

Weston Parish Council

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Minutes of the **Weston** Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 1st of July 2026 in the Village Hall at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllr. S Meadows (chair) · Cllr. D Hill · Cllr. S Widdowson

Clerk: Callum Bryant · NSDC Councillor Sylvia Michaels

26.07.01 APOLOGIES

Cllrs. Henderson and Chase sent apologies, as well as Julie Readman.

26.07.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

26.07.03 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Several residents raised concerns regarding the planning application on the agenda, regarding the proposed access point, scale, traffic, infrastructure capacity, pedestrian safety, flooding and drainage, green space, biodiversity and overdevelopment. The chair urged residents with comments regarding planning applications to make their own representations.

26.07.04 UPDATE FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Sylvia Michaels (NSDC) provided an update on Local Government Reorganisation, noting that Nottinghamshire's nine councils are expected to merge into two unitary authorities, with a Government decision anticipated in July 2026. Unitary and parish council elections are expected to take place next year, with existing district councillors asked to remain for an additional year to assist with the transition. Details regarding office locations and staffing arrangements remain undecided.

Cllr. Michaels also reported that the Newark Bypass was among infrastructure projects being reconsidered by Government in light of increased defence spending, with further consultation expected with MPs and local mayors and the final outcome uncertain. In response to a question from the Chair regarding food waste bins, she confirmed that procurement was being delayed pending decisions on the new unitary authorities to ensure consistency of bin colours across the new council area.

- CLOSURE OF THE PUBLIC SESSION -

26.07.05 MINUTES

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meetings held on the May 6th and June 23rd as accurate.

26.07.06

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Safer Neighbourhood: Cllr. Hill reported two break-ins in Laxton on 20 June; significant farm equipment stolen and Cllr. Michaels further noted a theft of cable from the solar farm on Egmonton Road in May.

Defibrillator: Cllr. Widdowson noted the defibrillator is approaching end of life (installed October 2020, now in year 12 or 13 of service). Replacement quotes are around £1350 plus VAT.

26.07.07

HIGHWAYS

Cllr. Hill reported that road gullies between Moorhouse Beck Bridge and Bell Lane are full of debris and need cleaning again, road surface at the entrance to the village is continually losing loose gravel; reported the previous week.

26.07.08

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

- a) It was resolved to note accounts presented.
- b) It was resolved to sign transaction summaries.
- c) It was resolved to sign bank reconciliations.
- d) It was resolved to note expenditure against budget.

26.07.09

PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Council considered planning applications received in advance of the agenda publication.
 - 1) [Proposed development of 8 dwellings and associated garages...](#)
Ivy House Farm Main Street Weston | **Ref: 26/00763/FUL**
It was resolved to object to 26/00763/FUL
- b) Council discussed planning applications received since the agenda was published.
- c) Council discussed the situation regarding usage of the field east of Moorhouse Rd.

26.07.10

ONGOING ISSUES AND UPDATES

- a) **Village Clock update:**
Julie Readman was unable to attend but has contacted the Church Warden to arrange a meeting to discuss the issue further.
- b) **JPAG update.**
An email was received from JPAG stating that some councillors have left North Muskham and, as a result, they can no longer provide the resources to organise meetings and communications. They are stepping down as the lead of the group and have asked other parish councils to step forward. Laxton, Moorhouse and Ossington remain significantly affected by the solar farm and may take on the lead role. North Muskham and the consultant confirmed they will fulfil their remaining obligations; the consultant's work is largely concluded.~

26.07.11

CORRESPONDENCE AND ISSUES RAISED

Council discussed carious correspondence including Cllr. Laughton's printed report and an interested party in the Lengthsman role.

26.07.12

NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Items for inclusion on the next agenda were relayed to the clerk.