

# **WESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at Weston Hills Village Hall**

**Commenced at 7.30pm**

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.

**Present:-** Cllrs, Dicks, Bellamy, Casson, Halgarth, Mews, Clerk/RFO.

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

**25.000 Apologies** Cllrs Brotherton, Pennington.

**Absent :-** Cllr Ellis.

## **25.001 Declaration of interest in accordance with Localism Act 2011**

Cllr Casson on all planning matters due to him being on SHDC planning committee.

## **25.002 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024**

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

## **25.003 Public Forum**

None

## **25.004 Matters Arising**

The Clerk reminded everyone of the invite to attend Cowbit Parish Council's meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January when a representative from LCC emergency planning department is due to address those present on local emergency planning in the district.

## **25.005 Correspondence**

email from County Cllr Gibson in response to the Parish Councils request that he look into the gritting of Fulney Drove and Mill Drove North. County Cllr Gibson replied that roads in the parish were being gritted as usual and that he would monitor the situation. Cllr Casson said that A roads together with school bus routes are gritted but as Fulney Drove and Mill Drove North do not fit this criteria they are not gritted. There have been thirty-five accidents in the last two years on this stretch of road.

## **25.006 SID/CSW**

Cllr Bellamy reported on the data from the SID unit on Austendyke Road. In a sixteen day period on average 1,488 vehicles had travelled through the 40mph speed limit

per day, 75% of these vehicles were travelling at over 50mph. Of these nine were over 100mph, ten over 90mph and sixty-four over 80mph. The data had been sent to the relevant authorities but to date there had been no response from them.

Cllr Casson brought to the meeting six 40mph speed limit signs to be erected in the parish. Those present agreed to also purchase six 30mph speed signs at a cost of £20 each from LRSP. Proposed by CD, seconded PM, unanimous vote in favour.

#### **25.007 Allotments**

Following a request by the tenant of GA1 those present agreed to the tenants request to erect a wire fence around the allotment.

#### **25.008 Weston Playing Field**

Cllr Bellamy updated those present on the work at Weston Playing field. The small hedge adjacent the play area has now been removed and preparatory ground work has taken place for the installation of new play equipment which is planned begin in March 2025.

The physical installation of the CCTV has been completed. The final phase that of linking the system to the mobile phones of those who will monitor the CCTV will hopefully be finalised at the next meeting. A proposed CCTV policy was presented for councillors to consider with a view to adopting it at the February meeting if everyone is in agreement.

#### **25.009 Weston Hills Playing Field**

Cllr Bellamy provided an update on Weston Hills playing field. A second seat and a new bin are in the "pipeline". Those present agreed that if feasible some drainage work may need to be done on the field. It was agreed to monitor the situation and then discuss the matter probably in March when the weather hopefully improves.

#### **25.010 Planning Matters**

Notification of application for consideration available via SHDC website:-

H22-0898-24, H22-0194-22, H22-1036-22,    Approved by SHDC


H22-0994-24    No Objections

H22-0861-24    No Objection

#### **25.011 Finance Report**

The financial report to 31<sup>st</sup> December 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 BH, unanimous vote in favour.

Those present were informed of the LGA annual salary award for the clerk of 4.8% back dated to April 2024.



#### **25.012 Delegation of Councillors to represent the PC on outside bodies**

The matter of the delegation of councillors to represent the council on outside bodies was discussed. The question was asked if there was a need for these delegations. After discussing the matter it was resolved that the council would no longer delegate councillors to any outside bodies. Outside organisations would however be invited to the Annual Parish meeting to provide updates on their organisations. Proposed by CD, seconded PM unanimous vote in favour.

#### **25.013 Complaints Procedure**

Cllr Bellamy addressed the meeting on the subject of the Parish Council adopting a complaints procedure. Proposed complaints documents were shown to those present. It was agreed to defer the matter until the February meeting so that everyone had adequate time to consider the proposals being made.

#### **25.014 Items for Discussions**

Cllr Halgarth reported that the dog poo bins were overflowing in Weston Hills. Cllr Casson said one had now been emptied after he reported it to SHDC and that he would report a second bin that had not yet been emptied.

Cllr Casson then spoke on the introduction of the new rules that dog owners must be in possession of dog poo bags or be liable to a fine. Signs are in the process of being printed by SHDC and Cllr Casson hoped that the Parish Council would encourage them being put up in the parish. The Chairman expressed his support and said they could be put up at the two playing fields.

#### **25.015 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 7:30pm at Weston Village Hall.

There being no other business the chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8:36pm.

Chairman .....



## **WESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 at Weston Village Hall**

**Commenced at 7.30pm**

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.

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

**In Attendance:-** Three members of the public.

**25.016 Apologies** Cllrs Casson, Ellis.

**Absent :-** None

**25.017 Declaration of interest in accordance with Localism Act 2011**

None

**25.018 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

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

**25.019 Co-option of new Parish Councillor**

Following the resignation of Cllr Higgins the Parish Council looked to co-opt its next councillor for the Weston ward. A resident of the parish Helen Redman asked to be considered for the position. After being interviewed she was invited to join the council. She duly signed her declaration of acceptance and then took her place on the Parish Council.

**25.020 Public Forum**

A resident asked what was happening with regards maintenance at St Johns churchyard. The Clerk replied that the Parochial Church Council had accepted the quote from Malc Firth. The Clerk will now inform Malc Firth of the decision. St Johns church PCC will be responsible for paying the invoices.

A resident commented on the quality of the street lighting on Austendyke Road between its junctions with Delgate Bank and Broadgate. The Chairman will contact County Councillor Rob Gibson on this matter. Comments were also made on the subject of vehicles parking on this stretch of road at night without lights. The chairman said he will contact the police about this.

**25.021 Allotments**





The chairman suspended standing orders to allow a tenant to appeal against the increase in allotment rents. After discussing the matter at length it was agreed to reduce the tenancy agreement to £85pa plus drainage rates (Proposed JB, seconded PM, unanimous vote in favour) and also reduce the allotment rent on allotments 1,2,3 & 6 to £85pa plus drainage rates (Proposed by BH, seconded IP, unanimous vote in favour). The chairman then re-instated standing orders.

#### **25.022 Matters Arising**

At the January meeting it was resolved to cease having representatives on outside organisations. The Clerk asked if the council would like Clerk to inform the relevant organisations verbally or in writing. It was agreed that the clerk would write to the organisations informing them of the council's decision and also invite them to attend the Annual Parish meeting in April.

#### **25.023 Correspondence**

None

#### **25.024 Highways/SID/CSW**

Those present were shown LCC highways plans to extend the double yellow lines on Broadgate at its junction with St Johns Road.

The CSW is currently having a winter break. Cllr Bellamy said she will forward to councillors details of the SID data in the next few days.

#### **25.025 Weston Playing Field**

The Clerk informed the meeting that there were moles in the North West corner of the playing field. It was agreed that the Clerk would engage a company to deal with the problem.

Cllr Bellamy informed the meeting that extra SPF funds were available if projects are completed before 31st March. It was agreed to bring forward phase one of the play equipment to February so that Cllr Bellamy could apply for these SPF funds to be used for the purchase of the play equipment.

Cllr Bellamy informed the meeting that the cost of the internet connection for the CCTV will be £30 per month plus vat unlimited access. It was agreed that Cllrs Dicks, Bellamy and Mews together with the Clerk/RFO would have access to the CCTV footage.

#### **25.026 Weston Hills Playing Field**

Work continues on providing a second seat and a new waste bin at Weston Hills playing field.

#### **25.027 Planning Matters**

Notification of application for consideration available via SHDC website:-



The chairman informed those present that the planning application for the Bell pub to be changed into a convenience store was likely to come before SHDC planning in March. It was the chairman's intention to attend the meeting as he had received representations from residents about the application.

#### **25.028 C.E.R.T. Local Emergency Planning**

The Chairman spoke on the local emergency plan proposed by LCC. He felt this was a big undertaking and should the parish council decide to join this plan a separate dedicated meeting would be needed to discuss the matter. This suggestion was accepted by those present.

#### **25.029 Finance Report**

The financial report to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 (Please see accompanying report) having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. It was resolved to accept the financial report. Proposed AB, seconded PM, unanimous vote in favour.

