

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 8th January 2024 at Weston Village Hall.

Commenced at 7.30pm.

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

In Attendance:- Dist Cllrs Woolf, Casson and two members of the public.

24.000 Apologies :- Cllrs Dark, Bunder, Ellis.

24.001 Declaration of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

Cllr Pennington & Cllr Pratt re H22-1070-23

24.002 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 4th December 2023

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

24.003 Public Forum

Dist Cllr Casson reported that there had been flooding in the parish following the heavy rain that had fallen recently with Cowbit wash being flooded.

A resident Alan Barnsdale said that there were two road signs in the dyke in front of the Persimmon development. The Chairman said he would report them to the correct authority.

A resident Ben Halgarth reported pot holes and raised manhole covers in Weston Hills. The Chairman advised that he should report them on the "Fix my Street" website.

Dist Cllr Woolf commented on the surface of the road in Beggars Bush.

24.004 Matters Arising

At the last meeting the dredging of dykes at both playing fields had been discussed. The Clerk reported that Mr Clay who farmed the land to the north of Weston playing field had said that he would dredge that dyke at a cost of £200. Mr Gibson when contacted about the dyke on the south side had said he did not think that dredging was necessary. After discussion it was agreed to wait three months and re-evaluate the matter in three months.

24.005 Co-option of Parish Council

The Clerk reported that no election had been called for the vacant seat for the Parish Council. It was agreed to advertise the post on facebook and in the Oracle with a view to co-opting in February or March.



24.006 Correspondence

e-mail received from Weston Village Hall informing the Parish Council of new terms and conditions. Payment for hiring the hall was now expected in advance with a £50 deposit fee being charged to cover any damage that might be caused at the hall.

24.007 CSW/SID

The chairman reported that the CSW would be starting again w/c 15th January. He was also looking at the feasibility of installing an SID unit on Moulton Chapel road.

Cllr Bellamy said that it was expected that the new SID unit, programmed at 40mph would be in position later in the week.

24.008 Weston Playing Field

Cllr Bellamy reported that she was waiting on final quotes for CCTV at the playing field. Cllr Higgins said she had received negative comments from parishioners about the plan to install CCTV at the playing field.

24.009 Weston Hills Playing Field

Cllr Bellamy reported she was in the process of getting planning permission and quotes for the play equipment.

24.010 Planning Applications

Notification of applications for consideration available via the SHDC website.

H22-0222-23, H22-0931-23 Refused by SHDC.

H22-0979-23, H22-1054-23 Approved by SHDC

H22-1070-23*, H22-1031-23, H22-1032-23 No Objections.

* Cllr Pennington left the meeting for H22-1073-23 returning after the matter had been discussed.

24.011 s106 Update

Cllr Brotherton reported that progress is being made with regards the provision of electricity at Weston Playing field despite numerous obstacles and delays.

24.012 Finance Report

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

24.013 Budget 2024/25 S137 Grants Precept

It was agreed to move the item into closed session.



24.014 Items for Discussions

Cllr Pratt made comment about the condition of the defibrillator box at Weston Hills Village hall. The Clerk assured those present that the defibrillator and box were in full working order but the box was looking "tired". Cllr Pratt said he was due to attend a meeting of the Village Hall committee later in the week and would take note of their comments.

Cllr Pennington reported that cables are planned to be laid under the river to a National grid substation. There will be meeting at "Wigwams" on 26th January should anyone wish to attend.

The chairman asked if the council should consider employing someone to clean the new bus shelters on a periodic basis and it was agreed to make this an agenda item for the next meeting.

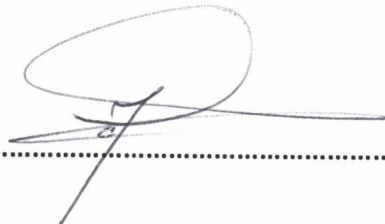
24.015 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 5th February 2024 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

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Minutes of meeting held on Monday 5th February 2024 at Weston Hills Village Hall.

Commenced at 7.30pm.

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

In Attendance:- Seven members of the public.

24.016 Apologies :- Cllrs Dark, Bunder, Ellis, Higgins

District Councillors Casson, Sneath, Woolf.

24.017 Declaration of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

Cllr Pennington re National Grid 24.028.

24.018 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 8th January 2024 and Closed sessions 4th December 2023 and 8th January 2024.

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

24.019 Public Forum

Holly Johnson a representative of Weston Hills School asked if the Parish Council would allow the school children to have an area within Weston Hills playing field to grow plants and flowers. Cllr Bellamy will liaise with the school. The matter to be made an agenda item at the next meeting.

24.020 Matters Arising

The Council will look to co-opt a new Councillor at its next meeting on 4th March.

24.021 Correspondence


e-mail received from resident voicing concerns over the new National Grid project. Dealt with under agenda item.

e-mail received from the Elloe Oracle thanking the Parish Council for its s137 grant.

Two emails received from the SHDC informing the council that the SHDC Chairman is holding a quiz night at Cowbit on 16th February and "Bake Off" event at SHDC on 30th March.

24.022 CSW/SID

The chairman reported that the CSW was once again in operation. The Chairman has spoken to LRSP with a view to getting a "repeater speed sign" on Moulton Chapel



road and getting a new pole installed so that the mobile SID unit can be used on Moulton Chapel road.

Cllr Bellamy said that the SID unit had been sent away for re-calibration and hoped it would soon be back in place.

24.023 Weston Playing Field

Cllr Brotherton reported that work was now scheduled to install electricity at Weston Playing field from 1st to 6th April which might cause some disruption on Small Drove. Cllr Bellamy continues to work on CCTV cameras, electric gates and new play equipment and is hopeful that work might commence in May/June 2024.

24.024 Weston Hills Playing Field

Cllr Bellamy said that planning application had now been submitted for the play equipment and that it might be installed in April 2024.

24.025 Cleaning of Bus Shelters

The Chairman reported that Cllr Dark had volunteered to clean the six bus shelters three times a year.

24.026 Planning Applications

Notification of applications for consideration available via the SHDC website.

H22-0698-23, H22-1011-23, H22-1064-23, H22-1015-23, H22-1031-23, H22-1032-23, H22-0006-24 All approved by SHDC.

24.027 s106 Update

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had been in touch with SHDC as it believed that the required number of occupancies on the Ashwood site had been reached which would trigger the £40k s106 payment. The Parish Council is waiting on SHDC's reply.

24.028 National Grid & Outer Dowsing Projects

The National Grid & Outer Dowsing projects were discussed at length. Cllr Pennington having attended meetings on both projects reported his findings to those present. The Clerk displayed information on the location of the proposed National Grid sub-station for Weston Marsh and the proposed route of new pylons in the parish. It was agreed that this was the start of a long process and that the Parish Council will monitor the progress of the project. As Parish Councils are consultees on the project it was agreed to compile a list of Parish Councils impacted by the project with a view to contacting these councils to form a group of Parish Councils that could then approach the Secretary of State.

24.029 Finance Report

The financial report to 31st January 2024 having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. Please see accompanying report.

24.030 Items for Discussions

Cllr Bellamy reported that new Shared Prosperity funding would again be available commencing in March.

Cllr Brotherton commented on the number of damaged road signs in the parish which she continues to report via "Fix My Street".

Cllr Pennington commented on the failure of the relevant agencies to dredge the river Welland despite them saying in 2021 that they had funds to do so.

The Clerk said he had received a telephone call from a resident complaining about dog faeces on Weston Hills playing field. Cllr Bellamy said she would investigate the complaint.

24.031 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 4th March 2024 at Weston Village Hall 7:30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8:27pm.

Chairman



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Commenced at 7.30pm.

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

In Attendance:- Cty Cllr Gibson, Dist Cllr Casson & ten members of the public.

24.032 Apologies :- Cllr Bellamy.

The Clerk informed those present that Cllr Dark had decided to step down from the council due to ill health but that he would continue to be involved with the CSW and litter picking.

24.033 Declaration of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

Cllr Pennington re. National Grid 24.047

Cllr Bunder, Ellis & Pennington re WVH grant application 24.046

24.034 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 5th February 2024.

Cllr Pennington asked that the minutes be changed at 24.030 to show "environment agency rather than "relevant agency". However after discussion it was agreed to leave it as "relevant agency" but amend "waterways" to "river Welland". The minutes of the meetings having been circulated were taken as read by the Chairman and signed as a true record.

24.035 Co-option of new Parish Councillor

Mr Gareth Appleby and Mr Ben Halgarth were interviewed for the vacancy of parish councillor. Councillors moved into the small meeting room to discuss the matter in private. On their return it was announced that Mr Halgarth had been chosen. He duly signed his declaration of acceptance and then took his place on the Parish Council.

The chairman thanked Mr Appleby for his interest and pointed out that following the resignation of Cllr Dark there would be another vacancy soon which he hoped Mr Appleby would consider.

