Minutes of meeting held on Monday 8th January 2023 at Weston Hills Village Hall.

Commenced at 7.30pm

Present:- Cllrs, Dicks, Bellamy, Ellis, Halgarth, Higgins, Parkinson, Pennington, Pratt.

In Attendance:- None

23.000 Apologies

Cllrs Dark, Mather.

23.001 Declaration of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

Cllrs Bellamy, Cllr Ellis, re s137 Weston Hills St John Church and Weston St Mary Church applications grants.

23.002 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 5th December 2022

Minutes of the meeting having been circulated were taken as read by the Chairman and signed as a true record.

23.003 Public Forum

None

23.004 Matters Arising

Dog fouling at Weston playing field. Dealt with under agenda item.

Proposed speed camera signs deferred to a later meeting.

23.005 Correspondence

e-mail received from Health & Wellbeing informing the parish council of an open meeting on 24th January 2023 at SHDC to discuss health matters in the area.

23.006 Highways

The clerk informed those present of roadworks scheduled to take place in January in the parish.

The Chairman reported he had contacted LCC Highways for an update on the proposed yellow lines at the junction of Broadgate and St Johns Road / Carisbrook Way.



23.007 Police Matters CSW/SID

The clerk presented the latest police newsletter. Copies of the newsletters are displayed on the parish council notice boards.

The Chairman reported that the meetings of the CSW is scheduled to resume on the 16th January 2023.

Cllr Bellamy reported that the SID unit is not working correctly. Batteries are lasting for just two days and the display is malfunctioning. Cllr Bellamy to investigate further.

23.008 Weston Playing Field

Following reports of dog faeces on the field from the maintenance team the parish council discussed the matter. While agreed that it is a problem it was agreed it was difficult to stop dog fouling at the playing field. It was agreed to monitor the situation and to display signs supplied by SHDC in the playing field and on street lights in the vicinity.

23.009 Weston Hills Playing Field

The clerk reported that SHDC would be laying new gravel on the car park in the near future.

23.010 Planning Applications

Notification of applications for consideration available via the SHDC website

H22-0328-22, H22-0944-22 Both Approved

H22-1017-22 Refused

H22-1511-22 87, Moulton Chapel Road Cowbit No objections

23.011 s106 Update

The clerk informed those present on the meetings planned with regards the s106 funding. Public consultation meetings will take place on Saturday 25th February 2023 2pm-3.30pm and Tuesday 21st March 2023 7pm-8.30pm at Weston Village Hall.

A special parish council meeting will take place on Monday 23rd January 2023 at Weston Village Hall to solely discuss s106 matters.

Cllr Bellamy presented a public consultation plan to those present.

The Chairman updated the meeting on progress with proposed bus shelters in the village.

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23.012 Bench Decoration Weston Hills Village Hall

Cllr Pratt reported that at a recent meeting of Weston Hills village hall committee a suggestion was put forward if the bench outside the hall could be restored. After discussion the Chairman asked Cllr Pratt to obtain 3 quotes for the restoration work.

23.013 King Charles III Coronation

Cllr Bellamy reported to those present that the cost of the coronation celebrations at Weston would be £3,500 plus the cost of the planning application. £3,200 has been raised and the parish council agreed that it would pay the final balance if required.

The clerk confirmed that £1,000 had been received from the local District Councillors fund. It was agreed that Cllr Bellamy would place an order with Roy Willingham for the purchase of the beacon. Cllr Bellamy also reported that she had completed a risk assessment for the site. Details to follow for a "Party in the Park" and a lantern parade through the village with hot dogs and cake served at the village hall.

23.014 Finance Report

The financial report to 31st December 2022 having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. Please see accompanying report.

s137 grant application Cllrs Bellamy and Ellis declared an interest in this matter.

The matter of s137 grants was discussed. The clerk informed those present that he was waiting for copies of invoices from Weston St Johns church for last year's grass maintenance and an application from Weston St Marys for grant funding. It was agreed to defer a decision until this information had been received.

23.015 Items for Discussions

Cllr Pratt reported that while laying the wreath at the Lychgate he observed that the framework and figure is in need of repair. It was agreed to make this an agenda item for the next meeting. Cllrs Ellis and Pratt to liaise on what repairs and renovations are needed and to report back to the parish council.

Cllr Pratt said that trees are available from the Woodland Trust. The general opinion was that at the present time the parish council did not have any need for more trees.

23.016 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6th February 2023 at Weston Village Hall 07:30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 23rd January 2023 at Weston Village Hall.

Commenced at 7.30pm

Present:- Cllrs, Dicks, Dark, Bellamy, Ellis, Mather, Parkinson, Pennington, Pratt.

In Attendance: None

23.017 Apologies

Cllr Higgins.

23.018 Declaration of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

None

23.019 Correspondence

e-mail received from a resident (Jo Wright) requesting that the gates at Weston Playing field be re-opened.

23.020 To discuss how s106 funding should be spent

Improved disability access

The chairman reported that LCC highways are prepared to move the bus stop signs. The chairman feels that they need to move them by two metres to the left of their current position. The Chairman also said he would then apply for the six licences from LCC for "street furniture".

Those present then put forward their ideas on the facilities they felt should be provided.

CCTV & Car park security Improved Car Park access

> Nature trail Dedicated dog play area

Security Lighting

Play equipment Basketball / Netball court

BMX Track "Huddle rooms" Outside gym equipment Picnic area

Zip Wire Drainage & electric points Improved signage

Fencing for play area, dog area and car park Litter bins

A suggestion was made that the football field be decommissioned and used for other activities. It was also suggested that children from the local school be asked for their ideas.

Public Consultation meetings Sat 25th February 2:00-3:30pm & Tuesday 21st March 7:00-8:30pm. Cllrs Bellamy and Ellis to arrange the consultation events. The Chairman asked that councillors arrive thirty minutes before the start of the meetings.

23.021 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6th February 2023 at Weston Village Hall 07:30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 8.21pm

Chairman

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 6th February 2023 at Weston Village Hall.

Commenced at 7.30pm.

Present:- Cllrs, Dicks, Bellamy, Ellis, Halgarth, Mather, Parkinson, Pennington, Pratt.

In Attendance: None

23.022 Apologies

Cllrs Dark, Higgins.

23.023 Declaration of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

Cllrs Bellamy, Cllr Ellis, re s137 Weston Hills St John Church and Weston St Mary Church applications grants.

23.024 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 8th January and 23rd January 2023

Minutes of the meetings having been circulated were taken as read by the Chairman and signed as a true record.

23.025 Public Forum

None

23.026 Matters Arising

The Chairman reported that he had made enquiries about the siting of speed camera awareness signs. He had been told it is not allowable to have signs with pictures of cameras. However it might be acceptable to have extra speed limit signs installed. He will also investigate the feasibility of installing CSW signs.

s137 grant applications were discussed. A vote was taken proposed by Cllr Mather seconded by Cllr Halgarth and it was unanimously agreed by those eligible to vote to make a grant of £1,000 to Weston St Johns Church towards the maintenance of the churchyard.

The Chairman suspended standing orders to allow Cllr Ellis to speak on the matter of Weston St Mary churchyard maintenance. After discussing the matter a vote was taken proposed by Cllr Pennington and seconded by Cllr Mather and it was unanimously agreed by those eligible to vote to make a grant of £3,350 towards maintenance of the churchyard.

The Chairman reinstated standing orders.

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23.027 Correspondence

e-mail received from resident re trees at Weston Hills playing field. Cllr Halgarth reported that some of the work had been carried out but needed to obtain a cherry picker to complete the work

Copy of an e-mail received from resident sent to Police, Dist Cllr Casson with regards to litter along Delgate Bank.

e-mail received from LALC re grant funding events.

e-mail received from SHDC re shared prosperity funding.

23.028 CSW/SID

The chairman reported that the CSW continues if not somewhat sporadically.

Cllr Bellamy reported that the SID unit is now working again but it would appear the unit is affected by cold or possibly damp weather.

23,029 Allotments

The re-letting of the allotment GA2A was discussed. It was agreed to allow Cllr Halgarth as much time as he needed to prepare the allotment for new tenants. It was estimated that this would be completed by September 2023.

23.030 Weston Playing Field

None

23.031 Weston Hills Playing Field

Cllr Bellamy reported to the meeting that she has submitted an EOI (Expression of Interest) for £45k - £55k for funding for the playing field through the shared prosperity fund.

23.032 Planning Applications

Notification of applications for consideration available via the SHDC website.

H22-1151-22 H22-1098-22 Both Approved by SHDC

H22-0017-23 Land between 357 & 363 Broadgate - It was decided to defer making a decision until a full planning application is received.