The Clerk/RFO presented to the meeting the new tariffs being offered by e-on as the electricity contract at the playing field is due for renewal. It was proposed and unanimously agreed to accept a three year fixed business tariff of 56p per day standing charge and 33p per kWh.

The Clerk/RFO left the room while those present conducted a review of the Clerks/RFO's salary. Cllr Bellamy proposed to move the Clerk from an SC13 pay scale to SC15 and also increase the Clerks hours from twelve to seventeen per week. Seconded by PM, unanimous vote in favour.

#### **25.030 Complaints Procedure**

It was agreed to adopt the new complaints procedure formulated by Cllr Bellamy. Proposed by CD, seconded AB, unanimous vote in favour. Cllr Bellamy will supply a copy for the Clerk to put on the councils website.

#### **25.031 Items for Discussions**

Cllr Pennington suggested a litter pick in the parish. The Chairman asked the Clerk to arrange collection of the litter picking equipment from the resident who is currently storing it. Cllr Mews asked about the excess of litter at the layby on Cross Gates. McDonalds do periodically empty the bins but it was suggested that councillors might consider contacting McDonalds and ask them to empty the bins if they see they are overflowing.

#### **25.032 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 7:30pm at Weston Hills Village Hall.

The date of the Annual Parish meeting (AOPM) will be Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm at Weston village hall.



There being no other business the chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9:07pm.

Chairman



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## **WESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Commenced at 7.30pm**

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.

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

**In Attendance:-** Dist Cllr Woolf and thirty-seven members of the public.

**25.033 Apologies:-** Cllrs Bellamy

**Absent:-** None

The Clerk informed those present that Cllr Ellis had resigned from the Parish Council.

### **25.034 Declaration of interest in accordance with Localism Act 2011**

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

Cllrs Halgarth and Pennington re. planning application H22-0077-25.

### **25.035 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025**

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

### **25.036 Co-option of new Parish Councillor**

Following the passing of Cllr Pratt the Parish Council looked to co-opt its next councillor for the Weston Hills ward. A resident of the parish Anthony Mather asked to be considered for the position. After being interviewed a vote was taken and he was invited to join the council. He duly signed his declaration of acceptance and then took his place on the Parish Council. Proposed AC, seconded BH, unanimous vote in favour.

### **25.037 Public Forum**

Residents voiced their concerns on a planning application for twenty-four homes on land off Broadgate Weston Hills.

Residents voiced their concerns with regards to flooding with one commenting that plans show water "flowing in the wrong direction". Residents also had concerns about sewerage and roof water. Another resident voiced concerns about the height of the proposed properties over-shadowing existing properties while another said that while ribbon developments on Broadgate was within planning regulations

planning developments behind existing properties she believed were not allowed. A number of residents voiced their concern about problems they could see with infrastructure, anti-social behaviour, parking, access for emergency vehicles and access on to Broadgate close to the school and a dangerous bend.

A resident updated those present on the renewable energy projects in the district. A consultation event is scheduled to take place on 27<sup>th</sup> March at Weston village hall.

#### **25.038 Planning Application H22-0077-25.**

Having listened to the comments of residents the chairman announced that he was moving planning application H22-0077-25 to take place after the public forum. Cllr Halgarth left the room. Following her investigations into the planning application Cllr Brotherton briefed those present on her findings. After some discussion on the matter it was agreed that Cllr Brotherton and the Clerk would work together to formulate the Parish Councils objections to the proposed planning application to be submitted to SHDC. Proposed by HR, seconded PM, unanimous vote in favour. Cllrs Casson and Pennington having declared an interest did not vote. Cllr Halgarth then came back into the room.

#### **25.039 Matters Arising**

At the last meeting councillors were asked to consider joining the C.E.R.T. local emergency plan proposed by LCC. After discussing the matter it was resolved that Weston Parish Council would not wish to be involved in the scheme at the present time. Proposed by AC, seconded AB, seven in favour, one abstention AM.

#### **25.040 Correspondence**

None

#### **25.041 Highways/SID/CSW**

The chair reported that he had contacted Cty Cllr Gibson on the street lighting on the Austendyke Road and was waiting on his reply. Cllr Brotherton commented that new lights recently installed were not as strong as the old ones.

#### **25.042 Litter Picking**

Those present were informed that the litter-picking equipment had been collected from the resident who in the past had organised the litter picking. As no one volunteered to take over the organisation of litter-picks it was suggested that the Parish Council might consider contacting Spalding Wombles to see if they might be prepared to organise these events. Cllr Redman said that she would attempt to contact the Wombles to see if they might be interested.

#### **25.043 Annual Parish Meeting (AOPM).**

Preparations are under way for the APM on 28<sup>th</sup> April. The Clerk informed those present that he would shortly be writing to the local MP, County and District

Councillors and other organisations to invite them to participate in the meeting. Cllr Casson agreed to speak on behalf of Weston Hills Village hall, and Cllr Pennington will speak on behalf of Weston Consolidated Charity.

#### **25.044 Weston Playing Field**

Cllrs Dicks, Bellamy and Mews together with the Clerk/RFO are now able to view footage of the playing field from the CCTV cameras. Cllr Brotherton asked about changing the gate opening times for the summer months and it was agreed to open them from 7am to 7pm during the summer months.

#### **25.045 Weston Hills Playing Field**

A second seat together with a new waste bin have been delivered and are awaiting installation at the playing field by Hollyoaks.

#### **25.046 VE Day Beacon Lighting**

There will be a national beacon trail across the country on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May to commemorate VE Day. It was agreed that this item would be put on the agenda at the next meeting to decide if the Parish Council wished to participate.

#### **25.047 Planning Matters**

Notification of application for consideration available via SHDC website:-

H22-0827-24 Application withdrawn

H22-1085-24 No Objection

#### **25.048 Finance Report**

The financial report to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (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 PM, unanimous vote in favour.

#### **25.049 Items for Discussions**

Cllr Brotherton commented on road signage at the junction of Old Fendike Road and Fulney Drove/Mill Drove North. The chairman said he would speak to Cllr Gibson on the matter.

Cllr Redman asked who was responsible for grass cutting in Wimberley Close. Cllr Casson said that it normally takes contact from the enforcement officer at SHDC to get this grass cut by Ashwood homes. It was agreed that Cllr Redman could contact Ashwood and remind them of their obligations.

Cllr Casson commented on a recent spate of breakings in Weston Hills.

Cllr Halgarth commented on problem parking on Broadgate Weston Hills near the care home. The Chairman advised that he report this directly to the police as it is a police matter.

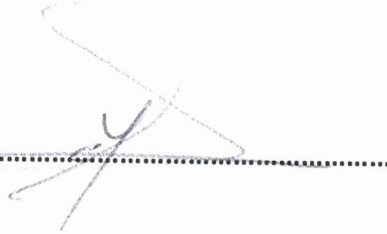


### **25.050 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm at Weston Village Hall.

There being no other business the chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9:22pm.

Chairman

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## **WESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at Weston Village Hall**

**Commenced at 7.30pm**

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.

**Present:-** Cllrs, Dicks (Chair), Bellamy, Brotherton, Halgarth, Mews, Pennington, Redman, Clerk/RFO.

**In Attendance:-** Cty Cllr Gibson, Dist Cllr Woolf and five members of the public.

**25.051 Apologies:-** Cllrs Casson, Mather.

**Absent:-** None

**25.052 Declaration of interest in accordance with Localism Act 2011**

None

**25.053 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025**

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

**25.054 Co-option of new Parish Councillor**

Following the resignation of Cllr Ellis the Parish Council looked to co-opt its next councillor for the Weston Hills ward. A resident of the parish Loraine Walker asked to be considered for the position. After being interviewed a vote was taken and she was invited to join the council. She duly signed her declaration of acceptance and then took her place on the Parish Council. Proposed HR, seconded PM, unanimous vote in favour.

**25.055 Public Forum**

A resident updated those present on the renewable energy projects in the district. Cty Cllr Gibson and Dist. Cllr Woolf also spoke on the subject. Cty Cllr Gibson gave an update on road improvements in the parish.

**25.056 Matters Arising**

Cllr Brotherton gave an update on planning application H22-0077-25 with the Clerk informing the meeting that the Parish Councils objections to the application were now on the SHDC website. The chairman suspended standing orders to allow a representative of the developers to speak and answer questions on the development. Cllr Halgarth voiced his concern that at the previous meeting the chairman had implied the application was fraudulent. The chairman apologised if he

had offended anyone, it was not directed at the Halgarth family he said but was made because the developer had said they had contacted the parish council when there was no record of anything being received. The Chairman then reinstated standing orders.

