

WESTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Westleton Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 24 October 2022 in Westleton Village Hall.

Ian Johnson
Standing in for Clerk

There were Present

Cllr Paul Holmes (Chairman), Cllr Ian Johnson (Vice Chairman), Cllr Julian Alexander, Cllr Antony Clough, Cllr Colin Fisher, Cllr Amanda Freeman, Cllr Chris Freeman, Cllr Andrew Paige, Cllr Nick Shearme, Cllr Andrew Turner

In Attendance

Cllr Richard Smith (SCC for minutes 22/170 – 22/172 only)
Cllr Norman Brooks (ESC for minutes 22/170 – 22/173 only)

PRE AGENDA MATTERS

Contributions from members of the public.

There were no members of the public present.

AGENDA

22/170 Introductory remarks and apologies for absence:

Apologies: Ian Haines (Clerk), Cllr Barry Banks.

22/171 Declaration of interests

Council members to declare possible interests they may have in any items on the agenda, either pecuniary or non-pecuniary and to consider requests of dispensation.

Cllr J Alexander to receive a cheque reimbursement from the Parish Council - see minute 22/176 below.

Cllr C Freeman to receive a cheque reimbursement from the Parish Council - see minute 22/176 below.

22/172 Pre Agenda Report from SCC Councillor

Update given on 3rd crossing in Lowestoft, new PM, zone proposals and social care inflation. 2023 budget going to be very pressured. Question asked regarding localised flooding issues, would take up with Wayne Saunders the new community liaison engineer.

22/173 Pre Meeting Report from ESC Councillor

New ESC CEO recruited from SCC, ESC budget in good shape following 11 years of building reserves, full fibre rolling out in Lowestoft and then across region.

22/174 Minutes of Previous Meeting – 26 September 2022

It was **agreed** that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2022 be accepted as a true record.

22/175 Matters Arising from the Minutes 26 September 2022

No matters arising.

22/176 Council Finances and Accounts

(a) **Income** – No report this time.

(b) **Expenditure** – No report this time.

(c) **Invoices and Payments** – The following invoices were **agreed** for payment:-

From	Item	Amount
Julian Alexander	Purchase of specialist paint for village pumps	£17.25
Chris Freeman	Key Cutting for Community Field gate	£35.00
Picnic Table UK	Octagonal 8 person table for Community Field	£1014.00*

*paid by direct debit

22/177 Community Field

Safety report now received, several areas highlighted that will require maintenance in short and medium term. Some large items will need maintenance (principally climbing frame and associated area) before next summer. New picnic bench received, will be placed by Boules pitch in due course. New weekly Rota for the Gate opening/closing discussed and individual weeks issued to councillors along with remaining keys.

22/178 Common

Contractor contacted to complete annual trim of areas, will be asked to complete playing field hedges as well. Meeting with Emma from Natural England scheduled for Weds 26 October on Common. Collins to be contacted regarding Firebreaks discussed at last PC meeting. Suffolk Heaths will be on Common at end of November, Portaloo required (Action Nick Shearme/Clerk). Tidying up of area around bottle banks discussed.

22/179 Planning applications

From	Item	Details
Misner, Old Hall Lane, Westleton	DC/22/3776/FUL	Revised design & positioning of cartlodge/garage as previously approved under DC/21/1805/FUL
	Status:	Response: No objections - noting design is smaller.

22/180 Other Planning Related Matters

Nil.

EDF Traffic Mitigation Plans for Westleton

Upcoming B1125 meeting on 1 November via Teams.

22/181 Tree Warden Report

ESC will replace free of charge the Platinum Jubilee Oak Tree.

Application received by Merrydown House for removal of Pine Tree with split in trunk, any

objections from public must be made within 28 days. No objections from PC due to split making tree potentially unsafe.

22/182 Parish Council Meeting Dates 2023

The following timetable of meetings were **agreed**:-

30 January 2023
27 February 2023
20 March 2023
24 April 2023 (Annual Parish Residents Meeting)
22 May 2023 (Annual Meeting Elections)
26 June 2023
31 July 2023
25 September 2023
30 October 2023
27 November 2023

22/183 Correspondence to the Council

E-mail received from David Searle regarding playing field gates not being regularly open, see resolution at 22/177 above.

22/184 Any Other Business

The Chair asked if the PC would be willing to fund the purchase of the Village Christmas tree given that the Barrel Fair no longer running. Unanimous Yes.
Remembrance Sunday is on 13 November this year with the actual Church Service in Westleton, the annual churchyard clearance would occur at 0930 on Saturday 5 November in preparation – all welcome.

22/185 Date of Next Meeting

To note that the Council next meets at 7.30pm on Monday 28 November 2022.