H22-0015-23 Land Adj 36 Broadgate No objections

H22-0058-23 28, Broadgate Weston Hills PE12 6DQ No objections

H22-0085-23 Land Adj Fengate Drove Weston Hills No objections

H22-1213-22 Work to Weston Tree Preservation Order No. 4 St Marys Church Weston No objections.

23.033 s106 Update

The Chairman informed those present that he was making enquiries about investment accounts for the s106 funds.

23.034 Annual Open Parish Meeting

The AOPM on Monday 24th April 2023 was discussed. It was agreed that Cllr Bellamy would insert a flyer in the centre pages of Apr/May edition of the Elloe Oracle. The Chairman will contact Zelda and Pam to see if they will be available to serve refreshments on the evening.

23.035 Repairs to Lychgate

Repairs to the Lychgate were discussed. A new figure is required together with repairs to the wooden framework around the figure. Cllr Bellamy said she would look at getting shared prosperity funding for the cost of this as part of funding for repairs to Weston St Mary Church.

23.036 Bench Repair Weston Hills Village Hall

Cllr Pratt informed the meeting that he had spoken to Brian Jex who would provide a quote for repairs to the benches in the parish.

23.037 King Charles III Coronation

The clerk informed the meeting that the cost of wood and metalwork for the Beacon would be £2,135.67. This figure does not include transportation or installation costs.

£2,331.52 has been received from Love Weston as a donation towards the cost of the Beacon.

Cllr Bellamy informed those present that work on the installation of the beacon was in progress. There are plans for a parade through the village on the Saturday evening with free Hot Dogs and drinks for the children. It was reported that it would not be feasible to have a "party in park" so it was suggested to have a "picnic at the schools" event hosted by the parish council in the lead up to the coronation.

23.038 Finance Report

The financial report to 31st January 2023 having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. Please see accompanying report.

23.039 Items for Discussions

The clerk informed the meeting that he was due to attend a seminar with SHDC in readiness for the coming local elections on 5th May 2023.



There is to be zoom and face to face meetings held hosted by SHDC on the 20th and 27th February for Councillors who wish to know more about the role of a parish councillor in the lead up to the elections. Anyone interested should contact the clerk for details.

23.040 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6th March 2023 at Weston Hills Village Hall 07:30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 9.06pm

Chairman

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 6th March 2023 at Weston Hills Village Hall.

Commenced at 7.30pm.

Present:- Cllrs, Dicks, Brotherton, Dark, Mather, Pennington, Pratt.

In Attendance:- Cty Cllr R Gibson, Dist Cllr Casson

23.041 Apologies

Cllrs Bellamy, Ellis, Halgarth, Higgins.

23.042 Declaration of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

None

23.043 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 6th February 2023

Minutes of the meetings having been circulated were taken as read by the Chairman and signed as a true record.

23.044 Public Forum

None

23.045 Matters Arising

Cllr Pratt provided a quote from Dennis Jex for repairs to the bench outside Weston Hills Village Hall and the bench outside the community centre at Weston. The quote is for £2,400 + vat. It was agreed that Cllr Pratt would obtain two more quotes.

The provision of speed signs was discussed. The Chairman continues to look into this matter.

The Chairman reported that he continues to look at investment accounts for the s106 monies with Lloyds and NS&I.

23.046 Correspondence

e-mail received from S/H Voluntary Car scheme informing the parish council of their AGM on the 4th March 2023. However this e-mail was followed by a second e-mail to inform this event has now been cancelled.

e-mail received from Cty Cllr Gibson re social value volunteering days.

The Chairman suspended standing orders to allow Cty Cllr Gibson to speak, who explained that funds were available through the county council to complete small projects in the parish. It was agreed that the clerk would e-mail Cty Cllr Gibson to request that tarmac paths at Weston playing field become a project for these funds.



The Chairman reinstated standing orders.

e-mail received through LALC, the Spalding and Peterborough Transport Forum who are looking for volunteers to join the Forum.

e-mail received from Mr Minogue. Praising the council for its work in cutting back the trees at Weston Hills playing field.

e-mail received from Mrs Bingham asking when more remedial work on trees at Weston Hills playing field would be carried out. The clerk reported to the meeting he had contacted Cllr Halgarth who said he intended to complete the work in the week commencing 13th March 2023.

e-mail received from a Moulton Seas End resident re the closed gates at Weston playing field. The Chairman said he had replied to the resident explaining the situation at the park.

23.047 CSW/SID

The chairman informed the meeting that Cllr Dark would be taking over the running of the CSW. Cllr Dark said it was the intention of the CSW to operate twice a week.

Cllr Bellamy who was not present at the meeting had informed the clerk to say the SID unit was still not working properly and that efforts would be made to remedy this in the near future.

23.048 Allotments

None

23.049 Weston Playing Field

None

23.050 Weston Hills Playing Field

The Chairman suspended standing orders to allow Dist Cllr Casson to ask about benches proposed for the field. The Chairman replied that this was being dealt with by Cllr Bellamy and that he would contact her for an update.

The Chairman reinstated standing orders.

Cllr Mather reported that some of the metal fencing at Weston Hills playing field was starting to lean.

23.051 Planning Applications

Notification of applications for consideration available via the SHDC website.

H22-1213-22, H22-0015-23, H22-0149-23, All approved by SHDC.



23.052 s106 Update

An update was given of the meeting that was held at Weston village hall on 21st February. Cllr Pennington suggested it might be a good idea to have a book to record the names of residents attending the next meeting on 21st March 2023.

The Chairman reported that he had a meeting with LCC Highways who have agreed to move the Bus stop signs to allow for the installation of the proposed Bus shelters. The parishes three District Councillors have made a combined donation of £200 toward the planning costs of the bus shelters.

23.053 Annual Open Parish Meeting

It was agreed that due to the local elections taking place in May that the AOPM would be postponed until Monday 5th June 2023.

23.054 Local Elections

The clerk provided electoral numbers for nominators and seconders for the forthcoming local elections.

23.055 King Charles III Coronation

An update on this matter was deferred until Cllrs Bellamy and Ellis were in attendance.

23.056 Finance Report

The financial report to 28th February 2023 having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. Please see accompanying report.

23.057 Items for Discussions

Cllr Brotherton commented on the improvement on the reduction of litter in the parish.

Dist Cllr Casson said that a new firm has been employed by SHDC to catch fly tippers.

Cllr Pennington reported on the Outer Dowsing wind farm to say that a change in the cable route was now proposed which would bring the cable route further inland.

Cllr Dark commented that empty dog poo bags were being thrown into the dyke at Weston playing field and that large quantities of dog poo continue to be a big problem in the playing field.

The Chairman asked Dist Cllr Casson if it might be possible to have litter bins at both sides road at the bus stops. It was agreed to wait until the bus shelters had been installed before pursuing this matter.

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23.058 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 3rd April 2023 at Weston Village Hall 07:30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 8.22pm

Chairman

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 3rd April 2023 at Weston Village Hall.

Commenced at 7.30pm.

Present:- Cllrs, Dicks, Brotherton, Ellis, Halgarth, Higgins, Pennington, Pratt.

In Attendance:- Dist Cllr Casson

23.059 Apologies

Cllrs Dark, Mather.

23.060 Declaration of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

Cllrs Ellis, Pennington re- agenda item 8 Defibrillator at Weston Village Hall

23.061 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 6th March 2023

Minutes of the meetings having been circulated were taken as read by the Chairman and signed as a true record.

23.062 Public Forum

None

23.063 Matters Arising

Cllr Pratt reported that he was still waiting for quotes for the bench repairs in the parish. Concerns were raised about the cost of repairs and it was agreed to also look at the purchase of new benches after the new bench at Weston Hills playing field had been installed.

Dist Cllr Casson asked when the new bench at Weston Hills playing field would be installed. The bench was ordered in November with an estimated seventeen week waiting time, so the council was in the hands of the supplier.

23.064 Correspondence

e-mail received from LCC Highways. The proposed waiting restrictions on Broadgate at the top of St Johns Road and Carisbrooke Way had now reached the consultation stage.

e-mail received from resident re the park gates at Weston playing field dealt with under item agenda.

e-mail received from resident re trees at Weston Hills playing field dealt with under item agenda.

e-mail received from The Community Team SHDC requesting that they be allowed to use Weston playing field on Wednesday 2nd August 2023 11.00am-3.00pm for one of their activity days. It was unanimously agreed to allow them to use the playing field.

23.065 Police/CSW/SID

The quarterly Police report was displayed. Police priorities currently focus around Moulton Chapel but the PSCO will be attending car boot sales at Weston.

The chairman informed the meeting that Cllr Dark has taken over the CSW.

No information on the SID unit.

