

## WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in the Village Hall, Weston commencing at 7.30 p.m.

#### **Present:**

Councillors: D. Chase, R. Henderson, C. Laughton, P. Laughton, M. Lowney,  
H. Saddington

Also attending: County Councillor Laughton, District Councillor Michael

Clerk: S. Akerman

Members of the Public: 1

191101 To receive Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest  
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Francis  
Declaration of Interest – Cllr. Lowney declared an interest in the Closed Session  
item

**Open Forum** – ten minutes to receive questions and comments from members of the public  
A resident asked about the volume of leaves on the pavements and road. The Clerk advised  
that a road sweep of Main Street would be requested once the weather had improved as the  
sweepers are ineffective when leaves are wet.

191102 To accept the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019  
The minutes were accepted as a true and correct record and duly signed by the  
Chair. Proposed by Cllr. C. Laughton and seconded by Cllr. Lowney

191103 To note and report matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the  
agenda  
i) Parish Clock - the Chair updated the meeting on the situation that has arisen  
regarding the discrepancy in the quotes provided and work required on the clock.  
A discussion followed regarding the work and faculty approval required and **all  
agreed** that clarification should be obtained from Time Assured as to the work and  
costs. In addition, **all agreed** that an alternative quote for the work be obtained and  
the Clerk was asked to contact Smiths of Derby accordingly.

191104 To receive reports from County Council and District Council Representatives  
County Councillor Laughton commented on the following:  
• Additional funding has been made available for adult social care  
• The levels of central government funding for the coming year are unknown at  
this time due to the upcoming General Election which will impact on the setting of  
Council Tax for 2020/21

*County Councillor Laughton left the meeting at 8pm*

District Councillor Michael commented on the following:

- Matt Lamb from NSDC Planning has agreed to provide planning training for  
councillors as requested. The Clerk to liaise and arrange a suitable date.
- Clarification on the village boundaries has been sought following a query raised  
at the last meeting regarding a current planning application. The Planning Officer  
advised that the acknowledged boundaries do move over time and that application  
at Lowcroft, Main Street does fall with the boundary.

191105 To receive and consider any Highways & Rights of Way issues  
i) Temporary closure of the Grassthorpe Beck footbridge for repairs. No date has  
been set for when this may re-open.

191106 To consider financial matters  
i) To record the balance of accounts at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 - the Clerk reported a  
balance of £14,228.09 which includes defibrillator funds of £1,046.  
ii) To report receipts - None  
iii) To agree payments  
NSDC for dog bin emptying April – September at £74.10 plus Vat (Chq 516)

- iv) To agree a budget for 2020/21  
Details of projections for the current year were circulated prior to the meeting with assumptions on increases in costs in certain areas. A discussion was had on the following:  
Benches – provision to continue  
Parish Clock – additional provision to be made for pending repair work  
Grants – an amount to be allocated for potential requests from village organisations  
Training – amount to be increased to allow for additional Clerk and councillor training if required  
**All agreed** to the adjustments. The Clerk to update the figures and circulate prior to the January meeting and the precept discussion.

Cllr. Lowney asked for an update on the status of benches and was advised that the replacement one for Colley Lane is yet to be installed.

- 191107 To consider any planning matters and receive an update on ongoing applications.
- i) New Applications  
19/01729/S73 – variation of condition 3 (materials to be used: red brick and tiled roof) on planning permission 13/00519/FUL. The Council supported the application with the Chair's casting vote after a discussion had been held.  
19/01152/OUT – revised plans for the conversion & extension of existing house and erection of four detached properties at Lowcroft, Main Street. A discussion was had and it was agreed that the grounds for objection previously stated remain. A vote was taken and **all agreed** to object to the application. The Clerk was asked to refer to non-compliance with Spatial Policy 3 and to re-state previous objections in the response.
- ii) Decisions (for information)  
19/01074/FUL – refused and not taken to Committee
- iii) Planning Scheme of Delegation and Referral to Committee  
Cllr. Michael provided detail of the newly introduced scheme for referral to committee for developments of up to 9 dwellings.
- 191108 Safer Neighbourhood Group Meeting  
Cllr. P Loughton provided feedback from the recent meeting:  
Reported crime in the area has increased in the last quarter to October with rises in burglaries, vehicle theft, fuel thefts and land damage, criminal damage. Most villages report issues with speeding. The Police urge residents to report anything suspicious at the time and encourage everyone to be vigilant. There were no reported incidents in Weston.
- 191109 To receive and consider correspondence received
- i) NCC consultation on school admissions 2021/22 – to be circulated as requested  
ii) NCC consultation on home educating – to be circulated as requested  
iii) Details of national 'Ringing Out of Peace' to celebrate VE Day on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – to be circulated as requested. It was suggested a provision be made in the budget for a community celebration and **all agreed**.  
iv) NSDC Free Tree Scheme  
v) NCC consultation on Planning Application Validation – to be circulated as requested  
vi) Meeting with Network Rail relating to the barriers at Newark Castle scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> November has been postponed  
vii) Details of planning application 19/01522/FUL have been received. Brief discussion was had and **all agreed** to meet again on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November for the application to be discussed in full.

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

- A resident requested information on the free tree scheme for residents and was provided with the details

- 191110 To consider and discuss any non-agenda items
- Cllr. Lowney commented that the NCC Resident Survey was available
  - Cllr. Lowney was thanked for putting up the lamp post poppies

Next Meeting

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at Weston Village Hall at 7.30pm – Planning Meeting  
Items for discussion: 19/01522/FUL

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Weston Village Hall from 7.30pm  
Items for discussion: Precept for 2020/21

There being no further business, the public meeting was closed at 9.15pm.

191111 Closed Session - Clerk Appraisal and Review

The Chair acknowledged comments following a recent appraisal meeting between the Clerk and Cllr. Francis. The Clerk was asked to leave the room whilst a discussion took place. On return the Clerk was thanked for her continued work and an offer for additional training was made and it was agreed that more information would be provided to the Chair.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.50pm

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Chair

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Date