

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 1st September 5th Ma2021 at 7.30pm

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

Also Present: two members of the public.

- 210901 To receive Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest
Apologies received from Cllr. H. Saddington. Also from Cllr. S. Michael and Cllr. B. Laughton.
Cllr. D Chase declared an interest in the matter of the Solar Farm, which was to be discussed later in the meeting.

Open Forum – ten minutes to receive questions and comments from members of the public
A member of the public raised the matter of Broadband in the village. Cllr. G. Francis stated that he had heard from Open Reach that they are now able to submit schemes to the Govt again in the hope of getting them to guarantee the scheme. They hope to have news by October. There will be a voucher of £1,500 per house, or £3,500 per business that signs up to the scheme and this will be matched by the Local Authority. This could potentially be enough to cover the entire cost to the village i.e. about £170K if enough houses sign up to the scheme.

A member of the public noted that road surfaces on nearby roads are very poor.

- 210902 To accept the minutes of the meeting held on July 7th 2021
An error in the title was noticed. The Minutes, subject to amendment of the heading, were accepted unanimously.

- 210903 To note and report matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda
- a) Parish Clock Update
The PCC, Insurance Company and Diocese have agreed the clock can be installed. This is due to take place during the w/c 27th September. However, access will not be allowed for winding as the top ladder has split and has been deemed unsafe. Cllr. G. Francis proposed that a ladder is sourced to British Standard Class 1 i.e. an industrial ladder. Time Assured have their own Risk Assessment and Method Statement which the Council will adopt. The PCC say they have no money to buy the ladder. They have also stated that they want the striking mechanism switched off until new bells are installed next year via the Celtic Trust (no cost to the Council). This should not delay the re-installation of the clock. It was noted that a self-winding option would cost £9K, so is a non-starter as far as being funded by the Council is concerned. The fact that the bells will be back in action as soon as they can be will be publicised.
 - b) Update on Rural Broadband Scheme
This was covered during the earlier Open Forum
 - c) Bench at Colley Lane
Cllr. C. Laughton reported that the members of the Council can remove the bench. A qualified person is needed for the replacement of the concrete slab and then the members of the Council can replace the bench.
 - d) Update on Replacement for Dr Maloney at Houndsfield Surgery
Dr Moloney will remain at the Surgery until the end of the month. 1 new GP has already been recruited and has started work, and another is being sought.

- e) Council Vacancy
2 people have expressed an interest in the vacancy, 1 via email and 1 via a direct approach to the Chairman. It was agreed that the Clerk would check the right procedure with NALC, and then it is likely that the interested party would be invited to make a short statement to the Council
- 210904 To receive reports from County Council and District Council Representatives
Neither representative was present at the meeting, and nothing had been sent that they wanted to raise at the meeting.
- 210905 To receive and consider any highways issues
a) Update of grass cutting in the Village
The two verges (at either end of Main Street) had been cut. Cllr. C. Laughton advised that he had trimmed under the bridge near the footpath from Meadow Lane. It was confirmed that the County Council are responsible for footpaths. Cllr. C. Laughton would report the issue with the footpath from Meadow Lane and the one at the back of the Church. Thanks were expressed to Cllr. C. Laughton for cutting round the pavement furniture in the Village.
- 210906 To consider financial matters
a) To report receipts
No receipts
b) To report payments and discuss any payments due
Payment to Time Assured relating to works carried out approved.
- 210907 To consider planning matters and receive updates on ongoing applications
a) Planning Application Ref: 21/01577/FULM - Installation of Solar Farm & Battery Storage Facility with associated infrastructure at Land at Hawbush Road, Weston
It was noted that opinion in the Village was split. On balance the Council believe that the project would be beneficial and the proposal to support the Planning Application was approved unanimously
b) Planning Application Ref: 21/00567/FUL - Appeal under S78 Town & Country Planning Act 1990. Field Ref 5543 Great North Road, Weston. Change of Use of Land from Agricultural to Residential Garden. Residential Garage, Store & Workshop with white UPVC windows & roof lights - Retrospective
It was noted that the Council's previous objection would be forwarded to the Appeal. It was agreed that the Council would submit a statement to the Appeal that it has very strong feelings that to allow the appeal would set a very poor precedent. They believe that Planning Rules should be applied consistently (given that previous decisions that have rejected appeals did not involve retrospective planning).
- 210908 Consider correspondence circulated to Councillors since last meeting:
a) NSDC - Planning Weekly List July 2021
b) RSN Rural Funding Digest 8th July 2021
c) Public Sector Executive - Power Generation
d) NALC - Invitation to participate in DCMS survey about rural network coverage (mobile)
e) NSDC - Planning Weekly List 15th July 2021
f) Rural Bulletin 13 July 2021
g) News Journal 16 July 2021
h) NSDC Weekly Planning List 19th July 2021
i) Rural Bulletin 20th July 2021
j) NALC - LCR Magazine
k) NSDC - Planning Committee Agenda
l) NSDC - £250 - £3000 Funding Opportunity
m) Notts CC/Via East Midlands - Active Travel Fund Consultation
n) Local Improvement Scheme Notts CC - Active Travel Fund Consultation