23.066 Defibrillator at Weston Village Hall

Cllr Pratt asked if the parish council would consider purchasing a new defibrillator for the Weston village hall. Cllrs Ellis and Pennington declared an interest.

The Chairman suspended standing orders to allow Cllr Ellis (Chair of Weston Village Hall committee) to speak. Weston Village Hall committee has approached Weston Consolidated charity for a donation to fund a new Defibrillator. The current defibrillator is not working and the hall is using a borrowed unit. Cllr Ellis then requested that the parish council take over responsibility for the defibrillator. The chairman stated that Weston Village Hall committee would need to write a formal request for the Parish Council to take over this responsibility.

The chairman then re-instated standing orders to allow the councillors who had not declared an interest to discuss the matter.

A motion was proposed that the clerk would investigate the cost of a new defibrillator. That the cost be funded equally by four organisations Weston Consolidated Charity, Weston Village Hall, the Parish Council and through the District Cllrs designated ward budget. Ownership and guardianship of the new unit would fall to the Parish Council if the village hall was not prepared to do this, and only after a formal written request was received.

The motion was proposed by Cllr Pratt seconded by Cllr Higgins. A vote took place 4 For with 1 Abstention (Cllr Halgarth).

23.067 Weston Playing Field

An e-mail was received from a resident (Mr Bunder) requesting that the park gates be reopened.

The clerk informed those present that following comments made from a resident at the first consultation meeting held recently at Weston village hall the clerk had made enquiries with SHDC planning as to the conditions imposed when planning permission was granted in 2003. SHDC planning had confirmed that the park gates must be closed during the hours of darkness and that failing to do this would contravene the planning approval.

After discussion it was agreed that the opening of the gates was a priority. Planning restrictions would not allow the gates to be opened during the hours of darkness and no one was available to open and close the gates every day. It was agreed the way forward was to look at the feasibility of installing a car park barrier system. The chairman will speak to Clir Bellamy on this matter.

23.068 Weston Hills Playing Field

e-mail received from two residents in 8 Carisbrooke Way (Mrs Bingham and Mr Wilkinson) re trees overhanging the property.

It was reported that Cllr Halgarth has now been to the field and has cut back all the branches that overhang their properties in Carisbrooke Way.

Photographs were displayed showing the work completed and the condition of the metal and wooden fences that border the field.

It was agreed that as no branches overhang the properties in Carisbrooke Way that no further action is needed in the short term. The parish council agreed that claims from the resident that the wooden fence had been damaged were unfounded.

23.069 Planning Applications

Notification of applications for consideration available via the SHDC website.

H22-0085-23,H22-0017-23,H22-0206-23,H22-0107-23,H22-0224-23 All approved by SHDC.

H22-0246-23 85a High Road Weston No objections.

23.070 s106 Update

None

23.071 King Charles III Coronation

The meeting received an update from Cllr Ellis on the forthcoming celebration to mark the Coronation. A two page advert has been placed in the April/May edition of the Oracle with details of the Lantern Parade and Beacon lighting on Saturday 6^{th} May.

23.072 Finance Report

The financial report to 31st March 2023 having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. Please see accompanying report.

Those present were informed of the LGA annual salary award for the clerk of 8.35% backdated to April 2022.

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The Chairman reported to the meeting that he continues to look at investment accounts for the s106 monies. He intends to make an appointment with Lloyds bank to discuss the parish council's options. The Chairman has closed the NS&I account.

23.073 Items for Discussions

Cllr Pratt said that he believed the planning application for Weston burial ground had expired and needed to be reapplied for. The burial ground is now the responsibility of the Church. Cllr Ellis said she was aware of this fact and that the church needed to reapply for planning permission. Cllr Pratt offered his services with the planning application should it be needed.

The Chairman reported that rumours circulating in the village that Persimmon were pulling out of the development in the village were unfounded.

The chairman reported that planning permission for the Bus shelters is proceeding at planned.

23.074 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 15th May 2023 (AGM) at Weston Hills Village Hall 07:30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 8.52pm

Chairman

Annual Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 15th May 2023 at Weston Hills Village Hall Commenced at 7.30pm

Present:-

Cllrs, Dicks, Bellamy, Brotherton, Dark, Halgarth, Higgins, Pennington

Apologies

Cllr Pratt

Absent :-

Cllr Ellis.

In Attendance:- Dist Cllr Casson, 1 member of the public

23.075 Parish Councillors Signing of Declarations of Acceptance of Office

All Councillors present signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

23.076 Election of Chairman/Signing of Declaration of Office

Cllr Dicks was elected to serve as Chairman for the coming year, proposed by Cllr Bellamy seconded by Cllr Pennington. The chairman signed a declaration of office his signature witnessed by the clerk.

23.077 Election of Vice Chair/Signing of Declaration of Office

Cllr J Bellamy was elected to serve as Vice Chair for the coming year, proposed by Cllr Dicks seconded by Cllr Higgins. The Vice Chair signed a declaration of office her signature being witnessed by the clerk.

23.078 Declaration of interest in accordance with Localism Act 2011

Cllr Brotherton re planning application H22-0321-23

23.079 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd April 2023

Minutes of the meeting having been circulated were taken as read by the Chairman and signed as a true record.

23.080 Annual Governance and Financial Risk Assessment 2022/23

Having been circulated it was adopted and approved by the council.

23.081 Annual Governance Accounts Statement 2022/23

The documents having been circulated and with the agreement of those present the Chairman and Clerk signed off the accounting statement.

23.082 Annual Governance Statement 2022/23

The documents having been circulated and with the agreement of those present the Chairman and Clerk signed off the Annual Governance statement.

23.083 Public Forum

A resident in Carisbrooke Way Mr Wilkinson asked the council to reconsider its decision on the maintenance of trees in Weston Hills playing field.

The matter was discussed at length after which Cllr Pennington proposed seconded by Cllr Halgarth that the maintenance of the trees should be looked at again in September 2023. A vote took place and a unanimous decision was made to adopt the proposal.

Dist Cllr Casson said he would report the dumping of a fridge in Weston Hills to SHDC.

Mr Wilkinson left the meeting

23.084 Matters Arising

None

23.085 Consideration of membership of working groups & representatives on outside bodies.

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Working Groups		
Allotments	Cllr Bellamy	Cllr Halgarth
CSW	Cllr Dark	Cllr Higgins
SID	Cllr Bellamy	Cllr Dicks
Litter picking	Cllr Dark	
Weston Hills Playing Field	Cllr Bellamy	Cllr Brotherton
Litterbin Weston Hills Playing Field	Cllr Bellamy	2 x Residents
Dog "Poo" Bag Dispensers Weston Hills	District Cllr Casson	
Weston Playing Field	Cllr Dark	Cllr Ellis
Dog "Poo" Bag Dispensers Weston	Cllr Dicks	Cllr Higgins
Representatives on Outside Organisations		
Weston Village Hall	Cllr Pennington	Cllr Ellis
Weston Hills Village Hall	Cllr Halgarth	Cllr Pratt
Weston Burial Ground Land	Cllr Bellamy (Mrs)	Cllr Pratt
South Holland Voluntary Car Scheme	District Cllr Casson	Cllr Pennington
Moulton Harrox Educational Trust	District Cllr Casson	- Similar



It was agreed that the Cllrs nominated who were not in attendance (highlighted) would be asked at a subsequent meeting if they accept their proposed nominations. The representatives for Weston Consolidated Charity were not considered as they were nominated in 2021 for a three year period.

23.086 Correspondence

- (a) email from resident re trees at Weston Hills playing field dealt with under public forum.
- (b) email re allotment road dealt with under agenda item.

23.087 CSW/SID

Cllr Dark reported that the CSW was attempting to go out twice a week however new volunteers were urgently needed.

Cllr Bellamy reported the SID unit had been sent away for repair. The Chairman reported that he would look to get the old SID unit working again to be placed on the High Road Weston.

23.088 Weston Playing Field

None

23.089 Weston Hills Playing Field

Cllr Bellamy reported that she had accepted delivery of the new bench for Weston Hills playing field. She is working with Hollyoaks landscape to get the bench installed.

23.090 Allotments

The condition of the roadway was discussed following emails from two allotment holders. It was felt that with the onset of better weather that the roadway would dry out. However it was agreed to discuss in the future options to improve the roadway and also look at the current allotment agreements.

23.091 Planning Matters

Notification of application for consideration available via SHDC website:-

H22-0223-23, 416 Broadgate Weston Hills. Approved.

