

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 6th October 2021 at 7.30pm

211001 To receive Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

All Councillors present. Cllr. S Michaels and Cllr B. Laughton also present. 1 member of public in attendance.

Cllr C. Laughton & Cllr P. Laughton declared an interest in relation to item 211007 (re: Planning) on the Agenda.

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

The Councillors were asked if they knew of the reason for the recent low flying aircraft over the village. They did not. There was also discussion regarding vehicles parking on the pavement. The Police can be called if the pavement is blocked. although this is not always productive.

211002 To accept the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1st September 2021

Subject to the amendment of 1 error, the minutes were approved

211003 To note and report matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

a) Parish Clock Update

All emails etc have already been sent to Councillors. The Chairman reported that he had spoken to the Church Warden, who had confirmed that the cost of the hammers is down to the Church, and the this will be incorporated into the removal of the bells. They have agreed that the clock can go back in as soon as possible, with the chimes being checked and then disconnected. The aspect of the most recent quote from Time Assured concerning the protection of the clock during the work to the bells will be the responsibility of the Church. The question of winding the clock is to be discussed at the next meeting of the PCC. No further progress concerning the return of the key. It was reported that the Village Hall Committee had agreed to donate the cost of the ladder. The Parish Council would need to provide PPE for volunteer winders.

b) Update on Rural Broadband Scheme

No further news from Open Reach

c) Bench on Colley Lane Update

Builder didn't turn up to give quote for work. Cllr. G. Francis to chase up

d) Council Vacancy

It was agreed that EGM would be convened on Tuesday 13th October at 7pm to hear presentations from interested parties and for successful candidate to be co-opted.

e) Proposals for plans for Queens Platinum Jubilee

It was agreed that this would be placed on the Agenda for January 2022. Possible plan for road closure and some sort of street event on Sunday 5th June.

211004 To receive reports from County Council and District Council Representatives

Cllr. Michaels reported that NSDC would be moving to a Cabinet system rather than Committees. Cabinet of 7 is being proposed from May 2022.

She will chase the question of dog fouling.

Cllr. B. Laughton reported that a Highways review of the services provided by VIA was underway. He also reported that Notts CC were working with the Govt. concerning HS2 finishing at Parkway rather than Toton Hub. He also reported that 2 Afghan families had been rehomed in Newark and that all districts, with the exception of Bassetlaw have accepted refugee families

211005 To receive and consider any highways issues

Nothing to report

211006 To consider financial matters

a) To report receipts

The precept had been received in the sum of £2,165.50, as well as interest of £0.12

b) To report payments and discuss any payments due
An invoice concerning the provision of dog bins in the village had been received for payment in the sum of £93.60

211007 To consider planning matters and receive updates on ongoing applications
a) Planning Application 21/02000/HOUSE re: 4 Meadow Lane, Weston
No planning reason not to approve the application. There is an old building of historical interest very close to the intended extension which has minimal foundations which might be undermined by the work and should be protected . The Council will approve the application with comments concerning that.

211008 Consider correspondence circulated to Councillors since last meeting:

- a) Rural Bulletin 1st September 2021
- b) Rural Transport Fact Finding
- c) Cllr. Bruce Laughton - Council Plan Development: Engagement Sessions for Town & Parish Councils
- d) News Journal 2nd September 2021
- e) NALC - Notts ALC 76th AGM - 17th November 2021
- f) NALC - NALC Star Council Awards 2021
- g) NALC - Notts ALC AGM Motion Document
- h) Rural Services Network - RSN Rural Funding Digest - September 2021 Edition
- i) NALC - National Event - Future Communities
- j) NALC - NALC Policy Consultation Briefing To Member Councils - DEFRA Local Nature Strategies
- k) News Journal - 9th September 2021
- l) NALC - NALC Online Events
- m) NSDC - Planning Weekly List
- n) Rural Services Network - The Rural Bulletin - 14 September 2021
- o) NSDC - Newark & Sherwood District Council Website
- p) Charlotte Allardice - Stakeholder Update
- q) Notts CC - Nottinghamshire County Council Plan - Partnership Engagement
- r) Rural Services Network - The Rural Bulletin - 21 September 2021
- s) Public Sector Executive - How can public sector organisations build back better and close the digital skills gap?
- t) NSDC - Planning Weekly Lists
- u) Public Sector Executive - How to attract the next generation of leaders
- v) Time Assured - All Saints' Church, Weston - Clock Hammer Removal and subsequent re-installation
- w) NSDC - Planning Committee 05.10.21
- x) NSDC - Planning Weekly Lists
- y) Rural Services Network - The Rural Bulletin - 28 September 2021
- z) NALC - AGM - Nominations for Executive Committee
- aa) Notts PNN Police - Urgent Update - Commissioner Henry - Have Your Say Event Newark - New Event Details
- bb) Public Sector Executive - Digital Connectivity in the Public Sector to Build Back Better - You're invited!

Noted.

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

Dog fouling is still an issue.

Nuisance calls purporting to be Govt representatives are going on in the area

211009 To consider and discuss any non-agenda items and business for the meeting on Wednesday 3rd November 2021

It was agreed that a section would be added to the Agenda each month “To receive reports from Parish Councillors”

Cllr. P. Laughton reported that she had attended a Safer Neighbourhood meeting. No issues of concern for Weston, but there was a reminder that any doorstep callers should be reported straight away.

Cllr. P. Laughton agreed to complete the historical/environmental survey that had been received.

The meeting was declared closed a 8:12pm

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