

## WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Weston Parish Council  
on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 held in the Village Hall held at 7.30pm

In attendance: Cllr Meadows (chair), Cllr Chase, Cllr Hill, Cllr Liversidge, Cllr Henderson and 3 residents.

Minute Taker: Clerk – Olwen Edwards

24.03.2 7	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Michaels
24.03.2 8	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes inc:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk to ensure the 'potholes' number is on the WPC website. Sheet including a range of useful numbers passed to Colin.</li> <li>• Clerk to clarify when lengthsman grant will arrive and how to claim it. Has been pursued but no return.</li> <li>• Cllrs to review and identify the reconciliation discrepancy. Identified and rectified. Cllr Meadows signed off the month of January financial summary.</li> <li>• Pump matter on Main St (Cllr Michael). Resolved.</li> <li>• Cllrs attending Solar Farm meetings to add additional questions as flagged 07.02.24 (Solar Farm is an agenda item). Further questions asked, being covered in agenda.</li> <li>• Cllr Meadow to discuss clock with Cllr Laughton (Clock is an agenda item).</li> <li>• Clerk to issue a Council Meeting schedule for 2024/2025. Agreed every first Wednesday, <u>Action</u>: Clerk to send around dates list. Add to village hall</li> </ul>
24.02.1 6	Previous minutes of 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 were accepted as accurate. Agreed Proposed by Cllr Hill and seconded by Cllr Liversidge.
24.02.1 7	<p>To note any Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllr Chase noted his pecuniary interest in the Solar Farms, however there is no planning application to discuss and is at consultation stage so felt this did not impact on decision making. All agreed.</p>
24.02.1 8	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>A) To hear issues and views from residents. New residents in attendance said they simply interested in what was happening in the village. Another resident raised concerns about state of roads, noted cars had moved from main road.</p> <p>B) To also receive reports from County Council and District Council Representatives and Councillors. Cllr Michael was unable to attend due to a clash of meetings.</p>
24.01.1 9	<p>To receive and consider any highways issues</p> <p>Most concerns had been raised previously inc. footpath by church. Continued concern raised about horse crossing and signage. <u>Action</u>: Clerk to pursue again. Also the village sign. Agreed to return to Insurers with one quote (recently been updated) and explain difficulties in getting any further quotes.</p>
24.01.2 0	<p>To consider financial matters and accept the financial summary and agree bills for payments</p> <p>The financial summary whilst an accurate total, matching the bank account total, had not linked to the sub section heading totals. <u>Action</u>: Month of February update to be adjusted by Clerk and reissued. Also to check the excel formatting to check the formulas.</p> <p>Few outstanding payments i.e. salaries, HMRC, Parish Online, to be processed, some of which were not yet on the bank statement but due for payment. Clerk flagged that we need to clear all payments before the end of the financial year to ensure everything was dealt with before, and for ease in calculating, the year end. This was noted. Clerk</p>

24.01.2 1	To consider planning matters and receive updates on ongoing applications (as applicable) <u>Application No 24/00254/HOUSE</u> Date Registered 6 February 2024. Proposal Proposed new outbuilding within existing garden
24.01.2 2	To discuss any issues raised by residents since last meeting State of local roads was raised notably Great North road to Newark, extremely dangerous as cars swerving to avoid deep potholes.
24.01.2 3	Main Business A) Solar Farm update: still in consultation stages, lots of information and seemingly welcomed the discussions. Some areas a little woolly i.e. outbuildings and eco aspects. However residents not overwhelmingly concerned as on periphery. Cllrs still wanted to remain informed and unclear if 'group of villages rep' has been nominated but need to be linked to receive information. Letter to circulate was felt to be costly exercise and difficult to implement. All agreed. B) Parish Clock – main concern was access to maintain the clock. WPC had a key which was passed on to a church warden previously. <u>Action</u> : Clerk to request return of the key. To discuss costs and access generally for maintenance and to develop a better collaborative arrangement moving forwards. <u>Action</u> : Chair to approach Cllr Loughton. Actions proposed by Cllr Meadows, seconded Cllr Chase. All agreed C) Grounds Maintenance – to keep a note of tasks required. Regular summary from Lengthsman, so most jobs currently noted. D) Recruitment of Clerk/RFO – advertise on local ALC sites, noticeboards and website. Use standard job description. Keep advert open until suitable candidate comes along. Need to finalise interview panel and questions in due
24.01.2 4	Consider correspondence circulated to Councillors since last meeting A) RCAN Village - passed onto the Village Centre as more appropriate to the VC ctte. B) Solar Park consultation survey – discussion about updates received, action being taken by neighbouring villages, letter suggestion. Concern of how, cost and little response from local residents as not seeing how this affects them. Also some concern that presentation were not objective, some councillors had completed the first survey before it was withdrawn and felt it wasn't as balanced as it could be. <u>Action</u> : Clerk to find out who nominated person is and ensure we are receiving the information. Unlikely Weston will issue letters due
24.01.2 5	<i>Open Forum – ten minutes to receive questions and comments from members of the public.</i> General discussion on solar farms, state of roads and seeking additional Council members.
24.01.2 6	To identify agenda items and business for the next meeting on <b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Meeting – start planning and link date to Coffee Morning (April or May)</li> <li>• Invite key personnel i.e. Police and NSDC, as worked very well last year</li> <li>• Clock update re key</li> <li>• Recruitment progress</li> <li>• AGAR planning</li> <li>• Solar Farms (ongoing item)</li> <li>• Lengthsman update (ongoing item)</li> </ul>