

# Weston Parish Council

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Draft minutes of the meeting of the Weston Parish Council on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 19:30

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|          | <p><b>In attendance:</b> Cllr. Meadows (chair), Cllr. Hill, Cllr. Chase, Cllr. Liversidge.<br/><b>Also in attendance:</b> Cllr. Sylvia Michael (Newark and Sherwood District Council).<br/><b>Clerk:</b> Callum Bryant.</p>  |
| 24.07.01 | <p><b>To receive apologies for absence:</b> Received from Cllr. Henderson.</p>   |
| 24.07.02 | <p><b>To accept the minutes of the previous meeting, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024, as accurate:</b><br/>It was resolved to accept the minutes unamended.</p>   |
| 24.07.03 | <p><b>To note any Declarations of Interest:</b> None declared.</p>   |
| 24.07.04 | <p><b>Public Participation:</b></p> <p><b>A) To hear issues and views from residents.</b></p> <p>Residents requested any information the council had about the development on the old cricket field and the lack of a submitted planning application. Cllr. Sylvia Michael provided context that a planning application was still being validated and had been returned to the agent with queries.</p> <p>Residents raised concerns about potholes in the area, one towards Egmanton after the Moorhouse Road turn that may have been improperly repaired. Cllr. Michael offered to refer it back to Cllr. Bruce Laughton for action.</p> <p>Concern was raised by residents about inconsiderate parking in the area and to consider the possibility of corresponding with inconsiderate parkers.</p> <p><b>B) To also receive reports from County Council and District Council representatives and Councillors.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Michael had no further update beyond the information already provided.</p> |
| 24.07.05 | <p><b>To receive and consider any highways issues.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Liversidge advised that the footpath adjacent the church was overgrown and difficult to navigate, councillors were happy for him to contact the owner directly to attempt a simple resolution.</p> <p>It was noted that the hedge on Hawbush Road is intruding into the road, agreed that councillors would informally approach homeowner.</p>   |
| 24.07.06 | <p><b>To consider financial matters, confirm bank balances and agree bills for payment, including:</b></p> <p><b>The Community HeartBeat Trust (Solutions) Ltd - Emergency phone cellular annual rental Yr 8 - 01/07/2024 to 01/07/2025 - Invoice number 21782 - £72.00 inc tax.</b></p> <p>It was resolved to agree the invoice for payment.</p>  |

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|                        | <p><b>Locum Clerk invoice - £360</b></p> <p>It was resolved to agree the invoice for payment.</p> <p><b>AGAR and year end documents for 2023/24 (clerk to report).</b></p> <p>It was resolved to sign the Accounting Statements for the AGAR.</p> <p>Bank statements for April, May, June and July were viewed and accepted.</p> <p>Resolved that the Clerk would investigate confirmation of receipt of exemption and later provide an update into the internal audit.</p>   |
| <p><b>24.07.07</b></p> | <p><b>To consider planning matters and receive updates on ongoing applications (as applicable) including:</b></p> <p><b>24/00962/FUL - 2 new detached dwellings, formation of new access and rebuilding of perimeter wall   Land adjacent Ivydene, Main Street, Weston.</b></p> <p>Residents and Councillors at the meeting provided input about the Ivydene application and, although the general view was that compliance with the process so far had been more than adequate, there were several concerns:</p> <p>Residents expressed concern with the possible style of the new dwellings, noting that considerable work by other residents had been put into making sure that building work in the area stayed in-keeping with the overall style of the village.</p> <p>Residents also expressed concern about construction traffic in the village and the impact of that construction on the care home in the village; residents and Councillors were keen for restrictions on both hours of working and a restriction on blocking Main Street.</p> <p>Another resident concern was whether the original access point to the development would be closed-off after the new 4.8-metre-wide access is made.</p> <p>It was resolved that the council support the application with the above as comments.</p> |
| <p><b>24.07.08</b></p> | <p><b>To discuss any issues raised by residents since last meeting.</b></p> <p>Residents praised the chair, Cllr. Simon Meadows, for his skilful handling of the previous meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June. Residents felt that he kept a meeting civil that might otherwise have been contentious and difficult.</p> <p>Residents raised concerns about lighting on the old cricket pitch and stated that it could be a distraction to traffic.</p>   |
| <p><b>24.07.09</b></p> | <p><b>Main Business:</b></p> <p><b>A) To discuss adoption of new Financial Regulations (Clerk to report).</b></p> <p>Adoption of the Financial Regulations deferred until snagging had been addressed.</p>  |

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|                        | <p><b>B) To discuss CIL grant and possible projects for the provided funding.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Michael to provide contacts to explore legal uses of the funding provided, but Councillors suggested uses such as addressing draining issues, providing a new defibrillator-cabinet, a village broadband project and repairs to the village sign as possibilities to be investigated.</p> <p><b>C) To discuss and appoint committees, sub-committees and their members.</b></p> <p>Agreed in principle only, as current standing orders and Financial Regulations would need updating to allow for this to be useful.</p> <p><b>D) Determine policies to be reviewed for next meeting.</b></p> <p>Agreed to update HR and Code of Conduct at next ordinary meeting and Standing Orders and Financial Regulations as soon as possible.</p> <p><b>E) Clerk Email, Website (Clerk to report).</b></p> <p>Clerk suggests provisioning an email address for the clerk's use with the council's domain name and not a free service such as Gmail. This may be seen as more professional. Costed at £23.99 inc. VAT.</p> <p>It was resolved that the clerk purchase the email package.</p> |
| <p><b>24.07.10</b></p> | <p><b>Consider correspondence circulated to Councillors since last meeting.</b></p> <p>The council discussed the Hedgehog Highway project but did not resolve to take any action, the council discussed the Solar Farm residents' presentation – residents requested that the presenter be invited to attend the village coffee morning as this may be more fully attended. Cllr. Michael was keen for a plurality of views to be heard on the footpath issue with respect to the GNR solar farm.</p>  |
| <p><b>24.07.11</b></p> | <p><b>To identify agenda items and business for the next meeting on Wednesday 4th September 2024.</b></p> <p>Update on Parish Clock.</p>   |

The meeting closed at 20:56