24.036 Public Forum

Cllr Bunder entered the room at 7:45pm

District Cllr Casson asked when litter picks were planned in the parish. The chairman replied that he would speak to Chris Dark on the matter and get back to District Cllr Casson.

Resident Jenny Pennington spoke of the concern of residents in the Parish with regards the Grimsby to Walpole upgrade and Outer Dowsing project. She asked that the Parish Council consider making its views to National Grid known before the closure of the first public consultation on 13th March.

Hazel Needham also voiced her concerns about the project and informed those present that she was in consultation with local MP's who were opposing the project.

County Cllr Gibson said that local councillors were standing together against the project asking for the offshore approach. Cllr Gibson has objection postcards should anyone require them.

After the fifteen minute restriction of the public forum was concluded, the chairman informed the members of the public that further observations on the National Grid and Outer Dowsing projects could be made at the Annual Parish Meeting on 22nd April.

Cllr Pennington asked that item 24.047 be brought forward on the agenda. The chairman said that having taken advice on the matter and he was declining the request.

24.037 Matters Arising

The Council had received a complaint of dog poo at Weston Hills playing field. As Cllr Bellamy had agreed to look into this but was not present it was agreed to defer this matter until Cllr Bellamy was in attendance.

24.038 Allotment Agreements

The Clerk informed those present that he would soon be sending out letters to Allotment tenants informing them of the Parish Councils intent to review allotment agreements and charges.

24.039 Correspondence

Letter (a copy of which was emailed to all councillors prior to the meeting) received from Jenny Pennington voicing concerns over the new National Grid project. Dealt with under agenda item.

e-mail received from Clive Biggadyke asking if any meetings were planned in the parish to discuss the National Grid project. Dealt with under agenda item.

24.040 CSW/SID

The chairman reported that Chris Dark will continue with the CSW. The SID is still away for calibration.

24.041 Annual Open Parish Meeting 22nd April.

The matter of the forthcoming AOPM was discussed. The Clerk will send out invites to the usual people and organisations.

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24.042 Weston Playing Field

Cllr Brotherton reported that she was in talks with EonNext with a view to the cost of supplying electricity to Weston playing field. Two tariffs were quoted by EonNext a fixed 12mth tariff at 48p per day and 28.3p pkwh and a fixed 24mth tariff also at 48p per day but 29.2p pkwh. It is likely a normal meter would only need to be supplied rather than a CT meter. She also reported on where the meter would be sited. Work is scheduled to install the electricity from 1st to 6th April which might cause some disruption on Small Drove.

24.043 Weston Hills Playing Field

The request from Weston Hills School to be allowed a plot in the playing field to grow things was deferred until a later meeting when Cllr Bellamy was in attendance as she was liaising with the school on the matter.

24.044 Planning Applications

Notification of applications for consideration available via the SHDC website.

H22-1070-23 approved by SHDC.

H22-0122-24 division off cobblestones Weston March into two independent dwellings. No objections.

24.045 s106 Update

None

24.046 s144 Grant application from Weston Village Hall

Cllrs Bunder, Ellis and Pennington left the room. It was agreed to take this matter into closed session.


24.047 National Grid & Outer Dowsing Projects

Cllrs Bunder, Ellis and Pennington came back into the room.

Cllr Pennington reported on his consultations with the National Grid as the Parish Council representative and the questions he was asking the National Grid about the substation. After much discussion it was agreed that the council would contact the National Grid and voice its concerns that the project would encroach on Grade 1 agricultural land and impact on food security, wildlife, tourism and health. The council would ask that the National Grid reconsider its options and adopt an integrated offshore approach.

24.048 Finance Report

The financial report to 29th February having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. Please see accompanying report.



24.049 Items for Discussions

Cllrs Bunder and Brotherton informed those present that they continue to work on the proposal for a Parish Council Face Book page.

Cllr Dicks asked if there were plans for a youth club. To which Cllr Ellis replied she was working through Weston Village Hall with the YMCA on a number of projects.

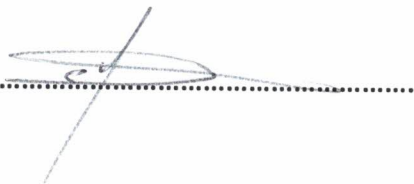
24.050 Date of Next Meeting

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

The County and Dist. Cllrs and members of the public left the meeting.

The meeting then went into closed session.

Chairman

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Commenced at 7.30pm.

Present:- Cllrs, Dicks, Bellamy, Brotherton, Bunder, Ellis, Halgarth, Pratt, Pennington and the Clerk/RFO.

In Attendance:- Dist Cllr Casson & seven members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed those present that the meeting was being recorded on audio tape.

24.051 Apologies :- Cllr Higgins.

24.052 Declaration of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

Cllr Pennington re. National Grid

24.053 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 4th March 2024.

Cllr Bunder pointed out that the venue shown in the minutes was incorrect; it was held at Weston not Weston Hills and Cllr Brotherton said that two had been numbered incorrectly. The minutes were adjusted accordingly.

The minutes of the meeting having been circulated were taken as read and signed as a true record. Proposed AB, Seconded DB. Vote six for, two against (RP & BH).

24.054 Co-option of new Parish Councillor

Mr Gareth Appleby and Mr Patrick Mews were interviewed for the vacancy of parish councillor. The Dist Cllr and members of the public left the meeting while Cllrs considered the two applicants. A vote was taken on paper. The public came back into the room and it was announced that Mr Mews had been chosen. He duly signed his declaration of acceptance and then took his place on the Parish Council.

The chairman thanked Mr Appleby for his interest and hoped he might like to consider applying again in the future should a vacancy arise.

24.055 Public Forum

Resident, Jenny Pennington spoke and updated the meeting on progress on the campaign against the Outer Dowsing and National Grid projects which included reporting that a meeting with Liz Truss had taken place. Cllr Mews said there is a meeting scheduled with the energy minister and Sir John Hayes on 18th April at Wigwams Weston Marsh.

Dist Cllr Casson said he had had complaints about a van parked at the junction between Broadgate and the High Road. The Chairman said he had spoken to the owner who was

looking at off road parking but that there was little that could be done as it was not illegally parked.

A resident Roland Biggs complained about tar which had been sprayed on the road in Footes Drove by LCC highways. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Dist Cllr Gibson on the matter.

A resident Mr Gareth Appleby asked if it might be possible to put in some sort of screening along the north side of Weston playing field to shield the football field. The Chairman said he would take note of his request but that the council had not received any request for this from Spalding United.

24.056 Matters Arising

The Council had received a complaint of dog faeces at Weston Hills playing field. Cllr Bellamy said she would monitor the situation.

Cllr Bellamy reported that she was arranging a time to meet with representatives of Weston Hills School to discuss their approach for a small parcel of land so the children could grow flowers.

24.057 Correspondence

email received from Spalding United requesting use of the playing field for an evening match on 1st May. It was verbally agreed to grant the request. No vote was taken.

e-mail received from resident who would like to assist in repair and refurbishment of the church bells at both churches. The Clerk had forwarded the email to Cllr Bellamy who had contacted the resident to say that the current condition of the bell towers meant that access would have to be denied on health and safety grounds.

24.058 Data Protection

Cllr Pratt had requested that the matter of Data protection be put on the agenda but as the Chairman had announced that the meeting was being recorded and that this had been dealt with.

24.059 CSW/SID

The chairman reported that the CSW had had a break at Easter but would soon start again.

24.060 Annual Parish Meeting Monday 22nd April.

The agenda for the APM was displayed to those present. The Clerk reported that he was waiting for confirmation from Sir John Hayes and representatives of the National Grid if they would be able to attend.

24.061 Weston Playing Field

Cllr Brotherton reported that the supply of electricity to the playing field had been completed with the first meter reading scheduled for 1st May. She was continuing to

negotiate with Jack Frost on the quote for the gates. Cllr Pratt expressed a view that he would prefer the “underground option” for the installation.

Cllr Bellamy said she was obtaining quotes for CCTV and a discussion took place on the type and coverage required of a CCTV system.

Cllr Bunder reported on graffiti on the skateboard equipment some of which had been painted over but the actual surface still had graffiti which could not be removed.

24.062 Weston Hills Playing Field

Cllr Bellamy reported that a planning application had been submitted to SHDC for the proposed play equipment at the playing field. She also said the council needs to consider contacting Dist Cllr Gibson with a view to extending the lease of the playing field.

24.063 Planning Applications

Notification of applications for consideration available via the SHDC website.

H22-0048-24 & H22-0122-24 approved by SHDC.

H22-0200-24 Single storey extension Gate Cottage, Holbeach Road. No objections.

H22-0202-24 Single storey extension, 54 Moulton Chapel Rd. No objections.

H16-0246-24 Extension & Alterations, Bridge Farm Old Fendike Road. No objections

H22-0280-24 Erection of two bungalows, Land between 87&95 Moulton Chapel Road Cowbit. No objections.

