

Weston Under Wetherley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 6:30pm,
20th January 2025 Weston Under Wetherley Village Hall

Present:

Councillor Dr Tim Robbins (Chairman)
Councillor Rachel Tighe
Councillor Helen Roberts

Councillor Nick Wylie (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Pippa Jamie

In Attendance:

Proper Officer Clerk & RFO Jane Chatterton

WCC Councillor Wallace Redford

WDC Councillor Rebecca Davidson

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464. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

The Chairman suspended the Standing Orders.

465. Public Participation

Drains on the Rugby Road - these are full of water and weeds.

Green space Alderman Way – green land in front of Hancox Close. Always picking up twigs. Can't put these in the Green Waste bin because they are too big.

Communal green areas are not well looked after. Trees need attention.

Streetlights – light on through road to Hunningham on the give way is intermittent.

Mowing contract – the village isn't receiving the designated number of cuts. The Parish Council does chase this up on a regular basis. Will need to speak to the Portfolio Holder during this year's cutting season if there is no improvement.

ACTION: Councillor Davidson to request a meeting with the Portfolio Holder via Teams.

The Chairman reinstated the Standing Orders

466. Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

467. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 11th November 2024 were received and discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2024 be approved.

468. Matters Arising not included on the agenda

North Leamington School catchment – Councillor Wylie updated that he had written to the School asking why Weston had been removed from the catchment area. A response was awaited.

469. Councillors' reports and items for future Agenda**Councillor Redford – WCC update**

Drains – blocked.

ACTION: Councillor Redford will raise the request tomorrow.

Devolution – it was noted that this was a matter for Government. The Labour Government have decided they wish to do away with two tier authorities.

Undecided whether the County Council elections will go ahead in May 2025. These need to be decided by the Minister.

Rugby Road (just outside the boundary) – flooding off the fields. The property owner has asked if something can be done about it. Highways Team will survey. Potentially a landowner's responsibility. Could potentially be a blocked culvert. Being investigated.

Weston Lane – damage to the grass verges mainly by agricultural traffic. The definition of the edges/verges has disappeared. Request has been submitted for a white line to be installed to define the road edge.

Footbridge over the River Leam – bridge has been closed off for a year. Update on progress was requested.

It was confirmed that the delay was down to funding. The sign says closed until November 2025.

Councillor Davidson - WDC update

Devolution –

ACTION: Will ask how this could affect parish councils.

Grassed areas - Buildings and Estates Manager had visited and made some recommendations. Grass verges could be converted to parking spaces. WDC are looking at the costings.

ACTION:

- (i) Councillor Davidson to forward the email the PC.
- (ii) Clerk to chase.

Garages – WDC were looking at a project for all garages in the District.

ACTION: Councillor Davidson to request an update for Weston's garages.

470. Correspondence**Devolution**

A letter had been received from Warwick District Council informing of a meeting on 30th January 2025 in the Council Chamber at Shire Hall, Warwick.

WDC wishes to receive representations on the impact on Warwick District of the English Devolution White Paper and to aid this Council in forming its views on the proposals.

The Minister for Local Government and English Devolution, the Leader of Warwickshire County Council, the Leaders of the other District and Borough Councils in Warwickshire, the MPs for Warwick District and members of the public. All of whom have been offered the opportunity to address the meeting as well.

Warwick District Council believes that Parish & Town Council's play a vital role in the local community, and they want to ensure that they have the opportunity to make their views known to the District Council on this matter. Therefore, a representative of the Council was invited to attend the meeting.

ACTION: A representative from the Parish Council would attend the meeting.

471. Finance

471.1 to approve payments: -
 2024-25

Date	Ref	Payee	Details	Amount
30.10.24	E52	HSBC	Bank Charges	£5.00
13.11.24	E53	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary November	DPA
13.11.24	E54	HMRC	Tax & NI November	DPA
13.11.24	E55	J Chatterton	Clerk Expenses November	£90.00*
13.11.24	E56	Topsource	Payroll	£13.81*
28.11.24	E57	Coventry Gardening Services	Installation of Christmas lights	£300.00
28.11.24	E58	Village Hall	Grant s137	£42.95
28.11.24	E59	HSBC	Bank Charges	£5.00
12.12.24	E60	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary December	DPA
12.12.24	E61	HMRC	Tax & NI December	DPA
12.12.24	E62	J Chatterton	St Michaels Close lights	£63.96*
12.12.24	E63	J Chatterton	Clerk Expenses December	£36.00
12.12.24	E64	Topsource	Payroll 006213	£13.81*
21.12.24	E65	N Wylie	Supplies for Light switch on	£19.98
28.12.24	E66	HSBC	Bank Charges	£5.00
23.12.24	E67	R Tighe	Christmas Lights expenditure	£50.00
03.01.25	E68	J Chatterton	NALC training reimbursement	£39.22*
03.01.25	E69	J Chatterton	Go Daddy Domain renewal 2 yrs	£47.93*
03.01.25	E70	Topsource	Payroll inv 006957	£13.81*
03.01.25	E71	J Chatterton	Clerk Expenses January	£84.99
03.01.25	E72	ICO	Membership	£35.00

