

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at The Village Hall, Main Street, Weston on Wednesday 4th May 2022 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr. G Francis (Chair), Cllr. D Henderson, Cllr. C Laughton, Cllr. P Laughton,
Cllr. H Saddington

Also in attendance: Cllr. S Michael

Clerk: Andrea Wilson

One member of the public joined the meeting

220501 Election of Chair and vice chair

Chair: Cllr. G. Francis was elected unanimously.

Vice Chair: Cllr. C. Laughton was elected unanimously.

220502 To receive Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies received from Cllr. D. Chase, Cllr. B Laughton, Cllr. N. Scott

No declarations of interest

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

Councillors discussed the survey carried out in the village looking at the possibility of waste from Scarthingmoor being directed through Weston. There is no specific information as to whether this is feasible or if it will happen at this stage.

220503 To accept the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th April 2022

Accepted with minor alterations

Matters arising:

Village sign - The Clerk reported that Notts. County Council now have images of the damage to the sign which will enable them to quote for its re-installation.

Funding to pay for the repair of the clock was not progressed through the District Council as the funding scheme only applied to new projects.

220504 To note and report matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

- a. Parish Clock Update – Cllr. G. Francis confirmed that Time Assured will repair the clock on 6th May 2022. An Invoice has now been re issued to the church.
- b. Update on Rural Broadband Scheme - No update
- c. Update on bench at Colley Lane- the bench will be installed asap dependent on the weather.

220505 To receive reports from County Council, District Council Representatives and Parish Councillors:

Cllr. S. Michael reported that Newark and Sherwood District Council would move toward cabinet system as are the County Council. Cllr. S. Michael briefly explained how a cabinet system works and suggested that decisions could be made more quickly with this method of government.

Cllr. C. Laughton asked about the progress of the Green Champion Scheme in which he had expressed and interest but heard no more – Cllr. S. Michael agreed to follow this up and report back to the Council.

Cllr. S. Michael reported that she had attended the recent Safer Neighbourhood meeting and confirmed that the only local issue was speeding.

220506 To receive and consider any highways issues

It was reported that the recent request from the Parish Council to the Highway's department to check the drains at Colley Road has resulted in the confirmation from the department that the drains do not meet the County Council's requirement for intervention.

220507 To consider financial matters

- a. To report receipts - none
- b. To report payments and discuss any payments due – £12,219.51
A payment of £441.16 to Gallagher Insurance.

Approved Cllr. G. Francis seconded Cllr. C. Laughton

Current balance at 04.05.2022 including committed payments:

- c. Audit
The Annual governance statement was presented by the Chair and approved unanimously.

220508 To consider change of bank to Unity Trust.

Councillors discussed the possibility of moving to Unity Trust Bank but the quarterly charges of concern and therefore The Co-op bank was suggested as an option.

Councillors agreed to consider this for the next meeting.

220509 To consider planning matters and receive updates on ongoing applications

It was noted that a former planning application for Hutchinsons has gone to appeal.

220510 To review and agree Council policies.

It was noted the Code of Conduct (point 6) needs a date update.

Standing Orders agreed and adopted

Financial orders agreed and adopted.

220511 To consider issues raised by residents

It was noted that the request to update the access to the Parish Council minutes via the website has now been completed.

A resident had reported a sign in the village stating that this is a dog training area 24/7 this has been reported to the police by Cllr. G Francis and he is waiting for a response.

220512 To consider correspondence circulated to Councillors since last meeting:

Community Lengthman's scheme

It was agreed that the **Clerk would respond to the County Council email** noting an interest in the possibility of acquiring a Lengthsman for the village.

NALC survey- **Cllr. G. Francis agreed to complete this survey.**

NALC planning training was considered to be too expensive. **The Clerk will contact Matt Tubb** to see if is able to offer any free training.

Open Forum

220513 To consider and discuss any non-agenda items and business for the meeting on Wed. 1st June 2022

It was noted that representatives from the solar farm had not submitted any date for attending a PC meeting.

The meeting Closed at 8. 22pm

Signed:

Dated: 1st June 2022