H22-0276-24 Change of use of swimming pool to commercial use to modify opening hours. After discussion it was agreed to object on the ground of increased parking on the High Road. Proposed JB, Seconded RP, Unanimous vote in favour of objection. Clerk to action.

24.064 D-Day Beacon Event.

Cllr Bellamy presented her plans for the lighting of the beacon to celebrate eighty years since D-Day. Sponsorship has been received for the food and Weston Village hall will support the event. Proposed DB, Seconded AB, Unanimous vote in favour.

24.065 National Grid & Outer Dowsing Projects

Cllr Pennington reported that Outer Dowsing had submitted their DCI. Energy from Holbeach Marsh energy park and battery storage from Spalding power station is expected to come underground to the Weston Marsh substation.

The chairman said that Outer Dowsing and the National Grid projects would cease to be an agenda item in the short term unless new information was forthcoming.

24.066 Finance Report



The financial report to 31st March having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. Please see accompanying report. Proposed IP, Seconded RP unanimous vote in favour.

Cllr Pennington asked if funds could be transferred from the current account into the 32day account. The Chairman said the council needs to discuss this, however access to the internet banking system needs to be sorted first as only the chairman has the authority to make transfers and it needs two signatories.

The question was asked what interest in the 32day account from s106 contributions could be used for. The Clerk said he had contacted SHDC and been told all interest accrued must be used for s106 capex.

24.067 Items for Discussions

Cllr Bellamy asked that the delegation of councillors to outside groups, the council grievance procedure and standing orders training be added to the agenda for consideration in May.

Cllr Brotherton voiced her concerns over the increase in fly tipping.

Cllr Pratt said that Weston Consolidated charity was being considered for an award for the two new Bungalows on the High Road Weston.

Cllr Mews expressed his thanks to the council and said he looked forward to working with everyone in the future.

Cllr Pennington asked that the handling of Cllr Halgarth's disqualification and the six month rule be added to the agenda for May.

The Chairman reported that Chris Dark would no longer be organising litter picking in the parish. The Chairman said that new volunteers would be needed to run it. Cllr Bunder offered to organise the litter-picking in Weston.

The Chairman reported that Chris Dark had cleaned the six bus shelters and had reported that he had found that the Perspex had been damaged on every bus shelter.

The chairman asked if there was any progress on the consecration of the burial ground at Weston Church. Cllr Bellamy explained the current situation.

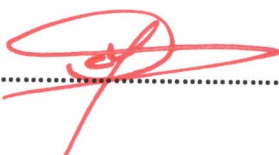
24.068 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 13th May 2024 at Weston Village Hall 7:30pm.

The Dist. Cllr and members of the public left the meeting.

The meeting then went into closed session.

Chairman



WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 22nd April 2024

At Weston Hills Village Hall

Commenced at 7.30pm

Present:-

Cllrs, Dicks, Brotherton, Ellis, Halgarth, Higgins, Mews, Pratt.

In Attendance:-

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

Apologies

Parish Cllrs Bellamy, Bunder & Pennington. MP Sir John Hayes.

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

Consideration of the minutes of the 2023 Annual Parish Meeting.

With the agreement of those present the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 5th June 2023 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Chairman's Report

The chairman thanked everyone for attending and thanked the councillors and Clerk for all the work done in the previous twelve months. Six bus shelters had been erected in Weston and the Parish Council was waiting for a second s106 payment of £40k this time from Ashwood homes which would allow work to commence on replacing the old play equipment at Weston playing field. He said the Clerk had received an apology from MP Sir John Hayes who was unable to attend due to being in the House of Commons and said that despite being invited representatives of the National Grid were not in attendance.

Elloe Oracle

Cllr Brotherton reported on the Elloe Oracle in Cllr Bellamy's absence. "A big thank you to Weston Parish Council and the District Councillors for their support in 2023/24. The magazine is now delivered to 2000 homes across Weston, Weston Hills, Cowbit and Peak Hill. All the team are volunteers and we rely on volunteers from the villages to deliver the magazine. We welcome

content, and offer reasonably priced advertising so please do get in touch if you want to know more”.

Weston Hills Playing Field

Cllr Brotherton said that the Parish Council has been successful in their SPF application and secured £24,995 in funding to further improve the facilities at Weston Hills Playing Field. An application has been made to the District Council to satisfy our planning amendment clause to approve the specification of this equipment. We are expecting to start installation in May 2024. This will see the following items added to the current play equipment 2 springers, 1 climbing frame, 1 swing bars, 1 trampoline, 1 slide, 1 bench & 1 litter bin. The children from St Johns Road have been keeping the field tidy with litter picks and the local school are working with the Parish Council to take over an area of the field to plant flowers as part of their community engagement. Villagers have reported problems with dog fouling on the field and this is being monitored by the council.

Weston Playing Field

Cllr Ellis reported on the Elloe Oracle in Cllr Bellamy's absence. "The development of the park facilities has been suspended following a spate of anti-social behaviour including offensive graffiti and arson attacks on the field and to the play equipment. Electricity supply has been installed to the field to allow for the automatic opening and closing of the gates. This will also facilitate the installation of CCTV to aide any prosecutions of those individuals who choose to act in this destructive and disruptive manner. It is expected that this work will be completed by the end of June and when complete we will then publicise and start our installation of new equipment to the site. The beacon that is located in the playing field site has also been vandalised. This will also be covered by CCTV under the new installation. On Thursday 6th June we will be participating in the beacon lighting to remember the D-Day landings. The event will be advertised through the Elloe Oracle and on social media and will include hot dogs and drinks at the Village Hall before the beacon is lit. We do hope you can join us to support this village event”.

Weston Hills Village Hall

District Cllr Casson reported that the village hall was “ticking over nicely”. It had been busy over the winter period with an increase in bookings. They had been very active with their fundraising with a race night in particular that had been very successful. The hall now has a new cleaner and he made a point of thanking Zelda for being the cleaner for the past twenty years.

Weston Consolidated Charity Report.

District Cllr Casson reported on the activities of the charity as the Parish Council representative. There are now two new bungalows on the High Road in Weston and the charity is looking to sell land adjacent as two building plots.

Weston Village Hall

Cllr Ellis who is also chair on the village hall committee reported that they have struggled with the cost of electricity which makes up 75% of their costs. An online booking system has been

introduced and she said that bookings have increased. The focus of the hall is on community development. The hall will join with the Parish Council for the D-Day beacon event in June and there will be a village hall party in July to celebrate 25 years since the hall was built.

South Holland Voluntary Car Scheme

District Cllr Casson as parish representative reported that the scheme continues its work in the parish at a cost to the Parish Council of £736 per annum. The cost of providing transport for parishioners is 55p per mile. The scheme pays 30p per mile and the parishioner 25p per mile. It was stressed that new voluntary drivers are always needed.

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.

CSW/SID

The chairman reported that the CSW continues its work in the parish. There have been problems with the reliability of the SID unit. The Parish Council has received a new replacement unit free of charge which after calibration will be sited on the Austendyke road again.

County Councillor Rob Gibson

Cty Cllr Rob Gibson said that the main area of concern from a LCC point of view was still the condition of the roads. Though not actually in Weston parish he said that he was monitoring the road works at Springfields roundabout and was still lobbying for a pedestrian footbridge. He is actively fighting the National Grid project at county level. He announced that there were a number of public events planned in Spalding.

District Councillor's Reports

Dist Cllr Woolf, chair of SHDC spoke of the many changes that were taking place at SHDC. Following last year's elections there is a new look at SHDC. He also spoke of the problems last year with refuse collections and said that he hoped that the new system introduced had improved the service.

Dist Cllr Casson reported that his portfolio duties continue much as before with him involved in many committees and holding a large number of portfolios.

Dist Cllr Sneath said that as an independent he was often at loggerheads with his conservative colleagues in council chamber outside he was working with his local district councillors to help and improve the ward.

Statement from Sir John Hayes MP

The chairman read out a statement from Sir John which centred on his efforts to stop the proposed National Grid project from Grimsby to Walpole. Sir John said he spoken to the Prime

Minister and other government ministers lobbying for other options to be considered to supply electricity that does not impact on the local environment.

Questions from Members of the Public

Mr Tranter asked:

What was happening with regards the yellow lines at St Johns Road

Could warning signs be erected at Springfields roundabout to warn of changes in the road layout? (These matters were passed on to Cty Cllr Gibson).

What could be done about bricks and bollards on the verges? Were these the responsibility of the home owner or LCC. Cty Cllr Gibson said it was the responsibility of the home owner. It was suggested that Mr Tranter report this matter to "Fix my street" together with an overgrown hedge in St Johns Road Weston Hills.

Do Taxi drivers have to display a meter? Dist Cllr Casson thought they should but said he would check.

There have been to-date twenty-eight accidents since the junction of Mill Drove and Fendike Road was re-opened. It was suggested he should contact LRSP on this matter for while the Parish Council supported anything that would improve the junction it was actually outside of the parish boundary.

