

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council on Wednesday 1st March 2023
in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

Present Cllr Glyn Francis (Chair) Cllr Colin Laughton Cllr Pauline Laughton
Cllr David Chase Cllr Richard Henderson
Cllr. Sylvia Michael (District Council) Janet Birkin (Clerk)
2 Members of the public in attendance

230301 **To receive Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Bruce Laughton (County Council) -Accepted Cllr. Nick Scott- Accepted
Cllr. Harvey Saddington- Resignation letter due to moving out of the area and difficulties to attending the meetings (Council accepted resignation) **Action: Clerk to write to Cllr. Harvey Saddington to let him know resignation accepted and to thank him for his input as a Councillor and his work for the community. Action: Clerk to produce notice of vacancy Action: Cllr C.L. to put on noticeboard and website.**

No declarations of interest.

230302 **Open Forum – ten minutes to receive questions and comments from members of the public**

None at this point

230303 **Matters Arising from Minutes**

- A) Lengthsman Contract (Cllr. G.F. and Cllr C.L.) This has been completed and signed. (Copy to Clerk)
- B) Dog Fouling Signs (Cllr. C,L,) These have all been put up by Cllr. C.L.
- C) Water pressure advice on Website (Cllr, C.L.) Information regarding Water Pressure is now on the website.
- D) Speeding (Clerk) A reply has been sent from Highways regarding Speed limits on the Great North Road. There have been no reported personal injury accidents since 2014-present due to speeding cars.
- E) Platinum Jubilee Oak Sapling (Clerk and Cllr. D.C.) 2 were delivered to Ladywood Farm and planted by Cllr D. C. They have been sited near the footpath.
- F) HMRC and PAYE (Cllr. P.L.) This has been resolved by Cllr. P.L. £191 has now been paid to HMRC-this now settles tax owing.
- G) Bench at the top of Colley Lane (Cllr, C.L. Cllr.G.F.and Cllr. D.C.) This will be organised when the weather gets better.
Residents email- Church Clock, Key, Footpaths (Clerk) The resident has received a reply from the Clerk. The clock will not be able to have hourly or quarter hourly chimes until the bell is repaired or replaced (It has a crack in it) -Decision made by church upon advice from Bell repairers. Council had agreed this at a previous meeting.
Footpaths have been reported to Rights of Way. They will investigate horses damaging footpaths and signage.
The Church Key- The Clerk wrote to the Archdeacon. A reply was received saying that it is common practice for the Incumbent and Church Warden to have a key. May affect Insurance.
Action- Cllr G.F. to write to deal with this and write to them (Wanted to do this as he had started dealing with the query a while ago)
- H) Clock Repairs Invoice for Grant (Clerk) An invoice for the Community Grant of £4000 has been sent by the Clerk to Newark and Sherwood. **Action: Cllr. C.L. The Risk assessment will be updated regarding the Church Clock that is maintained by the Parish Council.**
- I) Query through website- Weston Woodworking (Clerk) The Clerk had phoned Don-Woodworker and the resident had made contact with him.
- J) Damaged Sign (Cllr. P.L.) This has now been repaired.

Minutes approved as a true record and signed. (Cllr G.F.) Proposed Cllr C,L and seconded Cllr. P.L.

230304 **To note and report matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda**

- A) **Standing Orders update -Action: Clerk. This will be put on the next agenda.** To be agreed by A,G,M,
- B) **SSL certificate for Website - Hugo Fox (Clerk)** This is needed for security and keeping data safe. Reply has been received from Hugo Fox giving instructions on how to achieve this. **Action: Clerk to look into this further**

230305 **To consider and discuss any non-agenda items**

None

230306 **To receive reports from County Council and District Council Representatives and Parish**

Councillors

Cllr. Sylvia Michael. gave feedback from recent meetings.

Cabinet met in February- Agreed to start Glass Recycling in September. Dedicated bin Collection every month.

Planning.

Land adjacent to Ivydene has been declined. The Parish Council agreed it should be declined after decision by Planning Dept.

Hutchinsons. Changes have been made to the planning application. Still ongoing.

Elections

Councillor Nominations have to be received by April 4th 4.00 p.m

Elections May 4th **Action: Cllr. C.L. Election Information will be put on the notice board when date.**

A,G.M. to sign up nominations

230307 **To receive and consider any highways issues**

Meadow Lane Update Completed.

Grassthorpe Lane Update Completed

230308 **To consider financial matters**

A) Bank Account- Incoming/Outgoings Just Clerk's salary outgoing and £191 paid to HMRC since last meeting. Balance £12,574.69

B) HMRC and PAYE (Cllr. P.L.) £191 paid

C) Dog Fouling signs repayment (Cllr C.L.) Agreement to pay Cllr. C. L.(£13.52 and £41.69)
Total= £55.21

D) NALC subscription- £103.24 Due 1st April **Action: Cllr P.L. will organise this.**

230309 **To consider planning matters and receive updates on ongoing applications**

A) 22/02331/FULM Land Adjacent Weston Cricket Club Great North Road

Proposal: Change of use of land and erection of two 5 bedroom

houses with associated parking, turning area and

garages. **Closing Date 16th March 2023** This was discussed. Issues with drains. Open

countryside. Unanimous decision to object to this application on the grounds of development in the Open Countryside and it would have a detrimental effect on the village. **Action: Clerk to send decision and comments to Newark and Sherwood Planning dept.**

B) 22/02423/FUL Land Adjacent Ivydene Main Street Weston Proposal: Erection of 5 bed dwelling and garage. New vehicular access (standard phased contamination conditions) Has been refused by Newark and Sherwood.

C) 22/02086/FUL Hutchinson Engineering Services Change of use of agricultural land to proposed turning area (No decision yet) Further changes have been made to the application

230310 **To discuss any issues raised by residents since last meeting**

A) Further email concerning Footpaths being used by horses. (Clerk)

Clerk has reported this issue to Rights of Way with photographs and Footpath number references.

They will look into the issues. **Agenda; Clerk Update next meeting**

230311 **Consider correspondence circulated to Councillors since last meeting**

A) Permitted Development email Decision to receive notifications. **Action: Clerk will respond Yes to email.**

B) Coronation Grant – Action: Clerk will respond to email and accept grant. (£150)

C) Climate Emergency Declaration- Yes/No ? Action: Clerk will respond No.

D) Great British Spring Clean- 17th-24th March Newark and Sherwood has litter pickers if anyone wants to take part. The Parish Council already has some,.

E) Big Lunch Pack- Cllr. C.L.thanked the Clerk for the Big Lunch Pack which has been printed.

230312 **Open Forum – ten minutes to receive questions and comments from members of the public**

Member of the public said there had been sheep in the field at the back of Main Street. The resident had notified the owner to fetch them.

230313 **To consider and discuss any non-agenda items and business for the next meeting on**

Wednesday 5th April 2023 7.30 p.m.

Footpaths (Clerk)

Coronation Arrangements

Councillor Nominations (Clerk)

Risk Assessment (Clock winding) (Cllr C.L.)

Internal Audit (Clerk)

Church Key- Update (Cllr G.F.)

Standing Orders Update (Cllr. C.L.)

SSL certificate (Clerk)

Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Janet Birkin

Clerk

Date: 11th March 2023