#### **25.057 Correspondence**

email from LALC requesting the council to complete its survey on Clerks salary, recruitment and retention

email from LCC on its proposed "Public Rights of Way Improvement plan". It was agreed that councillors should consider the plan with a deadline for submission in June.

email request from South Lincs Swifts to play matches on Weston football pitch. After discussion it was unanimously decided with a show of hands to decline the request on the grounds that an increase in games would be detrimental to the condition of the pitch.

email from Weston Village Hall in response to an email to the Parish Council voicing its concerns about lighting, heating and the provision of chairs and tables. After discussing the matter it was agreed that Cllr Pennington as a member of the WVH committee would speak to the village hall and report back to the Parish Council on the issues raised by the council.

#### **25.058 Highways/SID/CSW**


Cllr Bellamy updated the meeting on the SID data. During a thirty-five day period 30,845 were recorded on Austendyke Road an average of 881 a day. 29% of vehicles were 10mph over the 40mph speed limit. There has also been a major increase in traffic on the length of Broadgate from Weston to the B1357 Moulton Chapel Road. The CSW is currently suspended due to ill health. Other highway matters discussed included street lighting on the Austendyke Road and the chairman reported he had been in contact with the highways on the continuing problems with Fulney Drove.

#### **25.059 Update-Annual Parish Meeting (AOPM).**

The Clerk gave an update on preparations for the APM. Sir John Hayes has sent his apologies and there has been no response to date from the Rev. Sweeting, however County and District councillors have said they will attend as will a representative from the SH Voluntary car scheme. The Chairman confirmed he had arranged the refreshments.

#### **25.060 Beacon Trail to commemorate 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day**

Cllr Bellamy will not be available for the event but will liaise with Cllrs Mews, Redman and Walker who have agreed to work together and organise the event. The Clerk will contact the owner of the "Bessi Bean" coffee van who has shown an interest in attending.





### **25.061 Weston Playing Field**

Cllr Bellamy provided an update on the installation of play equipment which if all goes to plan should be in place by the end of April. Phase 2 which includes the zip wire will commence with planning permission in May, installation in June and completion hopefully in July. Following on from that a large climbing facility is under consideration to be located on the skate board park.

The condition of the car park was discussed. Cllr Brotherton is making enquiries about the cost of improvements to the car parking. It was suggested that a small strip might be tarmacked for disabled parking and access.

### **25.062 Weston Hills Playing Field**

Cllr Bellamy reported that apart from waiting for Hollyoaks to install the new bench and waste bin all the UKSPF matters had been completed. A nature trail is under consideration in the wooded area on the western edge of the field. The Clerk reported that the new contractor had cut the grass at both playing fields and St Johns church for the first time.

### **25.063 Planning Matters**

Notification of application for consideration available via SHDC website:-

H22-0083-25, H22-0861-24, H22-1085-24 Approved. H22-0140-25 Rejected.

H22-1092-25 Cllr Bellamy to provide the Clerk with any objections to be forwarded to SHDC.

### **25.064 Finance Report**

The financial report to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 (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 PM, unanimous vote in favour.

### **25.065 Items for Discussions**

Cllr Bellamy requested that DPI be included on a future agenda.

Cllr Brotherton asked about clarification on email and websites. The Clerk said that the PC has its own email account solely for PC business. The website is the recommended website for PC's which is .gov.uk. Cllr Brotherton asked that an email be sent to a resident complimenting and thanking him for cleaning signs in the parish.

Cllr Redman reported that she had not been able to make contact with the Wombles litter pick group. She also reported she had received complaints from residents in Wimberley Close and Hutchinson Gardens about parking on the pavements. It was agreed that Cllr Walker with her contacts through KINs with the police would speak to the police on the matter.



Cllr Walker reported that there have been instances of motor bikes riding along the river bank at Weston Marsh. It was agreed that she should report this matter to the Police again through the KIN's network.

Cllr Mews asked that following the chairman's recently informing councillors that he was not intending to stand as chair next year if an extraordinary meeting of the council should be called to discuss the matter and the reasons behind his decision. The Chairman said he would call an extraordinary meeting and those present agreed that he should do so.

Cllr Pennington commented on his involvement in the energy projects in the parish. With the knowledge he has on these projects he finds it difficult to adhere to DPI rules and accept that he cannot be involved in discussions.

Cllr Halgarth reported that he had spoken to people at the care home in Broadgate Weston Hills about parking on the road and was pleased to say that they have plans for off road parking at that location.

#### **25.066 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April (APM) 7:30pm at Weston Village Hall.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May (AGM) 7:30pm at Weston Hills Village Hall.

There being no other business the chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9:40pm.

Chairman .....



**WESTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 28th April 2025**

**At Weston Village Hall**

**Commenced at 7.30pm**

**Present:-**

Cllrs, Dicks, Bellamy, Brotherton, Casson, Mather, Mews, Pennington, Redman, Walker & Clerk/RFO.

**In Attendance:-**

Cty Cllr Gibson, Dist Cllrs Sneath & Woolf and thirteen members of the public.

**Apologies**

Parish Cllr Halgarth and Sir John Hayes (MP).

**The Chairman Chris Dicks welcomed everyone to the meeting.**

**Consideration of the minutes of the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting.**

With the agreement of those present the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**Chairman's Report**

The chairman thanked everyone for attending and introduced the Parish, County and District councillors.

**Elloe Oracle & Beacon**

Cllr Bellamy's reported that the beacon will be lit on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May to commemorate VE Day. Cllr Bellamy also spoke on the Elloe Oracle which has just celebrated its tenth birthday. The publication is funded by advertising revenue and from donations. She thanked the Parish and District Councils for their kind donations.

**Weston & Weston Hills Playing Fields**

Cllr Bellamy presented a slide show of work completed at both playing fields. CCTV is now "up and running" at Weston and the new automated gates are in operation. New play equipment has been installed at both locations with new play equipment at Weston completed in April 2025.



The next phase in 2025/26 will be the installation of a zip-wire at Weston and nature trail at Weston Hills.

## **SID**

Cllr Bellamy reported on the data being produced by the SID unit. The data is forwarded on to the relevant authorities but sadly nothing appears to be done with the data. Its receipt is not even acknowledged by the police or LRSP.

## **Weston Hills Village Hall**

Cllr Casson gave an update on Weston Hills village hall. A flag pole has been erected at the front of the hall in remembrance of a local resident who was involved in the day to day running of the hall. Bookings have increased and financially the hall was in a good position but that much of this was down to the events being held to raise funds with the race night raising £1,800 and a raffle that raised £500.

## **Weston Consolidated Charity Report.**

Cllr Pennington reported on a successful year for Weston Consolidated Charity sadly overshadowed by the death of trustee Richard Pratt. There are now two new bungalows on the High Road in Weston and the charity has sold the land adjacent for building plots. The charity has received a "Gardens & People" award for the two new bungalows. Cllr Pennington thanked all the trustees for their hard work. Susan Wilson has retired as clerk; the role has been taken over by Granville Hawks.

## **Weston Village Hall**

The Bookings officer for Weston village hall spoke to say that Weston Village Hall had had a successful year.

## **South Holland Voluntary Car Scheme**

A representative from the South Holland car scheme gave an update on the schemes activity in the parish. A total of forty-six hospital trips with a total of 3,169 miles had been completed. Weston Parish Council paid £721.21 to the scheme with £229.49 subsidised by SHPVCS. However the representative and Cllr Casson both emphasised the need for more volunteer drivers.

## **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 and he gave an update on road works in the pipeline.

## **District Councillor's Reports**

Dist Cllr Woolf said that his year as Chairman at SHDC was coming to an end in May 2025. He complimented the Elloe Oracle on the vital service it gives to the parish and spoke of the many changes that were taking place at SHDC and in the district and the challenges to come.

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. In particular he focused on fly-tipping in the district.

Dist Cllr Sneath spoke of the grants given in the parish from the District councillor's budget.

The County Councillor and all three District Councillors spoke of their concerns for the proposed energy projects in the district which they said would have a massive impact on the area.