Why were there two sets of 30mph speed signs coming into Weston Hills? It was thought that these were what is known as repeater signs and therefore legal. Mr Tranter also asked if the displaying of CSW signs was compulsory. The chairman said they were in Lincolnshire but said that different areas of the country might have different rules.

Mr Barnsdale said that people continue to go out the wrong way at the Broadgate / Beggars Bush junction, in particular the SHDC bin lorry and visiting teams at football matches.

He also asked if something could be put in the Elloe Oracle to encourage people to take pride in the appearance of the village, and asked if anything could be done to sort out the road surface in Beggars Bush. It was suggested that he report the matter on "Fix my Street". He said that he was looking forward to the Parish Council installing CCTV at the playing field.

Christine Woolsey asked if something could be done to the trees that over-hang St Johns churchyard. She was informed that in June the Parish Council was planning to visit the playing field to look at what maintenance was needed and that she was welcome to attend.

Brian Smith from Holbeach spoke about the National Grid proposals and reported that a solar farm at Holbeach would also feed into the system. Cllr Mews reported that recent meetings with government officials had been cancelled. It was reported that Jenny Pennington was forming an action group to fight the National Grid proposals.

The chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9:00pm.

Chairman

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 13th May 2024 at Weston Village Hall

Commenced at 7.30pm

Present:- Cllrs, Dicks, Bellamy, Brotherton, Higgins, Mews, Pratt, Pennington and the Clerk/RFO. Cllr Bunder entered the room at 7:45pm.

Apologies Cllr Ellis & Halgarth

Absent :- None

In Attendance:- Dist Cllr Casson, four members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed those present that the meeting was being recorded.

24.069 Election of Chairman/Signing of Declaration of Office

Cllr Dicks was elected to serve as Chairman for the coming year, proposed by RP seconded DH. Vote five for, one abstention (IP). The chairman signed a declaration of office his signature witnessed by the clerk.

24.070 Election of Vice Chair/Signing of Declaration of Office

Cllr J Bellamy was elected to serve as Vice Chair for the coming year, proposed DH seconded IP, unanimous vote in favour. The Vice Chair signed a declaration of office her signature being witnessed by the clerk.

24.071 Declaration of interest in accordance with Localism Act 2011

None

24.072 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th April 2024

Minutes of the meeting having been circulated were taken as read by the Chairman and signed as a true record. Proposed JB, seconded AB, unanimous vote in favour.

Minutes of the closed meeting having been circulated were taken as read by the Vice Chair and signed as a true record. Proposed AB. Seconded PM, vote for five, one abstention (DH).

24.073 Annual Governance and Financial Risk Assessment 2023/24

Having been circulated it was adopted and approved by the council. Proposed RP, seconded JB, unanimous vote in favour.



24.074 Annual Governance Statement 2023/24

The documents having been circulated and with the agreement of those present the Chairman and Clerk signed off the Annual Governance statement. Proposed AB, seconded JB, unanimous vote in favour. Cllr Bunder entered the room at 07:45pm.

24.075 Annual Governance Accounts Statement 2023/24

The documents having been circulated and with the agreement of those present the Chairman and Clerk signed off the Annual Accounting statement. Proposed PM, seconded AB, unanimous vote in favour.

24.076 Public Forum

The Chairman announced that agenda items 18 – 21 would be deferred until the July meeting.

A resident (Jenny Pennington) asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to make a comment on the National Grid proposal for stages EGL3&4. The closing date for comments is 17th June. It was agreed that Cllrs Bellamy and Brotherton and the Clerk will look at putting a comment together. Cllr Bellamy then informed those present that Lincolnshire as a county was looking to form a "Food board". This organisation would feed information into DEFRA and lead to a food strategy for Lincolnshire

Dist Cllr Casson reported that SHDC planning department would be contacting Parish Councils in the future with the opportunity to attend training sessions at SHDC on planning procedures and protocols. If/when received the Clerk will forward details to councillors.

The Chairman asked Dist Cllr Casson on the protocols for bonfires. The meeting was informed that bonfires could be reported to the Environment officer at SHDC and that if a photo is taken and sent to SHDC it should be investigated by SHDC.

24.077 Matters Arising

None

24.078 Correspondence

(a) email from Spalding United requesting that they be allowed to use the football field at Weston playing field again next season. After a short discussion it was agreed to allow them to return next season. However it was suggested that they be asked to request that visiting teams do not leave the village via the Broadgate/ Beggars Bush junction. Proposed DB, seconded RP, unanimous vote in favour.



(b) email re graffiti on Skateboard ramp from SHDC community warden. The Clerk informed those present that he was trying to contact SHDC street team to get advice on the best way to remove the graffiti.

24.079 D-Day Beacon Lighting

Cllr Bellamy reported that preparations for the beacon lighting were progressing well. Extra security fencing had been sourced. A cherry-picker will be required to load the beacon and Cllr Mews said he had one if required.

24.080 Allotments

The Clerk reported that work was progressing well on clearing allotment 2A and it was hoped it would soon be ready for a new tenant. There is a waiting list of four people and the Clerk will contact them in chronological order to see if they are still interested.

It was agreed that weather permitting on Monday 3rd June at 7:00pm councillors will meet at Weston Hills playing field to inspect the playing field before moving on to inspect the field opposite Weston Hills village hall, the allotments and finally Weston playing field. Should the weather be inclement then the visits will be postponed until later in June.

24.081 Weston Playing Field

Quotes for the installation of the electrical system was discussed with the Parish Council deciding to go with the quote from RF Welding – Holbeach St Johns (no remotes but with nine warning signs) at £7,600+vat. Proposed RP, seconded AB, vote seven for, one against (DB). Cllr Brotherton will contact RF welding and confirm the time scale for installation.

24.082 Weston Hills Playing Field

Cllr Bellamy said she hoped planning permission for the next stage of play equipment would be passed by 31st May. She was in contact with Kompan for a revised quote. The Chairman reported that £44k had now been received from SHDC which is the Ashwood contribution to the s106 fund. Cllr Bellamy reported she had spoken to Weston Hills School and agreed on a location for the schools planting area.

24.083 Planning Matters

Notification of application for consideration available via SHDC website:-

H22-0200-24, Gate Cottage, Holbeach Rd, Spalding. Approved.

H22-0349-24, Flamingo Flowers Ltd, Stonegate. No Objections

H22-0384-24, Broadgate Barns, 694 Broadgate No Objections



24.084 Finance Report

The financial report to 30th April 2024 (Please see accompanying report) having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted.

On the Clerk/RFO's advice it was agreed to open a second 32day account. £30k would be transferred from the treasurers account into this new account. Proposed AB, seconded DB, unanimous vote in favour.

24.085 Items for Discussions

Cllr Brotherton asked if the council might consider sponsored banners which she had seen in other parishes to try to encourage drivers to slow down.

Cllr Bunder said he thought progress was needed on the introduction of a Parish Council Facebook page. A social media policy will need to be adopted and Cllr Bellamy asked that Social Media be made an agenda item in July.

Cllr Pennington asked about dispensations from DPI. Cllr Bellamy said that this was due to be discussed in at July's meeting.

The Chairman said that Weston Village hall had contacted him to ask if the Parish Council would support its 25th birthday.

24.086 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 3rd June 2024 7:00pm at Weston Hills Playing Field (Weather Permitting).

Monday 1st July 2024 7:30pm at Weston Hills Village Hall.

District Cllr Casson and the members of the public left the meeting.

The Meeting then went into closed session.


Chairman

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 1st July 2024 at Weston Hills Village Hall

Commenced at 7.30pm

Present:- Cllrs, Dicks, Bellamy, Brotherton, Ellis, Higgins, Halgarth, Mews, Pennington and the Clerk/RFO.

Apologies Cllr Pratt.

Absent :- None

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

24.087 Declaration of interest in accordance with Localism Act 2011

Cllr Pennington re. Outer Dowsing/National Grid & Meridian Solar Farm.

The Chairman reminded those present of the importance of DPI and their duty to declare any interest and to leave the room while that agenda item was discussed. Failure to do so could result in a councillor being reported to the monitoring officer at SHDC who in turn might then ask the police to investigate the matter.

24.088 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2024

Minutes of the meeting having been circulated were taken as read by the Chairman and signed as a true record. Proposed JB, seconded DH, unanimous vote in favour.

Minutes of the closed meeting having been circulated were taken as read by the Chairman and signed as a true record. Proposed PM, Seconded JB, unanimous vote in favour.

24.089 Co-option of new Parish Councillor

Following the resignation of Cllr Bunder the Parish Council looked to co-opt its next councillor. Dist Cllr Casson asked to be considered for the position. A vote was taken on card with a vote of five for, three against. He duly signed his declaration of acceptance and then took his place on the Parish Council.

