

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the electronic Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors D. Chase, G. Francis, C. Laughton, P. Laughton, R. Henderson and H. Saddington.

210301 To receive Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest
All Councillors present. Also in attendance Cllr Bruce Laughton and Cllr Sylvia Michael

Open Forum – ten minutes to receive questions and comments from members of the public
No members of the public were present.

210302 To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2021
Accepted. Proposer – Councillor P. Laughton, Seconder – Councillor G Francis.

210303 To note and report matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

- i) Parish Clock update
The Clerk read 2 emails received from the Weston PCC advising that the application was now with the Registrar and should (hopefully) be authorised by the Chancellor very soon.
- ii) Update on Rural Broadband Scheme
Councillor G Francis reported that based on 146 properties, the quote from Open Reach was £174,326, which equates to £1,194 per property. The current voucher scheme would offset much of this cost. This ends at the end of March, but is likely to be replaced by a similar scheme on similar terms. The response of the village has been positive. Open Reach have been asked to put together a firm proposal. It was noted that if local business signed up for the scheme, the cost would be lower.

210304 To receive reports from County Council and District Council Representatives
Cllr. Michaels reported that Safer Neighbourhood meetings were not taking place at present as there is no PCSO at the moment.
She reported that there were 2 parties interested in the Cattle Market, and that there were advanced negotiations taking place with one of them. There will be a report to the Development Committee on 24th March.
COVID vaccinations continue at a pace, with cohorts 1-7 now able to have vaccines.
NSDC has received £25million funding in the Budget for Town Funding.
6031 Grants amounting to £34.99million have been made during the COVID-19 crisis and £145,000 remains in the budget, from which 400 businesses may benefit.
Cllr Bruce Laughton reported that there was a 3% Council Tax increase from Notts CC.
He advised that he will not be attending future meetings due to the May elections

210305 To receive and consider any highways issues:
Cllr H Saddington reported that the footpath opposite Hutchinsons on the Great North Road was difficult for wheelchair access. The Clerk will put in a report and request for action.

210306 To consider financial matters

- i) Balance of account
Noted
- ii) To report receipts
No receipts
- iii) To report payments

No payments made. Invoices received for dog bins and annual subscription to NALC. Payment approved.

iv) Update on change of account signatories and internet banking

Cllr. C Laughton reported that nothing had been heard from NatWest. Lloyds Bank have a Treasurers Account which seems to meet the Council's needs.

Takes about 4 weeks to process and the application is online. It was agreed that an application should go ahead.

210307 To consider planning matters and receive updates on ongoing applications

Application 21/00355/FUL: The Councillors expressed their disappointment that work had been done without the necessary permissions. It was agreed that the applicant should follow the correct specifications and meet highways authority approval, but would not object to the application.

210308 Consider correspondence circulated to Councillors since last meeting:

- i) Latest News from ICO
- ii) NALC Online Events
- iii) Rural Bulletin 2nd February
- iv) Rural Funding Digest Feb 2021
- v) VIA - Roadworks Bulletin re Stone End Road
- vi) Julie Zemontas E Training Health and Safety Essentials
- vii) NALC Coronavirus Update
- viii) Julie Zemontas Climate Action Support Marches Energy Agency
- ix) NHS Notts and Notts CCG – COVID-19 19 Vaccine toolkit Edition 3
- x) Sarah Ramchurn re Grassthorpe Crossing Lane
- xi) VIA – Roadworks Bulletin re Grassthorpe Lane
- xii) Notts CC Planning re Egmonton Oil & Gas Field
- xiii) Tanya Grimes – Funding Bulletin
- xiv) Tanya Grimes – Chief Executive Bulletin
- xv) Tanya Grimes – EPC2-21 Model Design Code
- xvi) Tanya Grimes – Banking for Parish Council
- xvii) Rural Bulletin 16th February 2021
- xviii) Heather Sutton Stakeholder Newsletter
- xix) Calor Gas re Calor Rural Community Fund
- xx) News Journal – Weekly News Digest 18th February
- xxi) NALC Funding Bulletin
- xxii) Tanya Grimes – NALC Chief Executives Bulletin
- xxiii) Tanya Grimes – EPC2-21 Model Design Code
- xxiv) NSDC Planning Committee Agenda
- xxv) Rural Bulletin 23rd February
- xxvi) NSDC re PSPO (dogs) Review 2021

Councillors to complete questionnaire

xxvii) NCC determined school admission arrangements 2022-2023

All noted.

The Clerk read out a letter from The Reverend Greg Price, the Vicar and Incumbent of Tuxford Benefice expressing sympathies following the sad death of former Clerk, Sandra Akerman.

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

210309 To consider and discuss any non-agenda items and business for the meeting on Wednesday 7th April 2021

The Clerk read out the draft letter to NSDC concerning the Cattle Market, and it was agreed that this should be sent.

Cllr D Chase noted that a car had been parked outside the Church for some time with no number plates etc. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Beat Officer to advise. It was reported that the view from the bench on Bell Lane was now clear.

Clerk to contact VIA for an update on the timing of the bridge replacement at Grassthorpe. Cllr G Francis reported that there was not a Library outside the Village Hall and that deposits of books had already been made.

The meeting was declared closed at 20:27.

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