10 rectangular signs and 4 for the bus shelters have been purchased at a cost of £54.49. <b>Action Cllr.C.L. will put these up as soon as he can.</b> 3. <b>Overgrown hedge on Colley Lane</b> (Clerk) This has been cut now so it isn't blocking the pavement anymore. 4. <b>Village Water Pressure-</b> Severn Trent (Clerk) The Clerk had spoken to Severn Trent. ( Ref. 2005941097 ) The main village pressure has been tested and is deemed to be OK. However, if any residents are concerned about the water pressure in their household they are to follow these steps: <b>a) Do the Internal Stop Tap Test</b> Run the Cold water nearest to the stop tap. Turn off the stop tap and on 4 times. If the water is discoloured, there may be a blockage- run the tap to clear. <b>b) Do the Flow Test</b> Fill a 1 litre jug with water on full from the same tap. If it takes more than 7 seconds, that is too slow. <b>Report to Customer Service on 0900 7834444 Action: Cllr. C.L. will put this on the website.</b> 5. <b>Speeding- Great North Road</b> (Clerk) The Clerk has reported this (Ref. CSC480822936) Highways are looking into this and will get back. 6. <b>Queens Green Canopy</b> (Clerk) Notification will be received February-March. <b>Minutes approved as a true record and signed. (Cllr. G.F. -Chair)</b></p>
<b>230204</b>	<p><b>To note and report matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda</b> None</p>
<b>230205</b>	<p><b>To consider and discuss any non-agenda items</b> Standing orders to be checked and updated at the next meeting. HMRC and PAYE to be looked into.</p>
<b>230206</b>	<p><b>To receive reports from County Council and District Council Representatives and Parish Councillors</b> <b>Safer Neighbourhood Group Report (Cllr. P.L.)</b> 26th January 2023 January 2023 Weston, Main Street- a Blue/Green Vauxhall Corsa type vehicle with loud exhaust (2 males in front, 2 females in the back) had pulled alongside a dog walker and shouted that the dog belonged to them. Residents came out- Car drove off. Resident shaken. Any future incidents Phone Police 101or 999 Try to get reg. number. <b>The Police Priorities for our area remain as</b> 1) Rural Crime and education 2) Speeding through villages Other issues recently reported to the Police from other local villages included vehicle theft, theft of catalytic converters, parking concerns. <b>Concerns with Drone activity in some local villages</b> – please report any drone <b>The Community Speed Watch scheme</b> was discussed and advice given: Not suitable for the B1164 Great North Road at Weston as this scheme is not for roads with a 60 m.p.h.speed limit. The Police are aware of resident's concerns with traffic speeds on this section of road and continue to monitor as resources allow. The benefits of residents purchasing a ‘Ring Doorbell’, particularly with the recorded footage option, were discussed and the Police highly recommend these as a security</p>

	benefit and the images are generally clear and can be used for prosecution in some circumstances. <b>Outdoor security lighting</b> is also highly recommended. <b>Please continue to report any suspicious activity or any concerns to the Police on 101 or ring 999 for any immediate threat or ongoing incident that is causing concern.</b>
230207	<b>To receive and consider any highways issues</b> <b>Cllr. B.L. outlined highways issues.</b> <b>Meadow Lane- road repairs.</b> Road closed From 08:00 hours on Tuesday 14th February 2023 Until 15:30 hours on Tuesday 21st February 2023 inclusive. <b>A! Work overnight from Carlton on Trent- Blythe</b> from Monday 30 January and due to finish mid-December 2023. We'll be working overnight, between 8pm and 6am, Monday to Friday, when there is less traffic on the road. <b>Grassthorpe Lane, Weston-</b> Closed From 01:30 hours until 05:15 hours on Tuesday 7th February 2023 Cllr. P.L. was still pursuing the reported damaged sign at Weston Road (Egmanton) Highways seem to be having problems identifying exactly where it is despite photographs etc. <b>Action: Cllr. P.L. to pursue the identification of the site again.</b> <b>Footpaths-</b> nothing new to report. They are still being used by horses. Cllrs. Will look out for misuse. <b>Cllr. B.L. -Potholes</b> All County Councils have been inundated with complaints. They are looking them. "Pot Holes" comes from when they used to put clay under the top surface. People used to dig to steal the clay to make pots- making holes!
230208	<b>To consider financial matters</b> <b>Cllr. B.L. said that there is likely to be a 5% increase on Council Tax this next year.</b> Libraries will stay the same. <b>Community Grant-</b> The Clerk has sent off receipts etc for the clock repairs. <b>Invoices/ Payments-</b> There have been no invoices of payments since the last meeting. <b>Website SLLR compliance</b> (Clerk) After research into the Domain name on the website, the Council will consider SLLR compliance. <b>Action: The Clerk will look into this with Hugo Fox who host the site and also look into compliance and costs. (Possibility of £5 per month) This will be discussed at the next meeting.</b>
230209	<b>To consider planning matters and receive updates on ongoing applications</b> 22/02423/FUL Land adjacent Ivydene No decision yet. 22/02086/FUL Hutchinsons No decision yet.
230210	<b>To discuss any issues raised by residents since last meeting</b> <b>Email query from member of the public-</b> This was asking questions about the Church key not returned to the Parish Council, why the Clock is not chiming the hours and quarter hours after the repairs, and dog poo being left around the village-possibility of signs. <b>Action; (Clerk) The Clerk will reply to the email-</b> The key will be investigated. Time Assured were told that the clock could not be chimed off the bell as there is a crack in it. The Council had previously agreed to this based on information given by the church. The Risk assessment will be looked into regarding winding the clock and the access. Cllr. C.L. and Cllr. N.S have offered to help with winding the clock- and would just like further instruction on how to do it. Dog fouling signs have been purchased and these will be put up as soon as possible.
230211	<b>Consider correspondence circulated to Councillors since last meeting</b> Mr Don Gibson -joiner by trade working out of Halam Croft workshops Main Street Weston-whereabouts now ? Discussion by Councillors <b>Action: Clerk to get back to the query sent via the website.</b>
230212	<b>Open Forum – ten minutes to receive questions and comments from members of the public</b> No further questions or comments
230213	<b>To consider and discuss any non-agenda items and business for the next meeting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 7.30p,m,</b> <b>Standing Orders update</b> <b>SSL - Hugo Fox</b> <b>Permitted Development email</b>

Meeting ended at 8.23 p.m.\_

Janet Birkin ( Clerk ) Date: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023