24.090 Public Forum

A resident (Jenny Pennington) updated those present on the Outer Dowsing, National Grid and Meridian Solar Farm projects. There had been a public meeting on 26th June attended by Sir John Hayes MP. The Meridian project will potentially involve a second line of pylons crossing the parish and more villages will be affected by this project. Dist. Cllr Gibson said that the key to all the projects was the proposed substation at Weston Marsh with Dist Cllr Sneath adding that there was the capacity for twenty-seven connections to the sub-station.



The chairman moved item 14 up the agenda so it could be discussed following on from the public forum.

24.091 Outer Dowsing/ National Grid & Meridian Solar Farm

Cllr Bellamy told the meeting that Lincolnshire is a major processing area with 52% of the population employed in the food industry. These developments will further damage the farming industry at what is a difficult time for them. The technology proposed for the solar farm is old while new cheaper underground cabling technology which is being used in Germany is not currently being considered. Cllr Bellamy proposed a "set piece" response to these projects from the Parish council but stressed the need for individuals to make their views known to the relevant authorities.

24.092 Matters Arising

Cllr Bellamy thanked everyone for their help with the 80 Years D Day Beacon lighting. Cllr Brotherton in turn thanked Cllr Bellamy for all her hard work on the project. It is the intention of the Parish Council to involve the local schools in a project to engrave the shield on the beacon with designs put forward by the children.

24.093 Correspondence

(a) email from the Chairman of SHDC (Andrew Woolf) inviting everyone to his church service at Moulton on 29th September at 2:30pm.

24.094 SID/CSW

Cllr Bellamy reported that the SID was still not working but that she would be prioritising this matter in the coming week. The SID unit is currently programmed at the wrong speed for its location.

The chairman updated the meeting on the CSW which continues to be run by Chris Dark. Broadgate near to Cassons Close continues to be a problem as does the A151, the Austendyke Road and the 60mph section on Broadgate Weston Hills. The CSW intends to work with the police on "Project Edward" on 12th July. Weston parish is third highest in the county when it comes to drivers who have received three warning letters. A new sign at the north end of Small Drove is due to be put in place shortly directing drivers to turn right and to not turn left on to Broadgate.

24.095 Allotments

The meeting resolved to allow Arek Marek of Weston to have tenancy of garden allotment G2A and following a request from him to allow him to put a shed (no larger than 12'x8') a greenhouse and fencing on his allotment. Proposed BH, Seconded IP, unanimous vote in favour.

The chairman suspended standing orders to allow a resident Mrs Butters to speak who voiced her concerns about how some allotments were being maintained by the

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tenants and the condition of the road. The chairman replied that one of the purposes of reviewing the allotment agreement is to address these issues.

The meeting then discussed proposed changes to the tenancy agreements. Suggestions were a quarterly check on the allotments, the need for tenants to implement crop rotation and a disclaimer for liability for sheds and tools etc. Cllr Brotherton who has led this project will work on the proposals with a view to the Parish Council finalising these matters at its August meeting together with potential increases in rent. The Chairman then re-instated standing orders.

24.096 Weston Playing Field

Cllr Bellamy informed the meeting that she was in the final stages of getting quotes for CCTV at the playing field. Three quotes would be circulated for councillors to consider at the August meeting. She was also arranging a site visit with Kompan to secure quotes for new (Zip Wire) and replacement play equipment. The clearing of some hedges and re-location of the skate park was suggested.

Cllr Brotherton reported that work was about to start on the installation of the automated gates with completion expected by the end of July. The Clerk informed those present that the invoice for the first 50% (£3,800.00+vat) had been received and would be paid w/c 1st July. Those present agreed that the gate opening times would be set at 7am to 7pm all year. Proposed JB, Seconded BH, unanimous vote in favour

24.097 Weston Hills Playing Field

Cllr Bellamy showed on the screen the progress being made with the schools growing area and reported on the progress with the new play equipment order. She was hopeful it would be installed by August at the latest. Planning permission has now come through for the second phase of play equipment and the details of the play equipment to be installed were shown to the meeting.

The Clerk briefed those present on three quotes he had received from Hollyoaks on different levels of maintenance on trees primarily at the side of St Johns church. It was agreed the clerk would look to obtain two more quotes to be considered at the August meeting.

24.098 Planning Matters

Notification of application for consideration available via SHDC website:-

H22-00276-24, H22-0280-24, H22-0296-24, H22-0984-23, H22-0313-24, H22-0202-24 all approved.

H22-0515-24 54, Ivy Cottage, 692 Broadgate.

No Objections

H22-0349-24, Flamingo Flowers Ltd, Stonegate.
Clerk to action.

Comment re. vehicle access.



24.099 Finance Report

The financial report to 30th June 2024 (Please see accompanying report) having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. Proposed DH, seconded JB, unanimous vote in favour.

24.100 Cllr Halgarth's disqualification and co-option.

The chairman asked the Clerk to explain the procedure and protocols adopted on this matter and he duly did so assuring that instructions taken from LALC and SHDC had been followed. The chairman asked Cllr Halgarth and Cllr Pennington if they were happy with the explanation given and they said that they were.

24.101 Items for Discussions

The chairman stated that due to the time he was deferring agenda items 16 to 18 until the August meeting.

Cllr Bellamy asked that the matter of CCTV and how the council might look to allocate support for organisations in the parish be added to the agenda for August.

Cllr Brotherton asked what could be done to get more relevant speed limits in the parish, especially on Broadgate Weston Hills, Austendyke Road and Moulton Chapel Road. It was agreed to make this an agenda item in August. Cllr Gibson said he would be happy to take the Parish Councils comments and requests to LCC Highways.

Cllr Ellis informed those present that Weston Village Hall was holding an event on 7th July and that the "Love Weston" Facebook page was up and running again.

Cllr Higgins asked who was responsible for the bin in Wimberley Close as it was overflowing. The question was also asked who was responsible for the play equipment at that location. The reply was that the maintenance company (Ashwood Homes) were responsible and residents should contact them with their comments.

24.102 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 5th August 2024 7:30pm at Weston Village Hall.

Dist Cllr Gibson, District Cllr Sneath and members of the public then left the meeting.

The Meeting then went into closed session.

Chairman


WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 5th August 2024 at Weston Village Hall

Commenced at 7.30pm

Present:- Cllrs, Dicks, Bellamy, Brotherton, Casson, Mews, Pennington, Pratt and the Clerk/RFO.

Apologies Cllr Ellis, Halgarth, Higgins.

Absent :- None

In Attendance:- Cty Cllr Gibson, Dist Cllr Sneath, seven members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, and informed those present that the meeting was being recorded and asked that everyone refrain from using their mobile phones. The chairman then made a public statement on the recent complaint made to the council. In light of current events the chairman asked that everyone treat everybody with dignity and respect. Rules and codes of conduct which have not been followed in the past will be followed in the future. The chairman apologised on behalf of the council to Cllr Ellis for any comments made in recent meeting that left her feeling uncomfortable or upset. Recommendations made in the investigation by Cllr Bellamy will be adopted and this brings a close to this matter from the council's perspective. Should the complainant wish to pursue the matter he would need to do so through the monitoring officer at SHDC.

24.103 Declaration of interest in accordance with Localism Act 2011

Cllr Pennington re Outer Dowsing

Cllr Pratt re Land Agreements

Cllrs Brotherton, Casson, Pennington & Pratt re H22-0574-24

24.104 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1st July 2024

Minutes of the meeting having been circulated were taken as read by the Chairman and signed as a true record. Proposed JB, seconded AB, vote for six in favour (Cllr Pratt did not vote as he was not at the July meeting).

Minutes of the closed meeting having been circulated were taken as read by the Chairman and signed as a true record. Proposed AB, Seconded PM, vote for six in favour (Cllr Pratt did not vote as he was not at the July meeting).

24.105 Public Forum

A resident Marc Birdsall addressed the meeting on the matter of the complaint he made to the Parish Council saying that he was not happy with the outcome and planned to pursue the matter with the monitoring officer at SHDC.



A resident Alan Barnsdale spoke about traffic on Broadgate which continues to exit on to Beggars Bush, Graffiti in the parish and potholes in particular on Beggars Bush. A new sign has been installed on the exit from Small Drove to deter drivers turning left onto Broadgate while the meeting was told that work was scheduled for Beggars Bush.

Terence Murphy the treasurer for Weston Village Hall spoke to those present with regards the s144 grant application due to be considered at September's meeting. He updated the meeting on their finances and requested that the application be considered before September but was told that Parish Council rules stipulated that it could not be considered until September as it was not an agenda item.

24.106 Matters Arising

Cllr Casson reported that enforcement officers from SHDC had attended Wimberley Close to ensure grass cutting was carried out. The bin was not the responsibility of SHDC to empty and if no one was prepared to volunteer to empty it then it might have to be removed.

24.107 Correspondence

(a) email from LCC highways informing the Parish Council that Broadgate would be closed when required by Anglian Water from 19th to 23rd August 400m north of Old Fendyke Road.