H22-0058-23, 28 Broadgate Weston Hills. Withdrawn Application

H22-1072-22, Persimmon land north west of High Road Weston Withdrawn Application

H22-0281-23, Cobblestones Marsh Road Weston Refusal

H22-0300-23, 45 Old Fendyke Road Weston Hills No Objections



H22-0320-23, 315 Broadgate Weston Hills No Objections

H22-0321-23, Adjacent to Ashgrove Lodge Austendyke Road No Objections

23.092 Beacon Lighting/Lantern Parade

Thanks were given to Cllrs Bellamy, Brotherton and Ellis for their work on the Coronation Celebrations. It was agreed that the event had been a success with estimations that around 200 people attended the event. Cllr Bellamy proposed that the local children be involved in designing the plaque on the beacon and all those present agreed to the proposal.

23.093 s106 Update

It was agreed to move the item into closed session.

23.094 Finance Report

The financial report to 30th April 2023 having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. Please see accompanying report.

23.095 Items for Discussions

Cllr Brotherton suggested contacting the providers of mobile telephones to see if they would be interested in installing a mast on the playing field at Weston to improve the strength of mobile phone signals in the parish.

Cllr Dark asked if there had been any feedback from Lightspeed Broadband. It was confirmed that the company had not been back in touch with the Parish Council.

Cllr Halgarth reported that he had been approached by residents in Weston Hills complaining about dog walkers letting their dogs off their leashes. Dist Cllr Casson said he would speak to the Dog warden about this matter, but it was pointed out that strictly speaking this was not a matter for the Parish Council but a District Council and Police matter.

23.096 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 3rd July 2023 7:30pm at Weston Village Hall

District Cllr Casson left the meeting.

The Meeting then went into closed session.

Chairman

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 5th June 2023

At Weston Village Hall

Commenced at 7.30pm

Present:-

Cllrs, Dicks, Bellamy, Brotherton, Ellis, Higgins, Pennington, Pratt.

In Attendance:-

Cty Cllr Gibson, Dist Cllrs Casson, Sneath, Woolf. Victoria Fear (Lincs Free Press) and eight members of the public.

Apologies

Parish Cllrs Dark & Halgarth. MP Sir John Hayes, Michael Howard (Vicar), Police, Alan Hamersley & Greg Greene (S/H Voluntary Car Scheme).

The meeting was opened by Chairman Chris Dicks and introductions were made.

Consideration of the minutes of the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting.

With the agreement of those present the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 25th April 2022 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Chairman's Report

£109k of the £148k has been received by the Parish Council from Persimmon homes for their share of the s106 contributions and following consultations with the public the Council will soon be presenting it plans on how it will spend the money on upgrading facilities at Weston playing field and providing bus shelters of which planning application have been submitted to SHDC. The Parish Council has challenged the District Council on the operation of the re-cycling centre in Spalding and has had some success getting both entrance lanes opened and in use. It is hoped that recent problems with SHDC refuse collections will now improve with District Cllr Jack Tyrell taking over as Portfolio holder for refuse.

County Councillor Rob Gibson

Cty Cllr Rob Gibson said that the main area of concern from a LCC point of view was highways. While he felt that there was an improvement in the repairing of potholes he felt that there were still problems with the state of back roads but that this would be improved with the introduction of a new road repair machine.

District Councillor's Reports

Dist Cllr Sneath thanked those who had voted for them. He was going through a training program for his new role and said he looked forward to working with everyone to make the district better. He also encouraged the use of social media to contact Councillors and LCC & SHDC to report problems.

Dist Cllr Woolf who is now Chair of SHDC spoke of the many changes that were taking place at SHDC following the recent elections and he too looked forward to working with what is now a younger council. He also spoke of the problems with refuse collections and also said that he was confident the situation would improve. He also reported that a refund had been received from the drainage board and complimented the Parish Council on its coronation celebrations which included its new beacon.

Dist Cllr Casson reported that following the recent election that his portfolio duties would continue much as before.

South Holland Voluntary Car Scheme

As representatives of the Car scheme were unavailable the Clerk informed the meeting that the cost of the scheme to the Parish Council was £705.00. 321 parishioners had used the service in Weston compared with 205 in Moulton and 49 on Whaplode. As representative for the Parish Council Dist Cllr Casson said that is was a very worthwhile scheme but it does need more volunteer drivers.

Parish Councillors

The Chairman thanked all the Parish Councillors and Clerk/RFO for their efforts. All councillors have their own responsibilities within the council some of which have been major projects in particular with the s106 project.

Elloe Oracle

Cllr Bellamy thanked all those involved with the production and distribution of the Elloe Oracle and for the support of both the Parish and District Councillors. The magazine has been in publication for over eight years, has a circulation of over 2,000 and recently celebrated its 50th edition.

Weston / Weston Hills Playing Field

Cllr Bellamy reported that following two consultation meetings with the public the Parish Council was ready to put forward its proposals for developing the field. The council is looking at ways to sustain and develop the field further. Funding was received from the district

councillors ward fund and "Love Weston" which resulted in a very successful coronation event culminating with the lighting of the new beacon. Funding is in place to install a shield on the beacon and it is the intention of the council to approach the two local schools to design the shield.

Weston Hills play equipment is now in place and a bench for the park has been purchased and should be installed in the very near future. An application has been put forward to the "Shared Prosperity Fund" to further develop the field.

Cllr Brotherton reported that the council is considering three quotes from companies that would allow the gates to be motorised so that they could be opened and closed during daylight hours.

Weston Village Hall

Cllr Ellis reported that the village hall has now been open for year following covid. A new committee is in place and it is looking at funding to pay for new flooring and lighting.

Weston Consolidated Charity Report.

Chairman of the Trustees Ian Pennington said it has been a busy year. One alms house became vacant and was refurbished and two new homes are being built on the High Road Weston. Two further building plots are to be sold to repay a loan from the John & Mary Biggadyke fund which will ultimately pay for the new developments. Wheelchairs continue to be available to local residents.

Litter-picking

The chairman spoke in Cllr Darks absence about litter-picking in the parish and said that Cllr Dark had told him that he would be organising more litter-picks in the coming months.

CSW

Cllr Dark has taken over the running of the CSW. Through the chair Cllr Dark has said that he will shortly be running a campaign to get more volunteers involved in the CSW. The chairman then spoke about his concerns about police involvement in the Parish. The Police have informed the Parish Council that they will cease with their quarterly newsletter but that the Chairs of Parish Councils will be invited to a twice yearly teams meeting.

SID

Cllr Bellamy reported that there are two SID units in the parish. The main SID unit on Austendyke Road is away being repaired but before being removed was reporting that 82% of vehicles were travelling 10mph over the legal limit while 8% were travelling over 100mph.

Weston Hills Village Hall

Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, Dist Cllr Anthony Casson reported that the government grants over the last two years had been well spent making improvements to the hall. The hall is well used by the community.

Moulton Harrox Trust

District Councillor Casson spoke about the work of the trust in his capacity as the Parish Council's representative. The trust owns land and properties and gives grants to help with local education needs. Grants are given annually to local schools.

Questions from Members of the Public

Mr Tranter thanked Cllr Bellamy and the parish council for the provision of play equipment at Weston Hills. He then asked Cllr Gibson why the refuse tip was not open seven days a week and why the county council was not making provision for the increase in housing with regards to refuse collections. Cllr Gibson replied that the opening hours of the site were down to the contract agreed with the company that runs the site.

Mr Tranter also asked if building inspectors actually inspect new building developments. Cllr Casson replied that while inspectors try to visit as many sites as possible it is impossible due to the numbers involved to visit every one.

Mr Tranter spoke on the condition of the local roads and police action with regards damaged road signs. The chairman said that while police who attend an RTC should report damaged road signs, however the chairman said the best thing to do was report the damage on "fix my street". Mr Tranter voiced his concerns about the Mill Drove/ Old Fendyke junction asking if it would be possible to have 30mph restriction at this location. The chairman said this would be a matter for the police and LRSP.

Mr Barnsdale also voiced concerns about refuse collections and fly-tipping in the parish. In particular he asked if refuse lorry crews where rushing around in order to get finished early and therefore not clearing up spills from black bags and other rubbish. He also asked why SHDC teams were passing rubbish dumped on the roadside. Cllr Woolf and Cllr Casson replied that he thought that this was because they were on-route to other duties and were not permitted to stop. Councillors encouraged all those present to report any refuse or litter problems to SHDC. Mr Barnsdale asked if the CSW could attend the Broadgate/Beggars Bush junction to deter people breaking the law, however the Chairman said there was little more that could be done and was a matter for the police and LRSP.

Cllr Pennington asked LCC Cllr Gibson when dredging would resume in the Welland. Cllr Gibson asked Cllr Pennington to send him the details and he would look into it.

The chairman commented on plans for Spalding town centre. He felt that funds would be better spent on the town centre rather than the Castle sports complex.

The chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9:05pr	n.

Chairman

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 19th June 2023 at Weston Village Hall.

Commenced at 7.30pm.

Present:-

Cllrs, Dicks, Bellamy, Brotherton, Ellis, Higgins, Pennington, Pratt.

Apologies:-

Cllr Dark

Absent:-

Cllr Halgarth

In Attendance:- One member of the public entered the meeting at 7:35pm.

23.097 Parish Councillors Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllrs Ellis and Pratt signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office

23.098 Declaration of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

None

23.099 Public Forum

None

23.100 Correspondence

e-mail received from Mike Pallet requesting use of the football pitch. It was agreed to invite Mr Pallet to the meeting on 3^{rd} July to put forward his ideas.

23.101 s106 funding

The chairman reported that four bus stop signs had been repositioned and that he expected the remaining two to be removed soon. It was hoped that news on the planning application would be received in early July. The deadline for objections being the 23rd and 29th June.

Cllr Brotherton reported on progress on the park gates. The cost of connecting to the national grid was estimated at £1,961.00 plus the cost of closing the road. Estimates from four companies for the gates were received (all prices exclude VAT). Robert Frost £7,600, Anglian Automation (Kings Lynn) £5,484, Mack Systems (Wellingborough) £4,680 and Security Gates and Doors (Bourne) £3,340. It was agreed that Cllr Brotherton would also contact Newgate (Newark) for a quote.

Spending on facilities was discussed. Those present agreed that the following were preferred. Outdoor gym, Dog run area, Basketball net, CCTV, Climbing frame, Huddle room, Picnic area and bike parking.

The Swings, car park access, disabled access, nature trail and bird feeding stations will be part of the Ashwood s106 contribution when received.

It was agreed that the football field would remain in place and Cllr Bellamy would get an expert to look at the existing skate board park to see if it was viable to repair it or if it should it be dismantled.

23.102 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 3rd July2023 at Weston Village Hall 07:30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 8.48pm

Chairman

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 3rd July 2023 at Weston Village Hall.

Commenced at 7.30pm.

Present:- Cllrs, Dicks, Bellamy, Ellis, Pennington, Pratt.

In Attendance:- Cty Cllr Gibson, Dist Cllrs Casson and Sneath and four members of the public.

23.103 Apologies

Cllrs Brotherton, Dark, Halgarth, Higgins.

23.104 Declaration of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

None

23.105 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 15th May and 19th June 2023

Minutes of the meetings having been circulated were taken as read by the Chairman and signed as a true record.

23.106 Co-option of Parish Councillor

The Chairman called for a closed session.

Cty Cllr, Dist Cllrs and members of the public left the meeting.

Mr Dan Bunder and Mr Charlie Day were then interviewed for the vacancy of parish councillor.

The council came out of closed session and Cty Cllr, Dist Cllrs and the members of the public returned to the meeting.

The councillors then took a vote. Mr Dan Bunder won the vote he then signed a declaration of acceptance of the post and took his place on the council.

The Chairman thanked Mr Day for his interest.

23.107 Public Forum

A representative from UPP Broadband informed those present that her broadband company was about to launch their broadband service in the parish. She left the meeting at 8.02pm

Cty Cllr Gibson informed those present that LCC would be resurfacing Old Fendyke Road in the near future using LCC new re-tread resurfacing machine.

Dist Cllr Casson informed those present that he had spoken to the SHDC Pride Team and that they would be cutting back the overgrown bushes on the pathway that leads



from the High Road to Small Drove. He also commented that he had had complaints about the trees on Park Court. He reported that he had attended a meeting for the Voluntary Car Scheme and that another AGM is expected to take place perhaps in September.

23.108 Matters Arising

Membership of working groups and representatives on outside bodies, Cllrs Ellis and Pratt agreed to continue their roles.

Cllr Ellis on Weston Playing field and Weston Village Hall

Cllr Pratt on Weston Hills Village Hall and Weston Burial Ground

23.109 Correspondence

e-mail received from LCC Highways. Re-surfacing work is due to take place on Old Fendyke Road between July and the end of September 2023.

Two e-mails received on behalf of the Chairman of SHDC Andrew Woolf inviting Cllrs to his church service on 24^{th} September 2023 and his Civic Dinner & Dance on 20^{th} April 2024.

e-mail received from Weston village hall re. defibrillator. Dealt with under agenda item.

e-mail received from Spalding football Club. Dealt with under agenda item.

23.110 Request from Spalding Football Club to use Weston playing Field.

The Chairman suspended standing orders to allow Mike Pallet to request that Spalding Football club use the football pitch for under 13s and under 14s from September to April. There would be Two 1 hour long matches. One on a Sunday morning at 10.00am and the second on Sunday afternoon at 2.00pm.

It was agreed that Mike Pallet would provide some more information on his proposals and that a decision would be made at the next parish meeting in August.

The chairman then re-instated standing orders.

Mr Pallet left the meeting at 8.40pm

23.111 CSW/SID

Cllr Bellamy reported that the SID unit is still away being repaired.

The Chairman reported that the CSW continues it work twice a week and has two new members.

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23.112 Defibrillator at Weston Village Hall

The clerk reported that he had received a response from Weston village hall committee who were happy with the terms that the parish council had stipulated if the parish council were to take over the guardianship of a new defibrillator.

Those present agreed that the clerk should proceed with the purchase of an ipad automatic defibrillator at a cost of £865 + vat.

On receipt of the new defibrillator and invoice the clerk will inform Weston Village Hall, Weston Consolidated Charity and the Dist Cllrs ward fund of their 25% costs of their share.

23.113 Weston Playing Field

Cllr Bellamy reported that she had now received quotes from eight different companies for new play equipment. She will collate the information and those present agreed to hold a special meeting on Monday 24th July at Weston village hall to discuss the matter.

23.114 Weston Hills Playing Field

Cllr Bellamy reported that she was in discussion with Hollyoaks regarding the siting of the new bench and hoped the work would be completed in the near future.

23.115 Planning Applications

Notification of applications for consideration available via the SHDC website.

H22-0444-23, H22-0448-23, H22-0450-23, H22-0451-23, H22-0452-23, H22-0453-23, H22-0300-23, H22-0246-23, H22-0320-23, All approved by SHDC.

H22-0510-23 Rear of 192-200 High Road Weston No objections.

H22-0456-23 Land adj 87 Moulton Chapel Road Cowbit No objections.

23.116 s106 Update

The Chairman reported that planning permission had been granted by SHDC for the installation of Six New Bus Shelters. The Chairman will liaise with the clerk about placing an order for the bus shelters.

23.117 Finance Report

The financial report to 30th June 2023 having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. Please see accompanying report.

23.118 Items for Discussions

Cllr Pratt made comment about the street light on the corner of Small Drove which is leaning over. Dist Cllr Casson said he believed that it belonged to SHDC and that he would report the matter to the relevant department.

Cllr Bunder asked about the pathway between Small Drove and High Road and was told that it had been reported to SHDC pride team to action.

Cllr Pennington updated those present on the Outer Dowsing Wind project. While there is little to report at the present time the national grid may make a decision in July as to where the sub-station will be located.

23.119 Date of Next Meetings

Monday 7th August 2023 (AGM) at Weston Hills Village Hall 7:30pm.

Special s106 meeting Monday 24th July 2023 at Weston Village Hall 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 9:02pm

Chairman

Minutes of Extraordinary meeting held on Monday 24th July 2023 at Weston Village Hall.

Commenced at 7.30pm.

Present :-

Cllrs, Dicks, Bellamy, Brotherton, Bunder, Ellis, Higgins, Pennington.

Apologies:-

Cllr Dark, Halgarth, Pratt.

In Attendance:- None

23.120 Public Forum

None

23.121 Correspondence

e-mail received from Mr Tony Foote voicing his concerns about the development of the playing field with regards noise, traffic congestion, unsociable behaviour and the proposal to allow a football club to use the football pitch. The contents of the email were discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would approach a local solicitor for advice on any legal implications of the matter.

23.122 s106 funding

Cllr Bellamy presented an excel spreadsheet with the costs of play equipment. It was agreed that Cllr Bellamy would put together a proposal for play equipment in three stages with each stage being approximately £20k which would then be implemented over a two to three year period.

The idea for installing a zip wire (£13k), "Street 73" compact fitness site (£8.5k), basketball hoop (£2k), gym equipment and a trampoline (£5k) were well received. Four picnic tables were suggested at a cost of approximately £1k each.

The cost of new swings (£10k), new slide (£6k) and three new springers (£2.5k) will be paid for from the Ashwood s106 money when received.