### **Questions from Members of the Public**

Resident's made a number of comments and asked questions of councillors much of which revolved around traffic and the proposed new energy projects.

A resident thanked the Parish Council for its support in putting in objections to the proposed energy projects in the parish and asked that the Parish Council continues to support objections. A member of the Meridian action group spoke on the effect of the energy projects on the district.

A resident complemented those responsible for extending the yellow lines on Broadgate at its junction with St Johns Road and the extension to the 30mph speed limit on Broadgate. A question was asked if 30mph speed signs might be painted on the road surface by LCC highways and if double yellow lines could be placed on Broadgate near Weston Hills School.

A resident was advised that following a question about street furniture on the side of the road that this was something that should be reported to LCC Highways. Concerns were raised about the width of roads in the new estate to allow access for emergency vehicles and refuse collections but the reply was that these road widths comply with current regulations.

Numerous comments were made about the ongoing traffic problems on Fulney Drove and Mill Drove North. Concerns were raised about speeding in the parish and an increasing number of "rat runs" as vehicles try to avoid traffic delays on the main A16. SID data is sent to the relevant authorities, however no confirmation is received on the data or acted upon and the view was that until traffic regulations are enforced then the problems will continue and even increase.

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 12th May 2025 at Weston Hills Village Hall**

**Commenced at 7.30pm**

**Present: -** Cllrs, Dicks, Brotherton, Halgarth, Mews, Pennington, Redman, Walker and the Clerk/RFO.

**25.067 Apologies** Cllrs Bellamy, Casson & Mather.

**Absent :-** None

**In Attendance:-** Two members of the public

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

### **25.068 Election of Chairman/Signing of Declaration of Office**

Cllr Dicks was elected to serve as Chairman for the coming year, proposed by LW seconded AB, unanimous vote in favour. The chairman signed a declaration of office his signature witnessed by the clerk.

### **25.069 Election of Vice Chair/Signing of Declaration of Office**

Cllr J Bellamy was elected to serve as Vice Chair for the coming year, proposed CD seconded AB, unanimous vote in favour. It was agreed that the Vice Chair should sign her declaration of office at the next meeting she attends.

The chairman thanked the councillors who organised the recent Beacon lighting.

### **25.070 Declaration of interest in accordance with Localism Act 2011**

None

### **25.071 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th April 2025**

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

### **25.072 Public Forum**

A resident gave an update on the proposed energy projects in the parish. A consultation period is due to start on EGL3 & EGL4. Meridian will be hosting a consultation event at Weston Village Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> May and a protest walk has been organised to take place at Weston Marsh on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 11am.





#### **25.073 Annual Governance and Financial Risk Assessment 2024/25**

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

#### **25.074 Annual Governance Statement 2024/25**

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

#### **25.075 Annual Governance Accounts Statement 2024/25**

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 LW, unanimous vote in favour.

#### **25.076 Matters Arising**

Nothing further has been reported with regards motor bikes on the river bank at Weston Marsh.

The chairman asked if Cllr Halgarth had news on parking outside the care home on Broadgate Weston Hills. Cllr Halgarth said nothing had changed but that was not unexpected as it would take time to be sorted.

#### **25.077 Correspondence**


email from Meridian offering a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss their proposed energy project. It was agreed to wait until after the Meridian event at Weston Village hall before deciding if a meeting with Meridian and the Parish Council would be beneficial.

#### **25.078 Highways/CSW/SID/Police.**

The Clerk reported that traffic regulations had been received from LCC highways for the extension of double yellow lines at the junction of Broadgate and St Johns Road and the extending of the 30mph speed limit at Broadgate Weston Hills. Work is also due to start at the beginning of June on resurfacing of the High Road Weston between its junctions with the A151 and Small Drove Weston.

The chairman reported that the CSW is currently struggling due to a shortage of volunteers.

The Police have attended Wimberley Close with regards parking on the pavements. No issues were found but the PCSO has said he will continue to monitor the situation. Councillors were advised that Cllr Walker is able to contact the Police through the KIN's network and should they have any matters for the Police then they should contact Cllr Walker.





## **25.079 Allotments**

Councillors discussed the condition of the roadway at the allotments. Cllr Halgarth said that he would put extra top soil on the roadway next to allotments GA2 & GA3. He will also put down some hard-core at the entrance to the allotments.

## **25.080 Weston Playing Field**

The situation with the emptying of the bin in the park was clarified following comments on Love Weston. Councillors were informed that currently a volunteer empties the bin.

Concerns were raised about the condition of turf laid around the play equipment. The condition of the grass is being monitored. Kompan might need to do remedial work when they install the zip-wire.

Questions were asked about the time scale for phase two and three of the play equipment and also what the plans were for the existing skate-board park. As Cllr Bellamy was not in attendance it was agreed to wait until she was available to give an update. Following a question the chairman said he will contact Cllr Bellamy with regards arrangements for an official opening of the new play equipment with the local press in attendance.

## **25.081 Weston Hills Playing Field**

Nothing to report

## **25.082 Planning Matters**

Notification of application for consideration available via SHDC website:-

H22-0574-24                      Approved by SHDC.

H22-0336-25 & H22-0337-25      No Objection

## **25.083 Finance Report**

The financial report to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (Please see accompanying report) having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. Proposed IP, seconded LW, unanimous vote in favour.

The Insurance renewal was presented to those present. After discussing the matter it was agreed to renew the insurance with Clear Councils. Proposed AB, seconded LW, unanimous vote in favour. The Clerk to clarify if there is a charge for future amendments.

## **25.084 Items for Discussions**

Cllr Pennington commented on the state of the litter bins at CrossGate. These bins belong to McDonalds and the restaurant regularly empties them however it was agreed that the Clerk would contact McDonalds with the Parish Councils concerns.



Cllr Mews asked if portable toilets could be made available at the playing field when events were taking place. It was agreed that for future events the Parish Council would look at hiring toilets.

Cllr Redman asked that a beacon lighting for VJ Day in August be put on July's agenda and it was agreed to do so.

Cllr Brotherton asked if the local press could be informed of events like the recent VE Day beacon lighting. The Chairman said this should be considered in the planning for the VJ Beacon.

Cllr Dicks asked that DPI and dispensations be put on the agenda for July.

#### **25.085 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 7th July 2025 7:30pm at Weston Village Hall.

There being no other business the chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8:38pm.

Chairman ..... 

## **WESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at Weston Village Hall**

**Commenced at 7.30pm**

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.

**Present:-** Cllrs, Dicks, Bellamy, Casson, Mather, Mews, Pennington, Redman, Walker and the Clerk/RFO.

**25.086 Apologies** Cllrs Brotherton & Halgarth.

**Absent :-** None

**In Attendance:-** Four members of the public and District Cllr Woolf.

### **25.087 Election of Vice Chair/Signing of Declaration of Office**

Cllr Bellamy having been elected to serve as Vice Chair for the coming year at the May AGM signed a declaration of office, her signature witnessed by the clerk.

### **25.088 Declaration of interest in accordance with Localism Act 2011**

Cllr Casson on all planning matters due to him being on SHDC planning committee.

### **25.089 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

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

### **25.090 Public Forum**

A resident asked Councillors present if they could give their interpretation of the energy projects proposed for the area. The Chairman then gave his response to the question in that he believed all councillors were aware of the proposals from the information received both as a council and as private individuals. Both Cllr Bellamy and Cllr Casson thanked the resident for all her work in objecting to the energy projects. The Clerk/RFO updated those present on the Parish Council response to the projects. As a named consultee in the process the Parish Council is responding to DCO's (Development Consent Orders) being applied for by the energy companies. To date three DCO's have been responded to by the Parish Council to National Grid, Ossian and Meridian projects.

### **25.091 Matters Arising**

Cllr Pennington asked for an update on the rubbish bins at Crossgate. The Clerk said he had contacted McDonalds about the issue. After discussing the matter it was

agreed that a letter would be sent to McDonalds asking that they consider approaching the owner of the land with a proposal that McDonalds install more waste bins.

Cllr Walker asked if the Parish Council would be arranging a meeting with Meridian. After discussing the matter it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Meridian for a meeting.

Cllr Walker updated those present on matters at the allotments. Hardcore has been laid at the entrance but top soil has not yet been laid on the roadway opposite allotments GA2 & GA3.