24.108 SID/CSW

Cllr Bellamy reported that she continues to work with the supplier on getting the SID up and running again. The Chairman said that the CSW continues to be active in the parish and that double yellow lines are now in place at the junctions of St Johns Road and Carisbrooke Way with Broadgate. Cllr Brotherton asked if banners similar to those at Shepeau Stow might be put up in the parish to help deter speeding. It was reported that Jan Whitburn the local CSW organiser might have some signage.

24.109 Allotments

Those present discussed changes to the tenancy and land agreement and the charges proposed.

Cllr Pratt left the room while the Land Agreement was discussed. Cllr Brotherton proposed minor changes to the land agreement seconded by AC, unanimous vote in favour. An increase in the rent from £200pa to £235pa was proposed by AB, seconded by AC, unanimous vote in favour. Cllr Pratt then returned to the room.

It was agreed to increase the rent on the one acre allotments from £60pa to £110pa in 2025 rising to £160pa in 2026. Proposed by AB, seconded by PM unanimous vote in favour.



Changes to the garden allotment agreements were discussed. Cllr Pennington asked that an amendment be made for the crop rotation of potatoes of one in six years. It was then resolved to accept the new agreement, proposed by AB, seconded RP, unanimous vote in favour. It was agreed to increase the rent for the garden allotments from £15pa to £30pa in September 2024. Proposed by AB, seconded by JB, six votes in favour, one abstention (IP).

The Tenancy agreement was in contract until 2027 but those present agreed to increase the rent from £65 per acre pa to £115.00 per acre pa in September 2025. Proposed by JB, seconded by PM, unanimous vote in favour.

24.110 Weston Playing Field

Cllr Bellamy presented her proposals and the quotes for CCTV cameras at Weston playing field. After discussions it was resolved to accept the quote from Ark Solutions at a cost of £4,854.34+vat plus £1k for the electrical connection. There will be four cameras, the quality of which will be sufficient for police prosecutions. Ongoing costs of approximately £160pa for the sim card and £250pa for service charges will need to be budgeted for. Proposed by PM, seconded RP, unanimous vote in favour.

Cllr Bellamy then presented the proposals for the first phase of play equipment at Weston playing field. The cost will be approximately £49k+vat with the funds coming primarily from Ashwoods s106 contribution and some from Persimmon. First to go in will be the zip wire but considerable work will need to be done to the site in preparation for the installation of the play equipment. Ultimately some bushes may need to be removed and the skate board ramps moved to a different location.

24.111 Weston Hills Playing Field

Cllr Bellamy informed those present that Kompan would be installing the next phase of play equipment at Weston Hills playing field in the next five days.


The Clerk presented quotes from three companies for work on the trees at the playing field with four options available. It was resolved to accept the quote from ARB-CORE for £2,850.00+vat to remove all the trees that border St Johns church together with the dead tree in the field. Proposed by AC, seconded IP, unanimous vote to accept.

24.112 Planning Matters

Notification of application for consideration available via SHDC website:-

H22-0349-24,	Flamingo Flowers Ltd, Stonegate.	Approved by SHDC
H22-0599-24	Broadgate Barns, 694 Broadgate	No Objections
H22-0570-24	8, Pentelow Way Weston	No Objections
H22-0574-24	Weston Consolidated Charity	*No Decision

*Not enough councillors were present to be quorate following declarations of interest.



24.113 Finance Report

The financial report to 31st July 2024 (Please see accompanying report) having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. Proposed JB, seconded AB, unanimous vote in favour.

24.114 Outer Dowsing, National Grid & Solar Farm Projects

Cllr Pennington reported that a meeting had taken place with the local MP, Councillors and members of the public at the site of the proposed Weston Marsh substation.

Cllr Bellamy reported that in order that comments are received by the relevant authorities that correspondence needs to come from the Parish Council email address. It was agreed that Cllr Bellamy would draft a standard response document for invited consultations, the Parish Council being an invited consultee in the process.

Due to time constraints the Chairman stated that he was going to defer agenda items 14, 15 & 16 until a later meeting.

24.115 PC Support Policy for Local Organisations

Those present discussed the need to support local organisations and how the Parish Council might go about this. It was agreed to discuss this at a later meeting with one suggestion being made that a sub-committee might be formed consisting of councillors with no pecuniary interests on outside organisations who would consider applications in the first instance.

24.116 Items for Discussions

Cllr Brotherton spoke of the plans for a "Peoples Wood" at Delgate Bank and how the Parish Council might support it.

Cllr Mews spoke of his concerns about the bins near the Crossgate junction. Cllr Casson said this had been a problem for many years, McDonalds Restaurant own the bins and should empty them daily but this is not always enough.

The chairman reported that there had been an incident of graffiti on four of the bus shelters, a crime report had been submitted to the police and the council will look at options to remove the graffiti.

24.117 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 2nd September 2024 7:30pm at Weston Hills Village Hall.

Any Other Business.

There being no other business the chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9:50pm.

Chairman



WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2024 at Weston Hills Village Hall

Commenced at 7.30pm

Present:- Cllrs, Dicks, Casson, Halgarth, Mews, Pratt and the Clerk/RFO.

Apologies Cllr Bellamy, Brotherton, Ellis, Higgins, Pennington

Absent :- None

In Attendance:- Dist Cllr Sneath, seven members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, and informed those present that the meeting was being recorded and asked that everyone refrain from using their mobile phones

24.118 Declaration of interest in accordance with Localism Act 2011

Cllr Casson all planning matters as he is on the SHDC planning committee.

24.119 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th August 2024

Minutes of the meeting having been circulated were taken as read by the Chairman and signed as a true record. Proposed RP, seconded AC, unanimous vote in favour.

24.120 Public Forum

A resident Andrew Surman (Hollyoak Landscapes) said that he did not believe the work carried out on trees at Weston Hills had been completed properly. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would arrange a meeting with Arbcore to discuss the issues raised

A resident Shaun Tranter commented on the new Yellow lines at the junction of St Johns Road, Carisbrooke Way and Broadgate and asked if the yellow lines could be extended. The chairman said he would speak to the relevant authorities and see if this might be done. Mr Tranter also complimented the council on its work installing the new play equipment on the field and in particular to Cllr Bellamy for all her work on the project.

A resident Alan Barnsdale said that traffic (which includes a SHDC bin lorry) continues to exit Broadgate on to Beggars Bush. During the evening football match on 30th August the toilet had not been open. He said that bushes overhanging Small Drove outside the village hall were a problem. It was pointed out that this should be reported to LCC via the "Fix my Street" website.

A Resident Pam Grummit asked about the condition of the seat outside Weston Hills Village Hall. It was agreed that the Clerk would source a quote to have the wood

sanded down and varnished and then make it an agenda item at the October meeting.

Jenny Pennington updated those present on the Energy projects proposed for the area. Surveys are ongoing with currently seven projects under consideration.

A resident Roland Biggs asked why there had been four Parish Councillors leave the council in recent months. It was explained that four councillors had left for different reasons in the last fifteen months the reasons given were work commitments, ill health, a disqualification for not attending six consecutive monthly meetings and in the final instance because the councillor considered the Parish Council was not moving forward fast enough with projects.

Three members of the public left the meeting at the end of the public forum.

24.121 Matters Arising

The chairman reported that a volunteer had come forward who would empty the bin in Wimberley Close.

24.122 Correspondence

(a) email from the Chairman SHDC with an invitation to attend The Chairman's Charity Ball on 15th March 2025.

24.123 SID/CSW

The SID unit on the Austendyke Road will hopefully be back in place w/c 23rd September. A new bracket is being sourced so that the second SID unit can again be placed on the High Road.

Cllr Casson spoke of the concerns for the ongoing speeding on Moulton Chapel Road. This has been discussed before and is not something the Parish Council can control. However the Chairman said he would see if the CSW could increase its presence there which with the data they provide could highlight the matter with the relevant authorities.

24.124 Weston Playing Field

The Clerk reported that the automatic gates were now operational. A quote from Kompan had been received for play equipment which would be circulated before the next meeting. Hollyoaks have been asked to quote for groundworks on the site. Cllr Bellamy is waiting for confirmation from Ark on a start date for the installation of the CCTV.

24.125 Weston Hills Playing Field

Trees that border St Johns Church have been felled and those present were shown pictures of the newly installed play equipment. The final phase of the play equipment installation that of a seat and bin is in progress..



24.126 Planning Matters

Notification of application for consideration available via SHDC website:-

H22-0515-24, H22-0372-24, H22-0570-24, H22-0382-24, H22-0384-24, Approved by SHDC

H22-0708-24 Small Drove Weston No Objections

24.127 Finance Report

The financial report to 31st August 2024 (Please see accompanying report) having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. Unanimous vote in favour.

24.128 Outer Dowsing, National Grid & Solar Farm Projects

None

The Chairman stated that he was going to defer agenda items 13 & 15 until the November meeting.

24.129 PC Support Policy for Local Organisations

It was agreed to take this matter into closed session.

24.130 s144 Grant application for Weston Village Hall

It was agreed to take this matter into closed session.