Quotes have not yet been received from suppliers for CCTV and fencing for the dog exercise area.

The chairman reported to those present that he expected the new bus shelters would be installed in mid August.

Cllr Brotherton updated the meeting on progress with the gates at the playing field. Work to install electricity would cost £1,961.00 while it was estimated that closing Small Drove to

do the work might cost approximately £2k. Quotes have been received for work on the actual gates but Cllr Brotherton agreed to get another quote this time from Newgate Secured Access Solutions.

23.123 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 7th August 2023 at Weston Hills Village Hall 07:30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 8.48pm

Chairman

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 7th August 2023 at Weston Hills Village Hall.

Commenced at 7.30pm.

Present:- Cllrs, Dicks, Bellamy, Brotherton, Bunder, Ellis, Higgins, Pennington, Pratt.

In Attendance:- Dist Cllr Casson and five members of the public.

23.124 Apologies :- Cllr Dark and Dist Cllr Sneath.

Absent :- Cllr Halgarth.

23.125 Declaration of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

Cllr Ellis and Pratt re 23.130 application by Spalding United Juniors to use football pitch.

23.126 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd July and 24th July 2023

Minutes of the meetings having been circulated were taken as read by the Chairman and signed as a true record.

23.127 Public Forum

Dist Cllr Casson reported that the Pride Team had cut back vegetation on the footpath between the High Road and Small Drove. They had also cleared the area around the rubbish bin on Small Drove.

23.128 Matters Arising

The clerk reported that the new Defibrillator was now in place at Weston Village Hall.

23.129 Correspondence

e-mail received from Dist Cllr Casson to say that the Pride Team had completed their work. The light on small Drove had been reported and the SHDC scheme AGM will take place on 28^{th} September 2023.

e-mail received from the Chairman SHDC with an invitation to attend the Chairman's Civic Church Service on 24^{th} December at Moulton Church.

e-mail received from the Road network & drainage systems. The Chairman reported he had filled in the online survey and ClIrs were invited to report any drains that are not receiving maintenance to LCC.

e-mail received from Police informing those present that PCSO Bennet had left the police force on 31st July. It would appear that no replacement will be forthcoming with the Parish Council now told to contact Jon Cummings at Holbeach police station.



e-mail received from SHDC planning informing those present that the developer proposed to name the development at the rear of 30 Austendyke Road as Holly Close. There were no objections.

e-mail received from resident re speeding on Moulton Chapel Road near its junction with Broadgate. The chairman reported that he had sent e-mails to all the relevant authorities on the matter but to date he had not received any response from them but that he would chase them on the matter. The Clerk read an email from Cllr Dark in his role at CSW co-ordinator and the Chairman said he would speak to Cllr Dark who co-ordinates the CSW to see what could be done at this location.

23.130 Proposed use of Weston Football Field by Spalding United

The Chairman suspended standing orders to allow Rachel Black a representative from Spalding United, Tony Foote a local resident and Richard Lewis a solicitor who the Parish Council have consulted to speak during the agenda item.

Cllrs Ellis and Pratt declared an interest. After much discussion a vote took place. 5 For; 1 Abstention (Cllr Dicks), to allow, in principle, Spalding United U13s U14s to use the football field subject to terms being agreed. A committee was then formed consisting of the Clerk, Cllrs Bunder & Ellis who will meet with the representative of Spalding Utd to discuss terms and finalise and sign a written agreement if both parties are in agreement. The Chairman re-instated standing orders.

23.131 CSW/SID

The clerk read out an e-mail from Cllr Dark with regards to the CSW. The CSW are going out twice weekly over the parish. Two more volunteers have joined the group which brings the total of volunteers up to seven. Two articles have been published in the local press about the work of the CSW. Recently a speed check near Moulton Mere Bank caught 16 drivers speeding with the majority in excess of 50mph.

Cllr Bellamy reported the SID unit has still not been repaired from the supplier. Cllr Bellamy continues to chase the company and is considering legal action on the supplier.

23.132 Weston Playing Field

Cllr Bellamy reported that she was submitting the site plan for the playing field.

23.133 Weston Hills Playing Field

CIIr Bellamy reported that she had submitted a revised plan for the field of £25k to the shared prosperity fund. The new bench is now in place.

23.134 Planning Applications

Notification of applications for consideration available via the SHDC website.

H22-0456-23 H22-0510-23 H22-0321-23 All approved by SHDC.



H22-0510-23 Rear of 192-200 High Road Weston (Amendment) No objections.

H22-0684-23 28,Broadgate Weston Hills No objections.

23.135 s106 Update

Cllr Brotherton reported that she had contacted Newgate but they were only interested in supplying a quote if it involved new gates. It was therefore decided to continue looking at the quotes already received. The siting of the motors whether above or below the ground was discussed and it was agreed this needs more investigation. Cllr Brotherton will supply drawings and quotes for the clerk to distribute to all councillors.

Cllr Bellamy reported that she was waiting for revised prices for the play equipment and hoped they would be available for the September meeting.

23.136 Outer Dowsing Wind Farm

Cllr Pennington reported that he had not had any update on the project but Cllr Bellamy was aware that a decision from the National Grid was expected in the final quarter of the year. Cllr Pennington had e-mailed his concerns to SHDC about the impact on the local environment. Following on from a meeting with residents and local MP Sir John Hayes, Sir John is trying to arrange a meeting with local residents and the national grid.

23.137 Finance Report

The financial report to 31st June 2023 having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. Please see accompanying report.

23.138 Items for Discussions

Cllr Brotherton asked if the council was still interested in approaching companies that might wish to install a mobile telephone mast on the playing field. It was agreed to continue to look at the feasibility of this.

23.139 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 4th September 2023 at Weston Village Hall 7:30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 8:50pm

Chairman

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 4th September 2023 at Weston Village Hall.

Commenced at 7.30pm.

Present:-

Cllrs, Dicks, Brotherton, Bunder, Ellis, Pennington.

In Attendance:- County Cllr Gibson, Dist Cllr Casson and one member of the public.

23.140 Apologies :- Cllrs Bellamy, Dark, Halgarth, Higgins, Pratt.

Absent:- None

23.141 Declaration of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

None

23.142 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 7th August 2023

Minutes of the meetings having been circulated were taken as read by the Chairman and signed as a true record.

23.143 Public Forum

A member of the public Georgina Tuffs asked if the Parish Council was aware of any landowners in the parish that would be prepared to allow her to metal detect on their land. The clerk will provide contact details of Cllr Brotherton and County Cllr Gibson for her to contact them after the meeting who said they may be able to help her in her quest. Georgina Tuffs then left the meeting.

County Cllr Gibson reported to the meeting that Old Fendike Road had now been resurfaced. He is also submitting work plans to improve public bridleways in the parish to LCC. He also reported that the county volunteer scheme is looking for projects in the county.

Dist Cllr Casson reported that the police had been active on Broadgate near the junction with Carisbrooke Way and also on the Austendyke Road near the junction of Broadgate.

23.144 Matters Arising

The clerk reported to those present that together with Cllr Bunder and Cllr Dicks (representing Cllr Ellis who was unavailable) had met and agreed terms with Spalding Utd for Spalding Utd to use the football field at Weston playing field. Matches are due to commence on the 10th September 2023 and will be charged at the rate of £15 per match day.

23.145 Correspondence

e-mail received from Georgina Tuffs dealt with under public forum.

e-mail received from Mr Woodger with regards the trees at Weston Hills playing field on its border with Carisbrooke Way. Dealt with under item agenda.

e-mail received from John Fell who whilst commending the parish council for the installation of the new bus shelters had commented that among other things he thought they were too small. The chairman reported that he had responded to Mr Fell's e-mail.

23.146 Allotments

The condition of allotment 2A was discussed. This allotment has been vacant for some months and is awaiting maintenance before it can be re-let. Cllr Pennington will speak to Cllr Halgarth on this matter. The clerk will ask an outside contractor to provide a quote to clear the land and make it ready for a new tenant.

The clerk to e-mail all Parish Councillors a copy of the current allotment agreement so that it can be discussed at a subsequent meeting as it was felt it was in need of a review.

23.147 CSW/SID

Cllr Bellamy via an e-mail informed the meeting that the SID unit is now with traffic technology for repair and she has requested an update from them on the repair.

In the absence of Cllr Dark the chairman reported that the CSW was now once again very active in the parish.

23.148 Weston Playing Field

The matter of anti-social behaviour at the field and the condition of the skate park was discussed at length.

It was decided not to have Kompan in to inspect the skateboard park at the present time. Cllr Bunder suggested that the parish council could in fact paint over the graffiti and it was agreed that 3 councillors and the clerk would arrange to go along and paint the metal on the skateboard park.