## **25.092 Correspondence**

email from S/H Voluntary Car Scheme with the date of their AGM. 31<sup>st</sup> July 6:30pm at South Holland Centre.

email from SHDC re. five year licensing review. As a member of SHDC licensing committee Cllr Casson updated those present on the matter in particular with regards to rules for cigarettes and shop frontages. The review is out for consultation until the end of the month with it expected to go to full council in November.

email from a resident re. overhanging trees at Weston Hills playing field. Dealt with under agenda item.

Telephone call received from resident re. dogs entering the play area at Weston playing field. Dealt with under agenda item.


various emails received with regards energy projects in the district, which have all been forwarded to councillors before the meeting.

email from resident inviting councillors to visit Weston Marsh to view the location of the proposed substation(s) and pylon routes. It was agreed that the council would accept the invitation. Proposed LW, Seconded PM, unanimous vote in favour. The resident to contact the Clerk with proposed dates.

## **25.093 Highways/CSW/SID/Police.**

Cllr Bellamy updated the meeting on the SID data. The SID has been in operation from April to June. However the battery only lasts for two days before it needs charging. During the last twenty-five days 25,767 vehicles passed the SID. 33% were 10mph over the speed limit. Three vehicles were tracked at 103mph. The total number of vehicles over the speed limit based on a speed of 44mph was 62%.

The chairman reported that the SID unit had been placed on the High Road Weston. The chairman voiced his concerns if the Parish Council should still be part of the partnership and said he will contact LRSP about his concerns. The CSW is active in the parish and the chairman will be contacting LRSP and the police with regards speed checks.





## **25.094 Weston Playing Field**

Following a telephone call to the Clerk complaining about dogs entering the play area those present discussed the matter. It was agreed that Cllr Bellamy would look in to the cost of fencing for the play area. The Clerk will make enquiries with regards the cost to install signs prohibiting dogs entering the play area and also signs for dog owners to keep their dogs on a lead on the playing field. Proposed JB, seconded AC, unanimous vote in favour. It was also agreed that Cllr Bellamy would look at the feasibility of a "dog field" in both of the two wards in the parish.

The Chairman voiced his concerns on the quality of video footage and the location of the CCTV cameras. It was agreed that the Chairman and Cllr Bellamy would contact the suppliers on this matter.

Cllr Bellamy updated those present on play equipment. The rope bridge has been repaired by Kompan. A planning application has gone into SHDC for the zip-wire and six picnic benches. It is hoped work will be completed by the end of September. The cost will be circa £23k with £19k hopefully coming from a UKSPF application.

## **25.095 Weston Hills Playing Field**

The council discussed bushes in Weston Hills playing field overhanging a property in Carisbrooke Way. It was agreed that these should be cut back. Clerk to action.

Cllr Bellamy updated the meeting on the installation of a seat and rubbish bin. The bin has been installed. It is hoped the bench will be installed in the next month.

## **25.096 Planning Matters**

Notification of application for consideration available via SHDC website:-

H22-0326-25 & H22-0551-25

Approved by SHDC.

H22-0532-25, H22-0539-25 & H22-0545-25

No Objections

## **25.097 Finance Report**

The financial report to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (Please see accompanying report) having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. Proposed IP, seconded HR, unanimous vote in favour.

## **25.098 Councillor Dispensations**

Following a request from a councillor the Clerk informed the meeting that he had contacted the Democratic Services Manager at SHDC for advice on dispensations. The advice received is that a councillor wishing for a dispensation writes to the Proper Officer of the Parish Council (Clerk). As standing orders does not currently stipulate who would make a decision Cllr Bellamy proposed that the full council should make the decision. Seconded by AC, unanimous vote in favour.

## **25.099 Devolution of Local District Council**



The matter of the devolution of local district councils was discussed. The feedback from those present was that at the present time no one really knows what will happen. It was therefore agreed that nothing more could be done at this point in time other than monitor developments.

**25.100 Beacon Lighting VJ Day**

It was agreed after discussing the matter that due to holiday commitments it would be difficult to organise a Beacon lighting in August. It was therefore agreed not to proceed with the event.

**25.101 Items for Discussions**

Cllr Redman commented on the overgrown verge on the west side of the mini-roundabout at the junction of Beggars Bush and the High Road. The Chairman said he would attempt to find out who owned the land so the land owner could be approached to request it be cut.

Following a post on “Love Weston” about football clubs at the park Cllr Walker commented on how the parish council handled these matters. Cllr Redman stated that six weeks before the post appeared the person had contacted her. She had given the contact details of the Clerk but no one had contacted the clerk. It was agreed that Cllr Redman would contact the person concerned and advise them again to contact the clerk if still interested.

Cllr Casson asked that the seat on the junction of Broadgate/Austendyke Road be made an agenda item as it is in poor state of repair.

The Clerk reported his concerns that once again the Parish Council had not been able to enter Weston Village Hall as the Parish Council had once again been let down and not been informed of a new access code.

**25.102 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025 7:30pm at Weston Hills Village Hall.

There being no other business the chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9:38pm.

Chairman .....

## WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at Weston Hills Village Hall

Commenced at 7.30pm

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.

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

**In Attendance:** - Four members of the public and Cty Cllrs Gibson & Sneath.

**25.103 Apologies** Cllrs Mather & Redman.

**Absent :-** None

### **25.104 Declaration of interest in accordance with Localism Act 2011**

Cllr Casson on all planning matters due to him being on SHDC planning committee.

### **25.105 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

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

### **25.106 Public Forum**

A resident thanked the councillors who visited Weston Marsh in July and updated those present on the energy project proposals in the area. Cty Cllr Gibson updated those present on road issues and highway repairs in the parish.

### **25.107 Matters Arising**

The Clerk reported that the quote for signs for Weston Playing field from RF Welding would be £40 per sign plus £250 for installation. Suitable signs are available on the internet and it was agreed that the Clerk would source signs for the council to consider at a future meeting.

The proposed meeting with Meridian was discussed. It was agreed to contact Meridian and suggest that the meeting take place on 6<sup>th</sup> October between 7pm and 7:30pm to give councillors time to consider any points they might wish to raise with Meridian. The meeting will be solely for Parish Councillors and will exclude members of the public at Meridians request.

The Clerk reported that he had received no reply from McDonalds following the letter sent raising concerns about litter at CrossGate.

### **25.108 Correspondence**



email from S/H Voluntary Car Scheme with details of their AGM. Cllr Casson reported that they have a new chairman.

email from Weston Village Hall with regards VJ celebrations. The Clerk informed those present he had replied to the email informing them that the Parish Council had decided not to proceed with the event.

emails from a resident re. Energy Projects in the area.

email re. devolutions meetings on 28<sup>th</sup> July & 20<sup>th</sup> August. Cllr Bellamy and Cllr Mather had attended the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> July. While productive in certain ways she felt that many questions were left unanswered and suggested that if any councillors were free on 20<sup>th</sup> August it would be beneficial to attend the online meeting.

email received from resident re. dogs fouling and running loose at the allotments. The matter was discussed. Cllr Casson brought to the meeting signs from SHDC and Cllr Walker offered to install the signs at the allotments.

#### **25.109 Highways/CSW/SID/Police.**

Cllr Casson said an accident had occurred in Fulney Drove with a LCC highways lorry shedding its load into the dyke. Cllr Casson asked if the stones in the dyke could be removed. Cllr Gibson said he would report the matter to LCC Highways.

Cllr Bellamy reported that speeding continues on Austendyke Road with one vehicle travelling at 107mph. The chairman reported that the CSW has limited coverage due to a shortage of volunteers.

Following the resurfacing of Broadgate through Weston Hills new lines have been painted on the road. It was mentioned that the double yellow lines at the junctions of St Johns Road and Carisbrooke Way with Broadgate have not been extended. It is believed that this is because the works order hadn't come through when the lines were painted but it is hoped the work will soon be completed.

#### **25.110 Weston Playing Field**

At the previous meeting a resident's interest in forming a Weston football had been raised. Cllr Redman reported through the Clerk that she had contacted the resident who was not now interested in forming a team as he had not received any interest from residents.

Those present then considered the application from Spalding United to renew their agreement for 2025/26. After discussing the matter Cllr Bellamy proposed that Spalding Utd have sole use of the football pitch for the coming season. Seconded BH, 7 for, 1 against.