24.131 Items for Discussions

None

24.132 Date of Next Meeting

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

The Dist. Cllr and members of the public left the meeting

The meeting then went into closed session.

Chairman

ASB

WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 7th October 2024 at Weston Village Hall

Commenced at 7.30pm

Present:- Cllrs, Brotherton, Casson, Mews, Pennington, Pratt and the Clerk/RFO.

Apologies Cllr Bellamy, Dicks, Higgins, Halgarth.

Absent :- Cllr Ellis.

In Attendance:- Five members of the public.

In the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair Cllr Brotherton chaired the meeting, she welcomed everyone to the meeting, and informed those present that the meeting was being recorded and asked that everyone refrain from using their mobile phones.

24.133 Declaration of interest in accordance with Localism Act 2011

Cllr Casson on all planning matters as he is on the SHDC planning committee.

Cllrs Brotherton, Pennington and Pratt re. planning application H22-0801-24.

24.134 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2024

Minutes of the meeting having been circulated were taken as read by the Chair and signed as a true record. Proposed RP, seconded PM, unanimous vote in favour.

Minutes of the closed session having been circulated were taken as read by the Chair and signed as a true record. Proposed AC, seconded PM, unanimous vote in favour.

24.135 Public Forum

A resident Alan Barnsdale commented on the refuse lorry exiting onto Beggars Bush from Broadgate. Cllr Casson said he would look into the matter. Mr Barnsdale also asked if there was still a "squad" from SHDC dealing with specific litter problems. Cllr Casson said there were two caged trucks that toured the district however they can only deal with matters that have specifically been reported to SHDC.

Resident Jenny Pennington updated those present on the energy projects proposed for the area. The meeting at Moulton-Seas-End with Ossian was poorly attended. She hopes to attend a planning meeting in Boston to observe how the planning process works.

24.136 Matters Arising

Cllrs Pratt reported that following a meeting with Arbcore, Cllr Dicks, Cllr Pratt and the Clerk were in agreement that they were happy with the work done felling the trees at Weston Hills playing field.

24.137 Correspondence

- (a) emails from allotment holders Mr Adcock (GA1) and Mr Abbott (GA9) informing the Parish Council that they would both be giving up one of their allotments. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the two people on the waiting list with a view to meeting them at the allotments to view the two vacant allotments.
- b) Letter from St Johns Church asking that the Parish Council obtain quotes from companies on the churches behalf for the cutting of the grass and hedges at the church. Those present agreed that the Parish Council would obtain the quotes and pass them on to St Johns church. Clerk to action.
- c) email from SHDC with regards SHDC proposed dog control policy. Cllr Casson reminded those present that comments need to be in by Tuesday 8th October.
- d) Three emails regarding renewable energy projects dealt with under agenda item.
- e) email from a resident Duncan Coles with regards speeding and the location of SID units on the High Road Weston. The Clerk said Cllr Dicks had responded to this email, but it was also discussed as part of 24.138.

24.138 SID/CSW

The SID unit on the Austendyke Road is now working again. It was agreed there is a need to evaluate where the SID units are being located. It was agreed that the Parish Council should look into locating more SID brackets in new locations so that the two existing SID's could be more easily moved around the parish. It was agreed that Cllr Brotherton would contact Jan Whitburn about this matter as new locations need to be authorised.

24.139 Repairs to seat outside Weston Hills village hall

A quote for £65 had been received from Robert Dunmore to repair the wood on the seat outside Weston Hills village hall. It was agreed by all present to proceed with the work. Clerk to action. Proposed by AC, seconded by RP, unanimous vote in favour.

24.140 Weston Playing Field

The autumn and winter opening times of the automatic gates was discussed. It was agreed to set the opening times at 8:00am to 5:00pm. Proposed PM, seconded AC, unanimous vote in favour. Clerk to action.

Keys to the electric box have been circulated to Cllr Dicks, Cllr Brotherton and the Clerk. Cllr Brotherton has approached Mr Ford who is prepared to hold a key to open

the gates should a problem arise. It was agreed that Cllr Casson would approach Mr Foote to see if he would also be prepared to hold a key for the same purpose.

Those present were shown a slide show of the proposed new play equipment at Weston playing field together with the quote from Kompan. It was agreed to wait until Cllr Bellamy was in attendance before making a decision and therefore make it an agenda item in November.

24.141 Weston Hills Playing Field

None

24.142 Planning Matters

Notification of application for consideration available via SHDC website:-

H22-0599-24, H22-0734-22, H22-0761-24 Approved by SHDC

H22-0801-24 Weston Consolidated Charity * No Decision

* Not enough councillors were present to be quorate following declarations of interest.

24.143 Finance Report

The financial report to 30th September 2024 (Please see accompanying report) having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. It was resolved to accept the financial report, Proposed AC, seconded RP, unanimous vote in favour.

24.144 Renewable Energy Projects

Three emails received.

- a) Ossian with an invitation to attend preview events for their proposed project.
- b) Paul Smith from Meridian action group an organisation opposing the project and offering to discuss their future strategy.
- c) Resident James Regan informing the Parish Council that "No Pylons Lincolnshire" is asking government for a "cumulative impact assessment".

24.145 Items for Discussions

Cllr Pennington thanked Cllr Brotherton for chairing the meeting

24.146 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 4th November 2024 7:30pm at Weston Hills Village Hall.

Any Other Business,

There being no other business the chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8:28pm.

Chairman



WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 4th November 2024 at Weston Hills Village Hall

Commenced at 7.30pm

Present:- Cllrs, Dicks, Brotherton, Casson, Ellis, Halgarth, Mews, Pennington, Clerk/RFO.

Apologies Cllrs Bellamy and Pratt.

Absent :- None

In Attendance:- Three members of the public.

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, and informed those present that the meeting was being recorded and asked that everyone refrain from using their mobile phones. The chairman thanked Cllr Brotherton for chairing the October meeting. Due to time constraints the Chairman said that agenda items 14, 15 & 16 would be deferred to the December meeting.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received Cllr Higgins resignation as a Parish Councillor. Cllr Mews asked the reason for her resignation and the Clerk read out the resignation letter after being requested to do so. The Chairman asked Cllr Mews if he would take over Cllr Higgins duties with regards to internet banking and Cllr Mews agreed to do so.

24.147 Declaration of interest in accordance with Localism Act 2011

Cllr Casson on all planning matters as he is on the SHDC planning committee.

Cllrs Brotherton re planning application H22-0834-24.


24.148 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th October 2024

Minutes of the meeting having been circulated were taken as read by the Chair and signed as a true record. Proposed AC, seconded PM, unanimous vote in favour by those who were present at the meeting.

24.149 Public Forum

A resident Roland Biggs reiterated his concerns from the September meeting on the turnover of Parish Councillors. The chairman replied that there were many and varied reasons why and that this was not unusual in Parish Councils for this to happen.

Andrew Surman of Hollyoaks asked if it would be possible to have a fob to allow his company access through the gates for maintenance purposes. It was agreed to look at this but that in the short term he should contact the clerk for access when the gates were closed. Mr Surman also reported that his team had found a hypodermic needle in Weston Hills playing field.



Resident Jenny Pennington gave her usual update on the energy projects proposed for the area. Preliminary hearings have taken place with the planning inspectorate with regards Outer Dowsing. National Grid are sending surveys (MIQ's) out to property owners. Traffic and speed monitoring cables have been placed on many local roads. Cllr Pennington said he was concerned about an access road being muted down to the Weston Marsh sub-station and the amount of vehicles that would need access to local roads to build it.

24.150 Matters Arising

The bench outside Weston Hills Village hall has now been varnished and it was agreed that the work done was to a high standard.

24.151 Correspondence

(1) email from SHDC inviting the council to a planning training evening on Thursday 12th December. It was agreed that Cllrs Brotherton, Casson, Mews and Pennington together with the Clerk/RFO would attend.

2) email from Mr Bowers re. the increase in his allotment rent. Dealt with as agenda item.

3) email from resident Mr James voicing his concerns about traffic on the Austendyke Road. Dealt with as agenda item.

24.152 SID/CSW

The email from Mr James was discussed. The Parish Council continues to be concerned about the traffic on the Austendyke Road and in light of the recent three car collision the Chairman will ask for a site visit with LRSP. Chairman to action.


The SID unit is working on Moulton Chapel Road and the chairman will continue to look into getting more 30mph road signs at a cost of £20 each. Cllr Casson said he would ask to see if any were available from SHDC. The CSW continues to operate and a new location is planned for the mobile SID on the High Road near Wimberley Close.

24.153 Remembrance Day Wreath.

The Parish Council has made its usual donation of £100 to the Royal British Legion and Cllr Pratt accompanied by Cllr Dicks will lay the wreath at the Lychgate on Remembrance Sunday.

24.154 Allotments.

Those present considered an email from Mr Bowers with regards the increase in his allotment rent. Due to the six month rule governing resolutions it was agreed to make this an agenda item after the six month rule has expired and look at the matter in February.