- o) Email from Resident - Village Fires
It was noted that the fire was set by Contractors clearing the site
- p) Email from Resident - Loud Music
Can approach Environmental Health who will ask residents to complete diaries of events. The Council could write to the householder about the noise. It will be mentioned in the Weston Wanderer about consideration for neighbours
- q) NSDC - Member Code of Conduct
Need to check the Council's Code of Conduct complies
- r) NSDC - Weekly Planning Lists 26th July 2021
- s) NALC - Personnel Newsletter July 2021
- t) Insp. Charlotte Allardice - Stakeholder Update
- u) Rural Bulletin 27th July 2021
- v) Simon Meadows re: Clock Repairs 27th July 2021
- w) NSDC - Newark & Sherwood Plan Review - Options Report Consultation Open
- x) Transport Facilities Notts CC - Bus Service Improvement Survey
- y) NALC - Lifting of Covid Restrictions
- z) NALC - National Resilience Strategy Call For Evidence
- aa) News Journal - 29th July
- bb) Email from Resident re: Solar Farm Planning Application
- cc) Ecogreencommunities - Environmental stations for parish & town councils available
- dd) RSN - The Rural Bulletin - 3 August 2021
- ee) RSN - RSN Rural Funding Digest - August 2021 Edition
- ff) Notts CC - Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) for Nottinghamshire
- gg) Notts CC - Nottinghamshire's consultation on a revised Fair Access Protocol
- hh) NALC - Notts ALC 76th AGM - 17th November 2021
- ii) NSDC - Weekly Planning List 9th August 2021
- jj) Email from Resident re Dog Fouling
This will also be mentioned in the Weston Wanderer as it seems to be a recurring problem. Advice will also be sought from NSDC
- kk) Email from Resident re: Mess from Railway workers etc
This concerned human excrement being found where work had been carried out. This has been reported to Network Rail who are investigating.
- ll) RSN - Rural Bulletin 10th August 2021
- mm) NALC - NALC EVENTS - Future Communities
- nn) News Journal - Weekly New Digest
- oo) NALC - NALC STAR COUNCIL AWARDS 2021
- pp) Ecogreencommunities - Important Council information with Eco Green Communities
- qq) NSDC Weekly Planning Lists 16 August 2021
- rr) Weston PCC - All Saints' Church Clock Winding.
- ss) Rural Bulletin 17 August 2021
- tt) VIA East Midlands - Winter Maintenance 2021-2022
Clerk to request 5 free bags of salt. To be delivered to Cllr. D. Chase and he will distribute to bins around the Village.
- uu) News Journal - Local News Roundup
- vv) News Journal 19 August 2021
- ww) News Journal - Weekly News Digest
- xx) VIA East Midlands - Roadworks Bulletin
- yy) Time Assured - Invoice for work completed
- zz) NSDC - Planning Appeal Notification
- aaa) NSDC - Weekly Planning Lists 23 August 2021
- bbb) RSN - Rural Bulletin 24 August 2021
- ccc) Public Sector Executive
- ddd) Email re: Council Vacancy

Open Forum – ten minutes to receive questions and comments from members of the public
The matter of bonfires was raised. It was confirmed that there are no formal rules, but consideration should be given to weather conditions etc, as well as considering neighbours

210909 To consider and discuss any non-agenda items and business for the meeting on
Wednesday 6th October 2021

Queen's Platinum Jubilee - put as an item in the October Agenda to discuss possible celebrations in Village to mark the event.

Church Key - the man making the duplicate key has been ill. The key needs to be returned as it is needed for the clock winders to gain access.

The meeting closed at 20:25