Weston Parish Council

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Minutes of the Weston Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7th of May 2025 in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Simon Meadow (chair), Parish Councillors D Hill, R Liversidge, R Henderson, D Chase; County Councillor Bruce Laughton; Director of Planning and Growth, NSDC, Matt Lamb; NSDC Councillor Sylvia Michael; 9 residents.

25.05.01 ELECTION OF CHAIR / VICE CHAIR

Simon Meadows was elected chair; David Chase was elected Vice-Chair

25.05.02 **APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received.

25.05.03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hill declared a pecuniary interest with regard to item 25.05.10 and a non-pecuniary interest with regard to 25.05.12.

25.05.04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NSDC Director of Planning and Growth, Matt Lamb, answered questions from members of the public and councillors about the enforcement action. County Councillor Bruce Laughton reminded residents that, while information about and photographs of illegal activity are very useful from an enforcement perspective, residents should put their own safety first.

25.05.05 UPDATE FROM DISTRICT / COUNTY COUNCILLORS

NSDC Councillor Sylvia Michael gave a report outlining the year at NSDC including achievement of significant funding for Newark Towns Fund and Levelling-Up Fund, the roll-out of glass recycling, the bringing of CCTV monitoring in-house, changes to planning meetings, Accommodation for 200 Afghan nationals who supported our military, and local government reform.

County Councillor Bruce Laughton talked about the road resurfacing projects across the county and locally, and the, now suspended, work on the A614.

- CLOSURE OF THE PUBLIC SESSION -

members of the public may remain to observe but can take no further part in the council meeting

25.05.06 MINUTES

It was resolved to approve minutes of the meeting held on the 5th of March as accurate.

25.05.07 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillors noted that the dog bin on Church Walk may have been missed as it's currently overflowing.

25.05.08 HIGHWAYS

None presented.

25.05.09 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

- a) Accounts presented were noted by the council.
- b) Transaction summary was signed.
- c) Bank reconciliation was signed.
- d) The Clerk gave a short report regarding expenditure against budget.
- e) Deferred pending internal auditor's report
- f) Deferred pending receipt of internal auditor's report

- Cllr D Hill left the meeting at 20:16 -

25.05.10 LENGTHSMAN SHORTFALL

It was resolved to increase the rate for the lengthsman to 12.50.

- Cllr D Hill returned to the meeting at 20:22 -

25.05.11 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) No planning applications received in advance of the agenda publication.
- b) No planning applications received since the agenda was published.
- c) Council discussed the field east of Moorhouse Rd.

25.05.12 VILLAGE HALL GRANT APPLICATION

It was resolved to fully fund the grant application by the village hall towards a new fridge and portable grill up to £244.99

25.05.13 ONGOING ISSUES AND UPDATES

- a) Councillors discussed the village clock and the need for access to run / maintain.
- b) JPAG update: August consultation has been brought forward to May, the council will liaise with JPAG to form a combined response and will consider an individual response additionally.

25.05.14 CORRESPONDENCE AND ISSUES RAISED

No external correspondence received.

25.05.15 MEETING DATES AND NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Meeting dates were confirmed with extra bookings for extraordinary meetings to deal with emergent circumstances, items were conveyed to the clerk for the next meeting.

- The Chair closed the meeting at 20:55 -