

Weston Under Wetherley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 6:30pm,
16th September 2024 Weston Under Wetherley Village Hall

Present:

Councillor Dr Tim Robbins (Chairman)
Councillor Rachel Tighe

Councillor Nick Wylie
Councillor Pippa Jamie

In Attendance:

Clerk & RFO Jane Chatterton

WCC Councillor Wallace Redford

WDC 0

Public: 0

429. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

430. Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

431. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 22nd July 2024 were received and discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2024 be approved.

432. Matters Arising not included on the agenda

There were no matters arising.

433. Public participation

There were no members of public present.

434. Councillors' reports and items for future Agenda

Councillor Redford – WCC Updates

Household Support Fund (HSF) - it was reported that the Household Support Fund (HSF) was available via WCC to support families with children and individuals most in need.

This fund can be used to help households towards the cost of:

- food
- energy / water needs
- essentials linked to energy and water
- wider essentials, where appropriate

WCC Community Grant – open again

Round 2 – significant dates

23 rd September	Applications open
3 rd November	Applications close
4 th November to 17 th November	Applications processed
4 th November to 24 th November	Applications scored
25 th November to 8 th December	Members approval
9 th to 22 nd December	Head of Service approval
6 th to 12 th January	Decision shared with applicants

Pothole Fixing Team – still happening, but not happening as quickly as first envisaged.

Councillor Rebecca Davidson – WDC Updates

It was reported that Rebecca was now “Davidson” and not Noonan. She had also changed parties to the Green Party.

Grass cutting – Councillor Tighe had contacted WDC requesting a date that Contractors would attend the Village and mow the grassed areas. It was noted that the Village hadn’t been cut in 7 weeks. Contractors were engaged by WDC to carry out 9 mows between April and October. So far only 4 had been carried out since April.

The Clerk had also received complaints from Villagers in relation to the “wildflower” areas in the park which were a mass of weeds and not wildflowers.

ACTION: Councillor Davidson was requested to speak to Contract Services.

435. CorrespondenceRugby Road Hedge –

ACTION: Clerk to write the landowner and say thank you for cutting the hedge.

436. Finance

436.1 to approve payments: -

2024-25

DATE	REF	PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
31.07.24	E32	J Chatterton	Zoom partial	£31.17
31.07.24	E33	HSBC	Bank Charges	£5.00
14.08.24	E34	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary August	DPA
14.08.24	E35	HMRC	Tax & NI August	DPA
14.08.24	E36	J Chatterton	Expenses August	£36.00
14.08.24	E37	Topsorce	Payroll inv 003115	£13.81*
31.08.24	E38	HSBC	Bank Charges	£5.00
08.09.24	E39	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary September	DPA
08.09.24	E40	HMRC	Tax & NI September	DPA
08.09.24	E41	J Chatterton	Expenses September	£72.00
08.09.24	E42	Topsorce	Payroll	£13.81*

inc VAT

RESOLVED THAT the payments be approved.

436.2 Budget and Precept 2025-26

The draft budget and Precept request for 2025-26 was discussed.

ACTION: Re-circulate the budget with the identified updates for discussion at November's meeting

436.3 WCC Road safety works

ACTION:

- (i) Review WCC minutes from June 2022 to note the amounts that neighbouring Villages (Hunningham, Offchurch and Cubbington) had received from the HS2 Road Safety fund.
- (ii) Request that the road safety work required in Weston under Wetherley be funded via the HS2 fund.

436.4 Bulbs

It was agreed to purchase more bulbs for the Village.

RESOLVED THAT:

- (i) Councillor Tighe to provide a list of bulbs.
- (ii) Clerk to purchase bulbs up to the value of £100.00.

437. North Leamington School

It was reported that Councillors had surveyed the Villager's views about the catchment area for North Leamington School and the current issue that Weston under Wetherley children were not being offered a place at North Leamington School.

ACTION:

- (i) Clerk to write to Eathorpe JPC and Bubbenhall and ask if their parishioners were also having issues.
- (ii) Request Councillor Wray to put an article in the magazine to gather evidence and views.
- (iii) Chairman to email the Review Panel.

438. St Michael's Close

- 1. Parking
- 2. Garages
- 3. Defibrillator
- 4. Noticeboard

ACTION:

- (i) Councillor Davidson to chase up the Parish Council's request for permission to site a defibrillator.
- (ii) Send the email that went to Contract Services to Councillor Davidson.

439. Christmas Lights

It was noted that a different supplier had not been identified. The cost for putting up the lights last year had been very high. It was agreed that parishioners would be consulted to gather their views as to whether to proceed this year or not.

ACTION:

- (i) Initial consultation to be gathered via the Facebook page.
- (ii) Councillor Wylie to obtain a quotation from a supplier he knew.
- (iii) Clerk to obtain a quotation from last year's supplier.

440. HS2 projects

The Chairman had emailed WDC about the installation of a MUGA on the playing field. WDC had indicated that they would give permission. It was noted that no match funding would be provided by the Parish Council. HS2 Grant applications of up to £75,000 did not require grant funding.

ACTION:

- (i) Written permission to be obtained from WDC that would satisfy the HS2 Grant Application process.
- (ii) Once written permission was received, 3 quotations to be obtained to install a MUGA.

441. Speeding and crime in the Village

The Chairman updated on the current base line proposals from WCC for road safety measures in the Village. This would include new white lines, replacement of current damaged signage and new additional signage. It was noted that some current signs were in the wrong colour so needed replacing.

Other options to be explored including chicanes.

442. Crime – CCTV

Sites for the CCTV equipment was discussed. It was agreed that sites to look at included:

- Outside the Church on the Rugby Road
- The Bus stop on the Rugby Road
- Sabin Drive pointing towards the Village Hall
- Plus a fourth to be decided.

ACTION:

- (i) Clerk to liaise with PSCO Ed King.
- (ii) Councillor to review and provide details of sites.

443. Rugby Road Hedge and pavement

ACTION: request the landowner carries out a bi-annual maintenance of the hedge.

444. Meeting dates 2025

The meeting dates for 2025 were discussed.

20th January 2025

17th March 2025

19th May 2025 (including Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting)

14th July 2025

15th September 2025

17th November 2025

ACTION:

- (i) Meeting dates to be added to the website and noticeboard.
- (ii) Clerk to book the Village Hall.

445. Councillor's reports and items for future agenda

- Budget and Precept 2025-26
- Road safety updates
- Defibrillator
- Noticeboard
- St Michael's Close issues
- Christmas lights

446. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 11th November 2024 at the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 20:30pm