County Cllr Gibson offered to use his contacts in order to arrange for a proper graffiti artist to come along and arrange a graffiti event at the skateboard park.

23.149 Weston Hills Playing Field

The clerk reported that an e-mail had been received from a resident to say there were wasps in the trees near the gate entrance. However as it is not possible to locate a nest there is little that can be done.

An e-mail was received from a resident in Carisbrooke Way who reported that one of the trees was dead. After discussion it was agreed that the clerk would contact

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Hollyoaks and get a quote for the removal of the dead tree. The clerk will also obtain a quote for a tree survey to take place for all the trees at the playing field.

The chairman reported that the parish council has been successful in securing approx. £25k from Shared Prosperity Funding. Cllr Bellamy was looking at plans on how to upgrade more of the play equipment and it was decided to wait until she was present so the plans could be presented to the council.

23.150 Planning Applications

Notification of applications for consideration available via the SHDC website.

H22-0718-23 Approved by SHDC.

H22-0393-23 Coronation Beacon Weston Park No objections.

H22-0716-23 Church View 87, High Road Weston No objections.

H22-0750-23 Land South-East of Broadgate Weston No objection, however it was agreed to put in a comment of concern that this development does not affect the "pull in" that allows cars to turnaround at the traffic restrictions at the Broadgate and Beggars Bush junction.

H22-0772-23 45, Austendyke Road Weston Hills No Objections.

23.151 s106 Update

Cllr Brotherton reported that there had been some confusion as to who was going to contact the suppliers for infrastructure of the gate. It was agreed that she would contact Security Gates and Doors of Bourne for clarification on the system to be used and what has been quoted for. It was also decided that Cllr Brotherton should go ahead and arrange the supply of electricity to the site.

23.152 Outer Dowsing Wind Farm

Cllr Pennington reported that the Outer Dowsing project would now be coming to one of two locations in South Lincolnshire. Should it be that it choses Weston parish then he will invite Chris Jenna to a parish council meeting to see what funding might be available to the council.

23.153 Finance Report

The financial report to 31st August 2023 having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. Please see accompanying report.

23.154 Items for Discussions

Cllr Bunder raised the problem of refuse collection within the parish and this was discussed at length with input from County Cllr Gibson and Dist Cllr Casson.

Cllr Bunder asked if it would be possible for the parish council to have its own presence on Facebook so councillors could inform the local community what was going on. It was agreed that this should be made an agenda item for the next meeting.

Cllr Brotherton asked if homes in Weston had fibre broadband. The reply was that not all homes have fibre.

Cllr Pennington asked that when setting the precept for next year that consideration is taken into account the increase in houses on the High Road. He also asked if it would be possible for him to have a copy of the electoral roll. The clerk informed him that he was not allowed to provide this and in order to have a copy councillors have to contact the Electoral Officer at SHDC and request one for themselves.

23.155 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 2nd October 2023 at Weston Hills Village Hall 7:30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 9.42pm

Chairman.

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 2nd October 2023 at Weston Hills Village Hall.

Commenced at 7.30pm.

Present:-

Cllrs, Dicks, Bellamy, Brotherton, Higgins, Pennington.

In Attendance:-

Dist Cllr Casson and one member of the public.

23.156 Apologies: - Cllrs Bunder, Dark, Ellis, Pratt.

Absent :-

Cllr Halgarth

23.157 Declaration of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

None

23.158 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 4th September 2023

Minutes of the meetings having been circulated were taken as read by the Chairman and signed as a true record.

23.159 Public Forum

Rachel Black from Spalding United gave a positive update on their use of the football pitch on the playing field.

Dist Cllr Casson reported that a new refuse bin had been installed in Fengate Drove.

23.160 Matters Arising

Cllr Pennington said he now had a copy of the electoral register after contacting the electoral team at SHDC.

23.161 Correspondence

e-mail received from a resident regarding the condition of an allotment dealt with under item agenda item.

23.162 Allotments

email received from a resident concerned about the condition of allotment 2. It was decided to wait until work by the Parish Council to clear 2a had been completed and then address this issue if needed.

After discussion it was decided unanimously that the council employs Michael Clay to clear the allotment 2a at a cost of £1,200 + vat. Proposed by Cllr Bellamy seconded by Cllr Pennington. It was agreed that the clerk would ask Mr Clay to itemise his invoice to show the cost to remove the contaminated waste left by the previous tenant.

It was agreed that going forward the council would visit the three sites it owns annually. The allotments and the two playing fields will be visited once a year probably in June to evaluate the condition of the sites and decide if any action is required. It was agreed that in April 2024 the council will contact all allotment holders and give them notice that new tenancy agreements would come into effect in September 2024.

23.163 CSW

Nothing to report.

23.164 Weston Playing Field

The clerk informed those present that Cllrs Bunder, Brotherton and the Clerk had painted the skateboard park.

The Clerk gave an update over the use of the field by Spalding Utd juniors. The first match took place on 10th September and to date a total of four matches have taken place and Spalding Utd juniors have been very professional and proactive. Following earlier problems in the summer with leatherjack larvae they have done much work reseeding and rolling parts of the pitch.

After incidents of anti-social behaviour the porta loos having been vandalised have now been relocated near the car park.

An incident involving a fire being lit near the skateboard park was attended by the Fire Brigade. Thanks were expressed to Spalding Utd for supplying the Fire Brigade with the gate access code to prevent the need to break the lock to gain access.

Both the parish council and Fire Brigade have contacted the Police and asked for an increased presence at the playing field and the SHDC community officer has also said they will also patrol the park.

Cllr Bellamy gave an update on the planned improvements in the park which are expected to commence in the spring 2024.

Phase 1 Electrification of the gates, Phase 2 CCTV, Phase 3 Equipment for older children i.e Basketball Hoop, Zip Wire etc., Phase 4 Trampoline, Phase 5 Picnic Area, Phase 6 Pathways and Phase 7 Mini assault course.

When the s106 contribution is received from Ashwood Homes there will be three phases. Phase 1 replacement play equipment, Phase 2 Nature Trail and Phase 3 Fenced Dog Walking area.

23.165 Weston Hills Playing Field

It was agreed to employ Hollyoak Landscapes to remove the dead tree at the field at a cost of £300+vat. However it was decided not to employ a company at the present time to conduct a tree survey at the field which would cost £554.40. It was instead

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agreed that the clerk would contact Diane Fairchild the tree officer at SHDC to see if she could provide this service.

Cllr Bellamy presented her plans for more play equipment which was accepted by those present. This work will take place after the parish council has received the funding from the shared prosperity fund.

23.166 Planning Applications

Notification of applications for consideration available via the SHDC website.

H22-0393-23 Approved by SHDC.

H22-0786-23 Weston Hills Village Hall No objections.

H22-0853-23 Weston Barn House Marsh No objections.

23.167 Proposed presence on Facebook

It was agreed to defer this matter to be discussed at a later meeting when Cllr Bunder is in attendance.

23.168 s106 Update

It was unanimously agreed to proceed with the work to provide an electricity supply to Weston playing field gates. Cllr Brotherton will contact the company concerned to arrange this. Proposed by Cllr Pennington, seconded by Cllr Higgins.

23.169 Outer Dowsing Wind Farm

Cllr Pennington reported that he had no further news other than a meeting is due to take place on 19th October when he thinks a decision may be made on which route will be chosen.

23.170 Finance Report

The financial report to 30th September 2023 having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. Please see accompanying report.

Cllr Pennington asked the Clerk/RFO if it would be possible to have a separate list of payments made. The Clerk/RFO declined the request on the grounds that this information is already listed on the Monthly Excel Finance Report which is circulated every month to all Councillors before every meeting. Current protocol and procedures are that all financial transactions are noted, checked and countersigned by the Chairman via the banking website. However the Clerk/RFO said that going forward he would provide at meetings copies of invoices paid, the latest bank statement and cheque book for councillors to inspect if they so wish.

Dist Cllr Casson left the meeting at 8:55pm.

The Clerk/RFO said that at the November meeting the budget for 2024/25 will be discussed and asked that councillors give consideration to any projects that they would like to put forward in the next financial year so that the costs can be included in the budget.

23.171 Items for Discussions

The clerk informed those present he had ordered a wreath for Remembrance Day from the Royal British Legion. The clerk will contact Cllr Pratt and ask if as in previous years he would lay the wreath on behalf of the parish council. Cllr Higgins said she would also be able to attend on the day.

23.172 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6th November 2023 at Weston Village Hall 7:30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 9.02pm

Chairman.

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 6th November 2023 at Weston Village Hall.

Commenced at 7.30pm.

Present:-

Cllrs, Dicks, Bunder, Ellis, Higgins, Pratt, Pennington.