#### **25.111 Weston Hills Playing Field**

NONE.





## **25.112 Planning Matters**

Notification of application for consideration available via SHDC website:-

H22-0532-25 Approved by SHDC.

H22-0558-25 Not discussed as this is the Parish Councils application for a Zip Wire at the Playing Field.

A planning order not part of the proposed energy projects consultation process has been put in for road works at the Baytree roundabout. Cllr Bellamy will look into whether a response needs to be submitted.

## **25.113 Finance Report**

The financial report to 31<sup>st</sup> July (Please see accompanying report) having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. Proposed AC, seconded PM, unanimous vote in favour.

The Clerk/RFO brought to the attention of those present that due to changes in the April budget the Parish Council now has to pay employer NIC.

## **25.114 Millennium Bench**

Repairs to the bench at the junction of Austendyke Road and Broadgate were discussed. It was agreed that Cllr Bellamy would speak with a local company with a view to getting it repaired.

## **25.115 Dispensation Procedure**

The matter of the Parish Council having its own dispensation procedure was discussed. It was agreed to adopt LALC's application document. Depending on the circumstances the Council might decide to go into closed session, the applicant for the dispensation would be expected to leave the room, and a secret ballot would take place. Proposed AB, seconded JB, unanimous vote in favour.

With regards the proposed energy projects it was suggested that the whole council might need to have a dispensation as everyone on the council could be impacted. Therefore it was agreed that the Clerk would contact LALC on the legality this.

## **25.116 Social Media**

The Parish Council's presence on Social Media was discussed. After discussion it was agreed that Cllrs Brotherton, Redman and Walker would look at the feasibility of a Facebook page for the council and the matter would be made an agenda item at the September meeting.

## **25.117 Items for Discussions**

Cllr Bellamy requested that the care home on Austendyke, LDZ (Local Development Zones) and Energy Projects all be added to the agenda for the September meeting.



Cllr Walker thanked Cllr Halgarth for his work repairing the roadways at the allotments.

**25.118 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 7:30pm at Weston Village Hall.

There being no other business the chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9:20pm.

Chairman .....  


## WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 at Weston Village Hall

Commenced at 7.30pm

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.

**Present: -** Cllrs, Dicks, Bellamy, Brotherton, Casson, Halgarth, Mather, Mews, Pennington, Walker & the Clerk/RFO.

**In Attendance: -** Five members of the public, Cty Cllrs Gibson & Sneath & Dist. Cllr Woolfe

**25.119 Apologies** Cllr Redman.

**Absent: -** None

### **25.120 Declaration of interest in accordance with Localism Act 2011**

Cllr Casson on all planning matters due to him being on SHDC planning committee.

### **25.121 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

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

### **25.122 Public Forum**

Two representatives from the care home on Austendyke Road attended the meeting following complaints of anti-social behaviour in the area of the home. The representatives said that they felt the problem had been rectified as the person causing the problem had been moved. Cllr Casson said he had visited the care home and that he felt the problem was now sorted. Cllr Bellamy voiced her concerns saying that there had been too much disruption to local residents and problems with parking were likely to persist. The representatives assured those present that they would work with the Parish Council and local residents to solve any problems and provided their contact details.

Cty Cllr Gibson updated those present on highways matters in the parish. In particular the problems with the accuracy of road signs on Fulney Drove and Mill Drove.

Dist. Cllr Woolfe asked if the parish council had received a reply to its letter to McDonalds. The Clerk replied that it had and that the reply had been circulated to all Parish Councillors. Dist Cllr Woolfe went on to say that he had recently visited the restaurant and reported over-flowing bins which McDonald's staff immediately rectified. He recommended that anyone seeing the bins over-flowing should report the matter to McDonalds.



A resident spoke to the meeting with regards the overgrowing bushes in Weston Hills playing field. The chairman moved agenda item (9) forward so the matter could be discussed immediately.

#### **25.123 Weston Hills Playing Field**

The overgrowing bushes and trees were discussed. The chairman suspended standing orders to allow the resident to speak. With regards to the bushes in the bottom corner of the playing field it was agreed that a meeting should be arranged on site with Parish Councillors, the PC's maintenance company and the resident to look further into the matter and report back to the full council. With regards to the trees overhanging properties in Carisbrooke Way it was agreed that no action should be taken. It was pointed out that residents could if they so wished cut back the trees but the Parish Council has no obligation to cut the trees back and would not be doing so. The Clerk will inform the resident. The chairman then reinstated standing orders.

#### **25.124 Matters Arising**

Cllr Bellamy reported that she had contacted a local company with a view to renovation work to the bench at the junction of Broadgate and Austendyke Road but that the company did not under-take that type of work. It was then agreed that the Clerk would contact Rob Frost to see if his company might do the work.

Cllr Brotherton reported that she had made enquiries about the Parish Council now having to pay employer NI contributions. Only charitable organisations are exempt from paying and as Parish Councils are not charities the PC will need to pay the employer NI contributions.

#### **25.125 Correspondence**

email from the Chairlady of SHDC inviting members of the Parish Council to her civic church service on 28<sup>th</sup> September and bingo night on 25<sup>th</sup> October

email from a resident with regards to damage caused to a tree at Weston playing field.

#### **25.126 Highways/CSW/SID/Police.**

Due to a lack of interest and involvement from the police and LRSP the chairman proposed that the Parish Council cease its activities with the CSW and remove the SID units. With regards the CSW the leader of the group had reported to the chairman that he wished for the CSW to continue but that would not be until the New Year. Councillors asked if the Parish Council could pay for a speed van and police speed cameras in the parish. The Chairman said he would make enquiries and Cllr Walker said she would raise the matter with police at the forthcoming police seminar she is due to attend.





### **25.127 Weston Playing Field**

Cllr Bellamy reported on progress with play equipment. The application for funding the zip wire through the UKSPF had been declined so s106 funds will be used. Although initially delayed planning permission has now been granted for the zip wire. The cost of the zip wire will be £17,608.87+vat. Installation is likely to take place either in November or March depending on weather conditions.

The installation of signs in the playing field was discussed. It was agreed to install two signs prohibiting dogs in the play area and two signs at the entrances requesting dogs be kept on leads. Cllr Bellamy presented two quotes for fencing around the play area but it was decided to wait to see if the installation of the signs might make fencing off the play area unnecessary.

### **25.128 Planning Matters**

Notification of application for consideration available via SHDC website:-

H22-0539-25 Refused by SHDC

H22-0709-25, H22-0336-25, H22-0337-25, H22-0562-25, H22-0558-25,  
Approved by SHDC.

H22-0735-22 No Objections

### **25.129 Finance Report**

The financial report to 31<sup>st</sup> August (Please see accompanying report) having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. Proposed LW, seconded PM, unanimous vote in favour.

The Clerk/RFO brought to the attention of those present the Local Government Services pay increase for the Clerk of 3.2% back dated to 1<sup>st</sup> April.


### **25.130 Social Media**

After discussing the matter it was agreed that the Parish Council would have a presence on Facebook and Instagram. Cllrs Brotherton, Redman and Walker to be the administrators. Proposed AB, seconded JB unanimous vote in favour.

### **25.131 Energy Projects / Local Development Zones**

Meridian are due to attend the PC meeting in October. The Clerk asked that Councillors give consideration to questions they wish Meridian to answer and contact the Clerk with these questions no later than Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September so that the questions can be forwarded to Meridian.

Cllr Bellamy spoke on options that might help Parish Councils on protecting parish land from developments and pylons with four key areas. 1). Neighbourhood Plan (LGS), 2). Local Nature Recovery Strategies, 3). Agricultural Land Protection, 4). Water Shortages.



### **25.132 Items for Discussions**

Cllr Brotherton spoke on the matter of tree growth obscuring road signs.

Cllr Bellamy asked for Burial Grounds be put on the agenda for October.

The Chairman asked that relocating parish council meetings to the Community Centre, High Road Weston be put on October's agenda.

### **25.133 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025 7:00pm at Weston Hills Village Hall.

There being no other business the chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9:23pm.

Chairman .....



## WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at Weston Hills Village Hall

Commenced at 7.30pm

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 Parish Council held a meeting from 7pm to 7:30pm with a representative from Meridian. The representative was asked questions by councillors which he duly answered. Topics discussed were the route that pylons might take, the size of the pylons together with the location of proposed sub-stations.

