

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Weston Parish Council on Wednesday 5th June 2024
held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

A large representation from the Parish joined the meeting.

The Chair welcomed residents and explained the structure of the meeting.

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| | <p>In attendance: Cllr. Meadows (Chair), Cllr. Hill, Cllr. Chase, Cllr. Henderson, Cllr. Liversidge</p> <p>Also in attendance. Cllr. Bruce Laughton</p> <p>Locum Clerk: Andrea Wilson</p> |
| 13 -24/5 | To receive Apologies for Absence: Cllr. S Michael N&SDC - The Chair further requested best wishes to be forwarded to Cllr. Michael. |
| 14 -24/5 | <p>Matters Arising from Minutes inc:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update on parish clock from Cllr Laughton. Cllr. Laughton confirmed that Adrian Smith will broach the subject when he meets with senior members of the Church. ● Meeting with VIA regarding horse signs. Cllr. Meadows reported that no further information has been received from VIA ● Repair and installation of damaged village sign. Cllr. Meadows confirmed that the Parish Council is waiting for a second quote, which the new Clerk will pursue. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update following Annual Parish Meeting Cllr. Meadows reported on the Annual Parish Meeting. There was some attendance of local residents although it would be appropriate next year to provide clearer information on timings, aims and structure of this meeting to ensure more local involvement. |
| 15 -24/5 | <p>To accept the notes of the previous meeting 1st May 2024 as accurate.</p> <p>Approved: Cllr. Henderson Seconded: Cllr. Hill</p> |
| 16-24/5 | <p>To note any Declarations of Interest</p> <p>NONE</p> |
| 17-24/5 | <p>Public Participation</p> <p>A) To hear issues and views from residents – moved to further on the agenda. B) To receive an update and explanation from Ryan Hodson, NG + Community Engagement Manager. Mark Noon and one other represented the NG + Community Engagement at this meeting. It was noted that there had been good attendance at the consultation meeting and following this, adjustments to the scheme has been made.</p> <p>Questions arising from residents of Weston included footpaths and the impact the scheme will have on these. In response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Further consultation will include how the paths will look and if and how they can be diverted where desired or necessary. ● More access will be created and indeed the number of paths will be more than at present. The ideas and desires of residents are crucial for final decisions. |

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| | <p>Cycle paths are also part of the decision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCC is involved in this aspect of planning. • Bridleways and disabled access are also a consideration. • Residents were invited to submit ideas for consideration on all aspects. <p>• Maintenance of the site has not been concluded and further discussions and consultations need to be carried out. The issues of litter and wildlife was also raised and noted. The whole project aims to result in at least 10% more bio diversity.</p> <p>Increased traffic through the construction period which will be managed by moving the traffic away from the village and during restricted hours. A condition survey will be carried out pre and post construction.</p> <p>Funding for the village is something that can be a positive outcome of the project.</p> <p>A trust will receive applications to this fund. It was noted that the Parish Council could be involved in the organisation of applications to the fund.</p> <p>It was noted that the total fund is 1 million pounds and the scheme will of course create jobs that will require local engagement.</p> <p>C) To also receive reports from County Council and District Council Representatives and Councillors. Cllr. Laughton presented his report from NCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of Highways repairs is a high priority for the NCC in order to establish a programme of repair. • There has been a 6 fold increase in category 1 potholes. • A particularly notorious section of highway near the sugar beet factory is due to be repaired before September 2024. • A scheme to improve the path for Weston to Sutton has been raised for a specific scheme of repair. • Young Services have been subjected to an OFSTED inspection and this was successful although the outcomes have not been released to date. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18-24/5 | To receive and consider any highways issues No issues. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19-24/5 | <p>To consider financial matters and confirm bank balances and agree bills for payments and discuss the year end return. The Annual Governance Statement was agreed. AGAR documents The Certificate Exemption was signed for submission to Littlejohns. Unanimous decision to submit Financial details to be considered at a further meeting.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="236 1608 1452 1749"> <tr> <td>Balance</td> <td>£23,493.07</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Income</td> <td>£2906.24</td> <td>CIL funding</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Payments</td> <td>£299</td> <td>Lawn mower</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>£ 7.05</td> <td>Petrol</td> </tr> </table> | Balance | £23,493.07 | | Income | £2906.24 | CIL funding | Payments | £299 | Lawn mower | | £ 7.05 | Petrol |
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| 20-24/5 | <p>To consider planning matters and receive updates on ongoing applications (as applicable)</p> <p>Bluebell farm 23/01921/FUL</p> <p>No comments were submitted by Councillors.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 -24/5 | <p>To discuss any issues raised by residents since last meeting</p> <p>Concerns on the status of the old cricket ground, Weston were identified as an issue to be raised. Cllr. Meadows agreed to open a forum later in the meeting.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 -24/5 | Main Business | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | <p>A) To discuss updates on the recent events on the old cricket pitch site.</p> <p>Cllr. Meadows gave a resume of the time frame of events and current focus on the situation. The Bank Holiday weekend saw the arrival of caravans on the former Weston cricket pitch and consequently the Enforcement Office at N &SDC was contacted and made due representation at the site. The Assistant Planning and Enforcement officer, Chris Briggs carried out the inspection and a retrospective application will be made by the owners of the site. Residents were advised to respond in accordance with planning guidelines. All households will receive notification of the planning application in due course. Cllr. Meadows confirmed that the Parish Council will comment on the planning based on the District Council's guidelines. The Parish Council will be very concerned about safety as the site is on an awkward bend and the lane is used by horses.</p> <p>The Chair recommended all residents respond.</p> <p>There will be further opportunities to discuss this at a future meeting when the retrospective planning application is available to review.</p> <p>B) GNR Solar Farm update & attendance at a future meeting – covered above. C) Parish Clock – covered above D) Lengthsman's report Cllr. Henderson confirmed that a lawnmower has been purchased. Strimming around the village. E) Recruitment of Clerk/RFO Cllr. Meadows confirmed that one application for the post had been received and Councillors will consider this in the near future. F) Determine policies to be reviewed for the next meeting Financial regulations.</p> |
| 23-24/5 | <p>Consider correspondence circulated to Councillors since last meeting No correspondence received.</p> |
| 24-24/5 | <p>To identify agenda items and business for the next meeting on Wednesday 3rd July 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIL grant • Financial regulations. |

The meeting closed at 21.04pm