In Attendance:-

Dist Cllrs Woolf, Casson and three members of the public.

23.173 Apologies :- Cllrs Bellamy, Brotherton, Halgarth.

Absent :-

Cllr Dark

23.174 Declaration of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

None

23.175 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd October 2023

Minutes of the meetings having been circulated were taken as read by the Chairman and signed as a true record.

23.176 Public Forum

A resident Mr Barnsdale spoke to the meeting he said that he had noted that the gas canisters dumped at Weston playing field had been removed and that one of the dog poo bag dispensers was empty. Cllr Higgins replied that she would refill the dispenser. Mr Barnsdale made comment that Persimmon had been observed pumping out water from properties on the High road development. He also voiced his concerns that a van was being parked on a regular basis at the top of Broadgate/High road junction. It was pointed out that this would be a police matter. Mr Barnsdale made comment that the football matches now taking place at Weston playing field were a success but he was concerned that following one match vehicles left via the Broadgate/Beggars Bush junction. Again it was pointed out this was a police matter. Mr Barnsdale also congratulated the Weston Consolidated charity on its new development on the High Road.

23.177 Matters Arising

The clerk as agreed at the previous meeting circulated copies of invoices paid, bank statement and cheque book should any Cllrs wish to inspect them.

23.178 Correspondence

e-mail received from SHDC to advertise its Chairman Andrew Woolf's charity quiz night on Thursday 23rd November 2023.

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23.179 CSW/SID

The chairman reported he had received information from Cllr Bellamy that a new SID unit had been dispatched from the supplier to replace the faulty unit.

Cllr Higgins reported that the CSW continues to operate , however one of the volunteers has left.

23.180 Weston Playing Field

The clerk reported the ASBO officer from SHDC had visited the playing field and had found nothing to report although the dark nights and inclement weather is helping to alleviate the problem.

23.181 Weston Hills Playing Field

The clerk reported that he was due to meet with Diane Fairchild the tree preservation office from SHDC on Thursday 9th November at 11am during which she will give an assessment on the trees at the playing field.

23.182 Planning Applications

Notification of applications for consideration available via the SHDC website.

H22-0716-23 H22-0772-23 H22-0684-23 H22-0786-23 H22-0763-23 H22-0769-23 Approved by SHDC.

H22-0750-23 Land South-East Broadgate Weston, Refused by SHDC. The clerk brought this application to the attention of the meeting as this application had been refused by SHDC planning on the grounds it was outside the building area.

H22-0894-23 Adjoining 2, Fengate Drove No Objections.

23.183 Proposed presence on Facebook

Cllr Bunder proposed that the parish council should have a presence on Facebook. After discussion it was agreed Cllr Bunder would look into this and then report back to the council.

23.184 s106 Update

The clerk reported he had received information from Cllr Brotherton that a letter has been sent to the National Grid to confirm that the parish council wish to proceed with the connection of electricity to Weston playing field. Confirmation is now required from LCC Highways as to when they will allow the closure of Small Drove for the work to proceed.

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23.185 Outer Dowsing Wind Farm

Cllr Pennington informed the meeting that the Outer Dowsing substation will be located at Surfleet. As such the parish council has no objections and the clerk will inform the relevant planning department of this fact. However Cllr Pennington also said that there are plans for National Power to erect a substation on Weston Marsh with extra power lines.

23.186 Finance Report

The financial report to 31st October 2023 having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. Please see accompanying report.

23.187 Budget 2024/25 S137 Grants Precept

It was agreed to move the item into closed session.

23.188 Meeting Dates 2024

The clerk displayed proposed meeting dates for 2024. There were no objections to the dates suggested.

23.189 Items for Discussions

Cllr Pratt asked if there had been any progress with repairs to the light on the corner of Small Drove. Dist Cllr Casson said he had reported it to SHDC.

The Chairman said that he had reported to Dist Cllr Gibson the condition of the state of the road between Broadgate south and Delgate Bank which has been churned up by heavy traffic.

Cllr Pennington said he had contacted the environment agency to ask about dredging in the river Welland and was told it will take place in the New Year.

The clerk had brought to the meting the poppy wreath which will be laid at the Lychgate on behalf of the council by Cllr Pratt on Remembrance Sunday.

23.190 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 4th December 2023 at Weston Hills Village Hall 7:30pm.

Dist Cllrs and members of the public left the meeting.

The meeting then went into closed session.

Chairman

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 4th December 2023 at Weston Village Hall.

Commenced at 7.30pm.

Present:-

Cllrs, Dicks, Dark, Bellamy, Brotherton, Bunder, Pratt, Pennington.

In Attendance:-

Dist Cllrs Woolf, Casson and one member of the public.

23.191 Apologies :- Cllrs Ellis, Halgarth, Higgins

As Cllr Halgarth has not attended meetings for six consecutive months the six month rule is automatically triggered and those present agreed that he is therefore disqualified as a Parish Councillor. The Clerk will inform SHDC that a vacancy has arisen.

23.192 Declaration of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

Cllr Bellamy re. s137 grants for the Elloe Oracle and St Johns Church.

23.193 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 6th November 2023

Cllr Pennington requested that 23.189 be changed from "Drainage Board to "Environment Agency". The minutes of the meetings having been circulated were taken as read by the Chairman and signed as a true record.

23.194 Public Forum

Andrew Surman the Parish Council's landscape contractor reported to the meeting that the dykes at both Weston playing field and Weston Hills playing field were in need of attention. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the land owners of the dykes and ask if they will dredge them.

23.195 Matters Arising

None

23.196 Correspondence

e-mail received from Sir John Hayes informing the Parish Council that the Department of Health and Social Care has available £1m for the match funding of AED units.

e-mail received from a resident about the deterioration of the road at the allotments. The Clerk informed the meeting that he had contacted all allotment tenants requesting that they refrain from driving on the road during the winter months. It was agreed that the Clerk would place notices at the entrance to the allotments as Cllr Dark said that some dog walkers might not be aware of the request.



23.197 CSW/SID

Cllr Dark reported that while the CSW was "winding down" for the winter months two previous volunteers had returned to the CSW with another person joining for the first time.

Cllr Bellamy said that following problems with the calibration of the new SID unit another new SID was in transit from the suppliers and she hoped it would be up and running in the near future.

23.198 Weston Playing Field

Cllr Bellamy reported that she was waiting on quotes for CCTV to be installed at the playing Field.

Cllr Brotherton said that work to install the electric supply by the National Grid was ongoing with the possibility that power could come from overhead cables rather that underground ones.

23.199 Weston Hills Playing Field

A 50% payment has been received from the Shared Prosperity Fund for new play equipment. Cllr Bellamy will now move on to the next stage of the project getting planning permission and up to date quotes.

The clerk reported that Diane Fairchild the tree preservation office from SHDC had looked at the trees at the playing field. While she made observations and recommendations on the condition and work needed she was unable to give advice on the legal obligations of the Parish Council. The Clerk had obtained a quote from a qualified tree surgeon that would be able to give advice on the Parish Councils "Duty of Care under Common Law" but it was decided not to proceed with this at the present time.

23.200 Planning Applications

Notification of applications for consideration available via the SHDC website.

H22-0847-23, H22-0853-23, H22-0894-23 Approved by SHDC.

H22-0984-23, H22-1011-23, H22-1015-23 No Objections.

23.201 Proposed presence on Facebook

Cllr Bunder presented his proposals for a Facebook page. It was agreed that he should continue with the setup and administration. Those present agreeing that a simple documentation policy would be preferred.



23.202 s106 Update

None

23.203 Outer Dowsing Wind Farm

None

23.204 Finance Report

The financial report to 30th November 2023 having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. Please see accompanying report.

Those present were informed of the LGA annual salary award for the clerk of 7.71% backdated to April 2023.

23.205 Budget 2024/25 S137 Grants Precept

It was agreed to move the item into closed session.

23.206 Items for Discussions

Cllr Bellamy reported that she had received complaints from residents in Weston Hills about behaviour stemming from the children's home on Austendyke Road, in particular parking and security personnel with dogs who are then demanding access to resident's gardens. It was agreed that Cllr Bellamy would produce a report which the Clerk would then contact the owners of the care home. District Cllr Casson to supply the Clerk with the contact details for the home.

Cllr Bellamy also informed those present of grant aid available for renewable energy.

Cllr Brotherton asked if it might be possible to arrange a "Best Christmas Lights competition" for the parish. It was agreed that this was at too short notice this year but could be considered next year.

23.207 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 8th January 2024 at Weston Village Hall 7:30pm.

Dist Cllrs and the member of the public left the meeting.

The meeting then went into closed session.

Chairman