**Present:** - Cllrs, Dicks, Bellamy, Brotherton, Casson, Halgarth, Mews, Pennington, Walker & the Clerk/RFO.

**In Attendance:** - Four members of the public & Dist. Cllr Woolf

**25.134 Apologies** Cllr Redman, Cllr Mather.

**Absent:** - None

### 25.135 Declaration of interest in accordance with Localism Act 2011

Cllr Casson on all planning matters due to him being on SHDC planning committee.

Cllr Casson on 25.146 Weston Community centre as he is on Weston Hills village hall committee.

### 25.136 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

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

### 25.137 Public Forum

A resident updated those present on matters concerning the proposed energy projects in the parish. Concerns were raised as to where lines of pylons might converge and the effect of construction traffic on the A151.

A representative of the care home on Austendyke Road attended the meeting with an update on what was happening at the home. Cllr Casson thanked the care home for attending the meeting. The representative said that the care home is looking to increase "off road parking" thus solving problems with parking on the roadside.

A resident voiced his concerns about speeding along Broadgate from its junction with Austendyke Road to the 30mph speed limit.



### **25.138 Matters Arising**

The PC received a quote of £625+vat to repair the seat at the junction of Broadgate and Austendyke Road. However Cllr Halgarth said that he would repair the seat as a gift to the parish. AC proposed that he should be allowed to do so, seconded by AB. Unanimous vote in favour.

The Clerk reported that following a meeting with the resident in Carisbrooke Way with regards the overhanging bushes in the Weston Hills playing field. The resident concerned accepted that the bushes were on his side of the boundary and has since had the bushes cut down.

Cllr Brotherton asked that as the "Love Weston" Facebook page had relaunched as "Whats on Weston" was there still a need for the PC to launch its own page. It was agreed that it should do so with Cllrs Brotherton and Bellamy as administrators.

### **25.139 Correspondence**

None

### **25.140 Highways/CSW/SID/Police.**

The Clerk informed the meeting that Fengate Drove will be closed from 20<sup>th</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November.


Dist Cllr Woolf asked if the SID unit was working on Austendyke Road. Cllr Bellamy replied that it was but that the volume of traffic on the road drained the batteries. The PC was looking at fitting solar panels and is awaiting a quote for these. Cllr Walker said she would ask at the next police briefing why there was no response to the data supplied by the SID from the police and LRSP. Speeding in the parish was discussed at length. Cllr Walker updated those present on her meetings with the relevant authorities. The chairman said he would ask if the PC might be consulted as to the siting of the survey unit if/when a new survey takes place and Cllr Bellamy said traffic lights at the Broadgate/Austendyke junction might be a way to control traffic speeds. The current settings for the SID to record vehicles are 50-80m incoming, 10-30m outgoing.

### **25.141 Weston Playing Field**

None

### **25.142 Weston Hills Playing Field**

Cllr Bellamy reported issues of anti-social behaviour at Weston Hills playing field which involved drug taking and needles being found and is in the process of reporting the matter to the relevant authorities as a private individual and asked if the PC might also consider contacting SHDC.





Cllr Casson raised the matter of the over-flowing bin at the playing field. As there is now a new bin in the playing field it was agreed that the bin at the entrance should be removed. Proposed JB, seconded AC, unanimous vote in favour. Cllr Bellamy to arrange its removal.

#### **25-143 Allotments**

At the request of the Clerk Cllr Casson approached Mrs K Pratt on the matter of the tenancy of land formerly leased to her deceased husband. Cllr Casson informed those present that Mrs Pratt would like to take over the tenancy. It was agreed that she should do so. Proposed AC, seconded BH, unanimous vote in favour. Clerk to action.

Following a report of dogs running loose and fouling on the allotments the matter was discussed. Cllr Walker said that she was spending considerable time at the allotments and had not seen any evidence of this. After discussing the matter it was agreed to take no further action other than to monitor the situation.

#### **25.144 Planning Matters**

Notification of application for consideration available via SHDC website:-

H22-0545-25, H22-0748-25, H22-0735-25. Approved by SHDC.

H22-0865-25 No Objections

#### **25.145 Finance Report**

The financial report to 30<sup>th</sup> September (Please see accompanying report) having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. Proposed AB, seconded PM, unanimous vote in favour.

The matter of the annual poppy wreath to mark remembrance Sunday was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk would order the wreath and that the chairman and Cllr Bellamy would lay the wreath at 11am on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **25.146 Weston Community Centre**

Those present discussed the proposal that the PC should try the Community Centre on the High Road in Weston for its Weston meetings. It was agreed that the Clerk should book the hall for the next meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Proposed JB, seconded PM, vote of six in favour.

#### **25.147 Weston St Mary Burial Ground**

The matter of the burial ground at Weston St Mary church was discussed as planning permission for the area of land gifted to the church needed to be renewed. It was agreed that the PC through Cllr Bellamy would look at the pros and cons of this and report back to the full council.



## **25.148 Energy Projects**

Cllr Bellamy commented that the proposed change of route for pylons will increase construction traffic flow and that she will adjust the Parish Councils response to take this into account.

## **25.149 Items for Discussions**

Cllr Halgarth asked if with a "Pop up Pub" coming to Weston Hills would the Parish Council consider running a pub in the parish under the Community Pub Scheme. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for November.

Cllr Brotherton asked if a "Pop up Doctors Surgery" might be possible in the parish. It was suggested this might be something for the village halls. Cllr Brotherton also commented on the subsidence on Austendyke Road and it was suggested that she might consider contacting Cty Cllr Sneath on the matter or add a comment on "Fix my street".

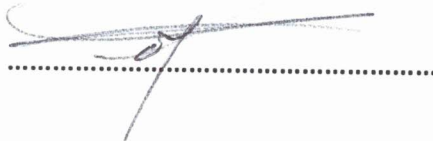
Cllr Pennington asked if there had been any progress on dispensations. The Clerk said that LALC have advised that while it is allowed for a PC to grant a whole council dispensation every individual councillor will need to complete the relevant form.

## **25.150 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 7:00pm at Weston Community Centre, High Road, Weston.

There being no other business the chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9:01pm.

Chairman .....



## **WESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 at the Community Centre  
Weston.**

**Commenced at 7.30pm**

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.

**Present:** - Cllrs, Dicks, Bellamy, Brotherton, Casson, Mather, Mews, Pennington, Redman, Walker & the Clerk/RFO.

**In Attendance:** - Two members of the public & Dist. Cllr Woolf

**25.151 Apologies** Cllr Halgarth.

**Absent:** - None

### **25.152 Declaration of interest in accordance with Localism Act 2011**

Cllr Casson on all planning matters due to him being on SHDC planning committee.

### **25.153 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

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

### **25.154 Public Forum**

A resident updated those present on matters concerning the proposed energy projects in the parish. Traffic monitoring was taking place on roads at various locations within the parish and the public footpath along the riverbank in Weston Marsh is also being monitored. Following a request by the resident Cllr Bellamy said she would make a provision for an article to be included in the next edition of the Oracle.

### **25.155 Matters Arising**

Cllr Brotherton reported she had made enquiries about a "Pop up" Doctors surgery in the parish but had been told that this was unlikely due to a shortage of resources in the NHS.

### **25.156 Correspondence**

email from the National Grid with regards to ecological & environmental surveys at Weston Marsh.

email from National Grid with an update on the Grimsby to Walpole energy project.





### **25.157 Highways/CSW/SID/Police.**

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had been in contact with Robin Hook from LRSP on "slippage" on the SID but had received a somewhat negative response. He had also asked for a site visit to discuss the correct locations on Austendyke Road for traffic surveys but had not received a reply to date. Cllr Casson reported that traffic surveys which are normally in place for a week were installed in three locations in Weston Hills. Cllr Brotherton reported that a further two had been put on the High Road. There have been accidents at the Beggars Bush roundabout with the High Road and also the Beggars Bush/Broadgate junction. Cllr Redman asked if any progress had been made in finding out who was responsible for the dyke to the west of Beggars Bush. It was believed that the land was being farmed by LFP and it was agreed that Cllr Redman would contact them to see if they would flail mow the dyke. Cllr Redman also voiced concerns that the stretch of Broadgate north from its junction with Austendyke Road though showing a 40mph speed limit was actually coming up on insurance company and GPS satellites as 30mph.