*inc VAT

471.2 Bank Reconciliation 31st December 2024

The Bank Reconciliation 31st December 2024 was received and discussed.

Account 1	£12,446.12	
Account 2	£16,495.90	
		£28,942.02
Petty cash float (if applicable)	£0.00	£0.00
Less: late payments 31st December 024	£0.00	£0.00
Add: any un-banked as at 31st December 2024	£0.00	
Net balances as at 31st December 2024		£28,942.02

The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book as follows:

CASH BOOK

Opening Balance 1st April 2024

Account 1	£6,212.70	
Account 2	£16,258.96	
		£22,471.66
Add Receipts up to 31st December 2024	£14,309.94	
Less: Payments up to 31st December 2024	£7,839.58	
Closing balance per cash book as at 31st December 2024		£28,942.02

RESOLVED THAT that the Bank Reconciliation 31st December 2024 be approved.

471.3 Quarterly Report 31st December 2024

The Quarterly Report 31st December 2024 was received and discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the Quarterly Report 31st December 2024 be approved.

471.4 Budget and Precept 2025-26

The Clerk updated that the Tax Base Figures had been received from WDC.

2024/25 Budget	190.93
2024/25 Precept	£14,073.00
2024/25 Band D	£73.71

2025/26 Budget	192.31
2025/26 Precept	£14,050.64
2025/26 Band D	£73.06

The Clerk confirmed that the Precept request had been submitted to WDC.

RESOLVED THAT the update be noted.

472. Planning

Nothing to discuss.

473. SWLP

It was noted that the consultation period has started.

ACTION: write to WCC as they own the land between Hunningham and Weston. Ask if there is any consultation with residents.

ACTION: Leaflet drop to residents.

474. Seasonal decorations

It was agreed to look for another contractor for Christmas 2025. It was noted that a number of lights were broken and needed looking at. Decision would need to be made as to whether to replace the broken bulbs or buy a new set.

ACTION: agenda item for September's meeting.

475. Neighbourhood Watch

Councillor Wylie updated that we were now registered with the Neighbourhood Watch scheme as there wasn't a current group in the village. Awareness would need to be raised with villagers and could potentially purchase new signage.

ACTION: Councillor Wylie to obtain signs for the entrances to the village.

476. St Michael's Close

476.1 Parking

Tentative progress – ongoing.

476.2 Garages

RESOLVED THAT: A letter be sent to Chris Elliott, Chief Executive, WDC expressing a Vote of No Confidence in Officers at WDC due to their lack of complete failure to engage and provide the requested information.

476.3 Defibrillator and noticeboard

It was confirmed that the new Noticeboard had been ordered and would be installed once delivered.

RESOLVED THAT:

- (i) It was agreed for purchase the solar powered defibrillator which would be installed on land at the entrance to St Michael's Close.
- (ii) Clerk to speak to the Maintenance Office to arrange for a quotation for installation.
- (iii) Chairman to liaise with the Charity for advice.
- (iv) Bleed kit to be purchased and installed.

477. MUGA

Ongoing due to funding.

478. Speeding and crime in the Village

The Chairman updated that sadly there was no progress on this. Concerns with speeding vehicles had been raised for years. WCC had been tasked with putting together a proposal including speed monitoring equipment.

Councillor Redford had contacted the Safety Partnership and asked for recommendations and the Officer had made a commitment that there would be some investment in road signage.

ACTION:

- (i) Chairman to raise a formal complaint, copy to be sent to the MP.
- (ii) Councillor Redford to ask the Road Safety Department what has happened with the data and the information.

479. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

Welcome gates -

ACTION: need a drawing, and detail of what is required.

480. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 17th March 2025 at the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 20:30pm

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