The council has received a verbal complaint from an allotment holder about the state of the south side road at the allotments which had been churned up by a tractor. It was agreed that the best solution would be to use topsoil to repair the damage but that this could not be done until the spring. It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain a quote from Michael Clay for this work and also repairs to the potholes at the entrance to the allotments to be considered in the spring.

24.155 Weston Playing Field

After discussion it was agreed to proceed with the proposed works at Weston playing field, the hedge clearance (£750+vat), site clearance (£1,675.00+vat) and new play equipment (£49,099.09+vat). Proposed by AB, seconded LE, unanimous decision in favour.

Proposed ground works for the installation of the CCTV (£833.94+vat). Proposed by AB, seconded IP unanimous decision in favour.

24.156 Weston Hills Playing Field

The Clerk reported that the second and final payment of £10,114.68 from the SPF for the play equipment had been received.

24.157 Planning Matters

Notification of application for consideration available via SHDC website:-

H22-0708-24	Approved by SHDC	
H22-0801-24	Prospect House 196, Moulton Chapel Road	No Objections
H22-0856-24	65 Broadgate Weston	No Objection
H22-0861-24	Adjacent Old Vicarage Weston	No Objections
H22-0827-24	Bell Inn Change of use to convenience shop	Comment

Comment. The Parish Council while supporting the need for businesses of this type in the parish is concerned about the impact the opening hours may have on nearby residents. It is also concerned about parking outside the business on the Austendyke Road and recommends the car park at the back of the property needs to be opened for parking.

24.158 Finance Report

The financial report to 31st October 2024 (Please see accompanying report) having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. It was resolved to accept the financial report, Proposed BH, seconded AB, unanimous vote in favour.

The Clerk informed those present that s137 grant applications had been received. These would be considered by the working group of Cllr Brotherton, Cllr Mews and the Clerk in November with its recommendations presented at the December meeting.

The proposed 2025/26 Budget and Precept and the grass cutting contracts discussed in closed session.

24.159 Items for Discussions

Cllr Pennington commented on a recent "Wash Frontage Meeting" about dredging of the river. He thought a grant had been given for this work but that it had not been used for that purpose. Cllr Casson said he believed the Environmental Agency had reported that the river didn't need dredging for another two years and questioned that while a grant may have been agreed had it been paid.

Cllr Halgarth reported he had received complaints about parking outside Weston Hills school. The chairman said double yellow lines had been requested at this location which had been refused but that he would contact the local police on the matter. Chairman to action.

Cllr Halgath asked who made the decision as to what is included in the minutes. Cllr Halgarth said that in the April meeting he apologised to Cllr Ellis for his conduct at a prior meeting and that this had not been included in the minutes. The Clerk replied that the minutes were the responsibility of the Clerk and were intended to provide a record of discussions and decisions made not the meeting ad verbatim. However the Clerk would always take in to consideration requests from councillors (who always receive draft copies before meetings) to amend the draft minutes before they are then signed off by the full council as a true record.

Cllr Ellis said that she would be attending a meeting for the Grass Roots SPF for Weston Village Hall and as Cllr Bellamy was unavailable would be prepared to represent the Parish Council. The chairman advised that Cllr Ellis should contact Cllr Bellamy on this matter.

24.160 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 2nd December 2024 7:30pm at Weston Village Hall.

The three members of the public left the meeting and the meeting then went into closed session to discuss finance matters

Chairman



WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2024 at Weston Village Hall

Commenced at 7.30pm

Present:- Cllrs, Dicks, Bellamy, Brotherton, Casson, Mews, Pennington, Clerk/RFO.

Apologies Cllrs Ellis (work commitments).

Absent :- Cllr Halgarth.

In Attendance:- Dist Cllr Woolf and four members of the public.

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, and informed those present that the meeting was being recorded and asked that everyone refrain from using their mobile phones.

The Chairman then spoke on the sad passing of Cllr Pratt and a short silence took place. Cllrs Casson and Pennington also spoke of Cllr Pratt's long service as a Parish Councillor, Chairman and Vice-Chairman and committee member on Weston Hills village hall. Those present agreed to make a donation of £50 shared between Cllr Pratt's chosen charities, the east midlands air ambulance and Macmillan cancer support.

24.161 Declaration of interest in accordance with Localism Act 2011

Cllr Casson on all planning matters as he is on the SHDC planning committee.

Cllrs Mews and Pennington re. planning application H22-0898-24.

Cllr Dicks re. planning application H22-0960-24.

24.162 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th November 2024

Minutes of the meeting having been circulated were taken as read by the Chair and signed as a true record. Proposed AC, seconded PM, unanimous vote in favour by those who were present at the meeting.

24.163 Co-option of new Parish Councillor

The Clerk informed those present that the Returning Officer had authorised the co-option of a new Councillor to replace Cllr Higgins. The Parish Council will look to co-opt at the January meeting. Protocol requires that the Notice of Vacancy for Cllr Pratt will be advertised after the funeral by the SHDC Returning Officer.

24.164 Public Forum

A resident said there was little to report on the energy projects in the parish. The resident queried their perceived accuracy of last month's minutes with regards to when members of the public left the meeting. Any proposed changes to the draft minutes have to be

proposed, seconded and voted on by the full council. The accuracy of the minutes is for the full council to resolve, they alone have the power to propose changes to the draft minutes not members of the public. Once signed as a true record minutes cannot be changed.

Dist Cllr Woolf told those present that SHDC was actively involved with other local district councils with regards objecting to the proposed energy projects. He also hoped that councillors would support his Chairman's upcoming fun run.

24.165 Matters Arising

The Clerk reminded those present of the training evening for planning matters on Thursday 12th December at SHDC. Four councillors and the Clerk were due to attend but Cllr Casson gave his apologies as he is now unable to attend.

The Chairman reported that he had contacted Holbeach police on the matter of traffic on the Austendyke Road and parking outside Weston Hills School. A Police incident report has been registered but the Chairman voiced his concerns that anything would be done. The question was asked who is the local police officer responsible for the parish. Cllr Casson said that he was due to meet with the Chief Inspector in Spalding and would ask the question.

The Chairman asked Cllr Casson if he had any success in getting any 30mph speed signs. Cllr Casson replied that he had not to date been able to get any but would make enquiries.

24.166 Correspondence

email from the Emergency Planning and Continuity Manager at LCC inviting the Parish Council to Cowbit Parish Council's meeting on Monday 13th January to discuss emergency response in the district.

24.167 SID/CSW

The SID unit is working on Austendyke Road and Cllr Bellamy will download the data and forward the data to the relevant organisations. The CSW is taking a one month winter break.

24.168 Allotments

The Clerk reported that meetings had taken place with two parishioners who wished to take over tenancy of the two vacant allotments. It was resolved to accept both applications. Proposed by AC, seconded AB, unanimous vote in favour.

24.169 Weston Playing Field

Cllr Bellamy reported that work is progressing on the installation of the CCTV and new play equipment.



24.170 Weston Hills Playing Field

Cllr Bellamy said she had received complaints about dog faeces on the field. Cllr Casson asked who was responsible for emptying the bin. Cllr Bellamy replied that two volunteers emptied the bin and if they were unavailable then she emptied it.

24.171 Planning Matters

Notification of application for consideration available via SHDC website:-

H22-0807-24, H22-0810-24, H22-0856-24, H22-0834-24 Approved by SHDC

Cllrs Mews and Pennington left the room while H22-0898-24 was discussed.

H22-0898-24 No Objections

Cllr Dicks deferred chairing the meeting to Cllr Bellamy having declared an interest in H22-0960-24.

H22-0960-24 No Objections

Cllr Dicks resumed chairing the meeting.

The Chairman and Cllr Brotherton commented on H22-0827-24 from the November meeting and both were pleased that highways had commented on potential parking issues.

24.172 Finance Report

The financial report to 30th November 2024 (Please see accompanying report) having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. It was resolved to accept the financial report, Proposed AC, seconded JB, unanimous vote in favour.

The Chairman announced that the grass cutting contract for 2025, 2025 Grant applications and the 2025/26 Budget and Precept would be dealt with in closed session as would Standing orders training, Delegation of Councillors on outside organisations and complaints procedures.

24.173 Items for Discussions

Cllr Brotherton voiced her concerns about road gritting in the parish. During one morning of cold weather six vehicles had left the road. Fulney Drove and Mill Drove North to its junction with the A16 in particular were highlighted as roads that need gritting in cold weather. The Clerk was asked to contact Dist Cllr Gibson on this matter.

The Chairman commented on the poor standard of work done by LCC highways on the High Road at its junction with the A151 at Flamingo Flowers. Concern was also voiced about access to McDonald's restaurant now that work to upgrade the Springfields roundabout has been completed.

24.174 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6th January 2025 7:30pm at Weston Hills Village Hall.



Dist Cllr Woolf and the four members of the public left the meeting and the meeting then went into closed session to discuss finance matters.

Chairman