### **25.158 Weston Playing Field**

Cllr Bellamy informed those present that a site visit with Kompan for the zip wire installation was scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> November. The installation, weather permitting would start on 13<sup>th</sup> November with completion by 17<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr Brotherton asked if the PC should consider installing a height restriction barrier to prevent high sided vehicles entering the playing field. The Clerk to contact the PC's insurers to find out the PC's insurance cover should anyone illegally occupy the playing field.

### **25.159 Weston Hills Playing Field**

Cllr Bellamy confirmed that the old rubbish bin at the gate had been removed and that the new bin in the field was being emptied by volunteers. Cllr Casson reported that the car park was apparently being used by someone trading in the sale of cars. SHDC had attended the car park. Any cars parked there will be removed by SHDC by 12<sup>th</sup> November. The problems with anti-social behaviour in the area were discussed.

### **25.160 Planning Matters**


Notification of application for consideration available via SHDC website:-

H22-0777-25 Approved by SHDC.

### **25.161 Finance Report**

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

The matter of s137 grants together with the 2026/27 budget and precept discussed in closed session.





### **25.162 Community Public House**

As Cllr Halgarth was not in attendance it was agreed to defer the matter until the December meeting.

### **25.163 Dispensations for Energy Projects**

Having received advice from LALC that the PC could instigate a whole council dispensation for proposed energy projects those present discussed the matter. As not everyone wished to apply for a dispensation it was agreed that the following councillors should be granted dispensations to speak on energy project matters. Cllr Dicks, Bellamy, Brotherton, Casson, Mather, Pennington, Redman & Walker. Proposed AB seconded LW.

### **25.164 Dispensations for Cllr Pennington re. Weston Village Hall**

The chairman called a closed session to discuss Cllr Pennington's application for a dispensation for Weston Village Hall business. Cllr Pennington and the members of the public left the room and councillors discussed the matter.

Cllr Pennington and the members of the public came back into the room and the Chairman informed Cllr Pennington that the dispensation request had been declined on the grounds that he has a vested financial interest in Weston village hall and also to protect him from any accusation of him trying to influence the council to the benefit of an organisation he is involved with.

### **25.165 Weston St Mary Burial Ground**

The matter of Weston burial ground was discussed. Cllrs Bellamy and Casson had met with the Rural Dean but expressed their concerns that there seemed a lack of feedback from the church side to get the land consecrated. In particular the church could not provide details of what extra costs might be involved with regards faculty and licensing. Cllr Casson said he would be sending a strongly worded communication to the church over its lack of commitment to the process. The PC therefore awaits a response from the church.

### **25.166 Energy Projects**

None

### **25.167 Items for Discussions**

Cllr Brotherton asked if the PC should consider a Christmas lights completion for the parish. It was agreed that the PC would provide a prize of a £100 voucher. Cllrs Brotherton, Redman & Walker will organise and judge the event.

### **25.168 Re-location to Weston Community Centre**

The matter was moved in to closed session.

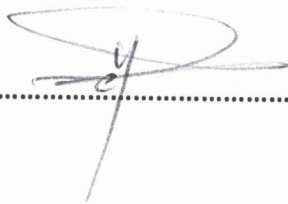


### 25.169 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025 7:30pm at Weston Hills Village Hall.

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

Chairman .....

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## **WESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025 at Weston Hills Village Hall.**

**Commenced at 7.30pm**

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.

**Present:** - Cllrs, Dicks, Brotherton, Casson, Halgarth, Mews, Pennington, & the Clerk/RFO.

**In Attendance:** - Two members of the public.

**25.170 Apologies** Cllrs Bellamy, Mather, Redman & Walker

**Absent:** - None

### **25.171 Declaration of interest in accordance with Localism Act 2011**

Cllr Casson on all planning matters due to him being on SHDC planning committee.

Cllrs Mews & Pennington on Renewable Energy Projects.

### **25.172 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**

Minutes of the meeting having been circulated were taken as read by the Chairman and signed as a true record. Proposed AB seconded PM, unanimous vote in favour by those who were present at that meeting. The minutes of closed session having been circulated were taken as read by the Chairman and signed as a true record. Proposed AC seconded AB, unanimous vote in favour by those who were present at that meeting.

### **25.173 Public Forum**


A resident updated those present on matters concerning the proposed energy projects in the parish. The location of the two sub-stations at Weston Marsh have been published and two consultations have taken place at two local village halls with over one-hundred people attending the consultations over the two day period. The resident was particularly concerned about the proposed access roads. Cllr Casson asked the resident if she was aware of Lincolnshire County Council's views and she replied she was not.

### **25.174 Matters Arising**

The Clerk informed those present that the PC had contacted LFP to request that the verge at the junction of the High Road and Beggars Bush be cut. The Clerk was pleased to report that following this request LFP had flail mowed the verge and dyke to a very high standard.

Cllr Brotherton reported to the meeting that the Parish Council's own facebook page was now "up and running" with some positive comments posted.

Cllr Brotherton also reported that there has been a positive response on the Christmas lights competition. Cllrs Brotherton and Bellamy will judge the competition together with either Cllr Casson or Cllr Mews depending on who is available.



Following on from last month's comments on a "Pop up doctor's surgery" Cllr Brotherton looked into how s106 grant funds had been allocated locally to local doctors surgeries. Cllr Brotherton wondered if community benefit grants for the parish might be available from National Grid.

#### **25.175 Correspondence**

email from the Planning Inspectorate re National Grids scoping consultation Leicester to Weston.

email from National Grid inviting councillors to a webinar on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

email from One Earth Solar farm regards an update on their development consent order ONER-SP015.

#### **25.176 Energy Projects**

Having discussed the energy projects in the public forum there was little more to discuss other than Cllr Brotherton and Cllr Pennington both felt that the webinar was poorly organised by National Grid.

#### **25.177 Planning Matters**

Notification of applications for consideration available via SHDC website:-

PE-00334-25 Grimsby to Walpole. The PC will submit its agreed standard response to the application.

#### **25.178 Highways/CSW/SID/Police.**

The PC has received data from LRSP on four surveys conducted in the parish. The general feeling from those present was that the surveys were conducted at the wrong locations. However now that contact has been made with the data collection analyst it is hoped that the chairman will be able to arrange an on-site meeting with him to look at more suitable locations for surveys.

#### **25.179 Weston Playing Field**

The Clerk reported that the new Zip wire is now in place. New signs requesting dogs be kept out of the play area and be kept on leads and signs requesting dog owners clear up after their dogs have been put in place. However posts on facebook suggest that in many instances these signs are being ignored. Both the chairman and Clerk thanked Cllr Halgarth for installing the signs.

#### **25.180 Weston Hills Playing Field**

The Clerk informed those present that a second seat has now been installed at the playing field.

#### **25.181 Finance Report**



The financial report to 30<sup>th</sup> November (Please see accompanying report) having been circulated was taken as read and its contents noted. Proposed IP, seconded AB, unanimous vote in favour.

The matter of s137 grants together with the 2026/27 budget and precept discussed in closed session.

#### **25.182 Voting Protocols**

As Cllr Walker was not in attendance it was agreed to carry this matter over to a later meeting.

#### **25.183 Standing Orders Review**

The Clerk informed the meeting that there are now new revised Standing Orders from NALC. The Clerk went through the document and explained the proposed changes and recommendations with a view to councillors considering the proposed changes ready for the January meeting.

#### **25.184 Community Public House**

Cllr Halgarth was invited to update the meeting on "Pop Up Pub" events at Weston Hills village Hall. The first event had been very well attended with more planned in the future but this project is in its infancy. The chairman asked Cllr Halgarth to keep the PC updated.

#### **25.185 Dispensations for Cllr Walker re. Allotments**

As Cllr Walker was not in attendance it was agreed to carry this matter over to a later meeting.

#### **25.186 Weston St Mary Burial Ground**

Cllr Casson updated the meeting but until there is a response from the Rural Dean nothing more can be done. Therefore as at the last meeting the PC waits on a response from the church.

#### **25.187 Items for Discussions**

Repairs to the seat at the Broadgate / Austendyke Road were discussed. Cllr Halgarth reported that he has it all in hand and hopes to start work on the seat soon.

#### **25.188 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 7:30pm at Weston Community Centre.

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

Chairman .....

