

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 5th January 2022 at 7.30pm

- 220101 To receive Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest
Apologies received from Cllr. David Chase. Councillors G. Francis, C. Laughton, P. Laughton, R. Henderson, H.Saddington & N. Scott present. 3 members of the public present.
- Open Forum – ten minutes to receive questions and comments from members of the public
It was reported that dog fouling was still happening in the village and had possibly increased. The Clerk confirmed that the Council were still waiting to hear from NSDC about this. The Clerk asked that anyone coming across any dog fouling notify her, so that a record could be kept.
It was also reported that the first gully on the Great North Road, left out of the village at Colley Lane is damaged. The Clerk is to report this to VIA.
- 220102 To accept the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd November 2021
Minutes accepted unanimously
- 220103 To note and report matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda
- a) Parish Clock Update
The Clerk recounted her conversation with Stephen Williams of Time Assured following the recent abortive attempt to re-install the clock. Simon Meadows offered to mediate as he assisted with the Faculty etc. With regard to the invoice raised by Time Assured, the abortive visit was not due to any actions by the Parish Council. The Clerk will advise Time Assured that this should be sent to the PCC for settlement. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged between members of the Parish Council and the PCC to resolve this long-standing matter. Clerk to email the Church Warden
- b) Update on Rural Broadband Scheme
The Open Reach scheme is still awaiting approval, but there is a backlog
- c) Bench on Colley Lane Update
The bench will be worked on when the weather is warmer. Reschedule the matter for the April Agenda
- 220104 To receive reports from County Council, District Council Representatives and Parish Councillors
Cllr S Michael confirmed that Covid Testing Stations continued to work well.
Cllr. C. Laughton requested more dog fouling posters from NSDC.
Cllr. C. Laughton reported that only 8 useable poppies are left, and that the Parish Council will need to invest in more later in the year.
- 220105 To receive and consider any highways issues
- a) VIA - Roadworks Bulletin – Temporary Traffic Signals - Grassthorpe Lane, Weston
- b) A1 Sutton-on-Trent Drainage Scheme
Noted
- 220106 To consider financial matters
- a) To report receipts
None
- b) To report payments and discuss any payments due
Clerk to check that payment is due for the Council's domain name. SB to settle and be reimbursed.
- c) To discuss Precept for 2022
After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would request a 5% increase on the 2021 precept to meet the upcoming year's expenses
- d) To discuss Budget for 2022/23
Discussed and agreed
- 220107 To consider planning matters and receive updates on ongoing applications
- a) Planning Consultation 21/01707/FUL - Proposed Development on Land at Main Street, Weston

Member of Public voiced their objections, as already given to NSDC planning. The Parish Council were advised that no owners of neighbouring properties were notified when the Planning Application was submitted in July 2021. The Parish Council stated that there was no objection to a single property on the sight. The main concern was the overbearing nature of the property due to its design and the height of the land. The question for the Council was whether to support or object to the plans as they stand. The Parish Council voted unanimously to object on the basis that the proposed property is overbearing and not sympathetic to the area and does not comply with earlier Planning Permission in principle.

b) Planning Consultation 21/02245/FUL Decision (Hutchinsons)

Refusal Noted

c) Planning Consultation 21/01577/FULM Decision (Solar Farm)

Permission Noted

220108 Consider correspondence circulated to Councillors since last meeting:

a) NALC - Sanctions for Councillors

b) NALC - Personnel Newsletter

c) NALC - Employment Training

With regard to training Cllr G Francis stated that he would be attending a course for New Chairs, and possibly the Recruitment of a new Clerk. Cllr. N. Scott will be booked onto a Course for new councillors. Clerk to investigate and send information to Cllr Scott.

d) Notts CC - First Admissions (reception) and Infant to Junior transfers (year 3) – September 2022

e) Notts PNN -Stakeholder Update

f) Rural Services Network - The Rural Bulletin - 9 November 2021

g) NSDC - Planning Weekly Lists

h) NSDC - Street Names for New Development

i) NSDC - Armed Forces Covenant

Will there be something for the Parish Council to sign?

j) NSDC - Planning Weekly List

k) NALC - Funding Bulletin

l) Notts CC - Community Risk Management Plan

m) Rural Services Network - The Rural Bulletin - 16 November 2021

n) NSDC - Planning Weekly List

o) NALC - Civility and Respect Newsletter

p) Rural Services Network - The Rural Bulletin - 23 November 2021

q) Notts CC - Severe Weather Booklet

The Parish Council has acquired copies for placing in bus shelters

r) NSDC - Planning Weekly List

s) NALC - Salaries

t) Rural Services Network - The Rural Bulletin - 30 November 2021

u) ICO - Latest news from ICO

v) Rural Services Network - RSN Rural Funding Digest - December 2021 Edition

w) Notts PNN - Stakeholder Update

x) NALC - National - Two New Year Events

y) NALC - Personnel Newsletter Dec 2021

z) NSDC - Planning Weekly List

aa) Rural Services Network - The Rural Bulletin - 6 December 2021

bb) Newsletter from Commissioner Henry, Nottinghamshire PCC

cc) Notts CC - FAO Parish Councils - Local Community Fund now open

dd) NALC - Covid Plan B guidance for Parish and Town Councils

ee) NSDC - Planning Weekly Lists

ff) Rural Services Network - The Rural Bulletin - 14 December 2021

gg) ICO - Latest news from ICO

hh) NSDC - Green Champions Scheme – expression of interest

The Village are unable to take any action along the Great North Road as it has a 60mph speed limit. Cllr C Loughton to express an interest in participating within the village

ii) NALC - Provisional local government finance settlement 2022/23

jj) NSDC - Parish Precepts 2022-2023

- kk) NSDC - Planning Weekly List
- ll) Rural Services Network - The Rural Bulletin - 21 December 2021
- mm) NSDC - Free Trees 2021
- nn) NHS Notts & Nottinghamshire CCG - Special Edition Vaccination Bulletin

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

220109 To consider and discuss any non-agenda items and business for the meeting on Wednesday 2nd February 2022

Members of the public thanked the Parish Council for deciding the issues relating to planning permission based on proper principles.

The Parish Council confirmed that the issues relating to the pathway near the church had been reported by the Parish Council. It was suggested that perhaps residents could report it too.

It was also noted that one of the grit bins in the village was leaking, leaving some residue on the pathway.

The Clerk confirmed to the Councillors that she would be stepping down from her position.

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