

WESTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Westleton Parish Council meeting held at 8.40pm on Monday 25 April 2022 in Westleton Village Hall.

Ian Haines
Clerk of the Council

There were Present

Cllr Paul Holmes (Chairman), Cllr Julian Alexander, Cllr Barry Banks, Cllr Antony Clough, Cllr Amanda Freeman, Cllr Chris Freeman, Cllr Nick Shearme, Cllr Andrew Turner

In Attendance

Ian Haines (Clerk)

PRE AGENDA MATTERS

Contributions from members of the public.

There were 3 members of the public present.

AGENDA

22/66 Introductory remarks and apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Cllr Ian Johnson (Vice Chairman), Cllr Colin Fisher & Cllr Richard Smith (SCC)

22/67 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.

No interests declared.

22/68 Pre Agenda Report from SCC Councillor

Cllr Smith had made a statement to the Annual Residents Meeting which had preceded.

22/69 Pre Meeting Report from ESC Councillor

No report this time

22/70 Minutes of Previous Meeting – 4th April 2022

It was **agreed** that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2022 be accepted as a true record.

22/71 Matters Arising from the Minutes 4th April 2022

Village Archive Map to be Re-hung in Village Hall - further to minute 22/60, it was noted that a response had been received from the Village Hall Trustees. Members favoured the option (7 voting For; 1 Against) which had been given of re-hanging the map for display in the main hall between the east end windows.

Dog Fouling (minute 22/61) – the Manager at the Crown had replied that they would be taking steps to remind dog owners of their responsibilities.

Cllr B Banks confirmed that he would now go ahead and place an order for new signs (including replacement notices for the Community Field).

Affordable Housing Project (minute 22/62) - it was noted that a meeting of the Housing Needs Group is due to take place on 10/5/22 to consider the draft plan.

22/72 Council Finances and Accounts

(a) **Income** - No report this time round.

(b) **Expenditure** - No report this time round.

(c) **Invoices and Payments**

The following invoices and donations were **agreed** for payment:-

From	Item	Amount
Ian Haines	Clerk expenses (£48.55) & salary (£414.00) – April	£462.55
Playdale Playgrounds	Replacement equipment for Com Field	£361.25*
McGregor Associates	Payroll services (payslips period 10-12)	£16.20
Westleton Garage	Goods & Services	£30.96
Westleton Village Hall	Room Hire for Meetings (Jan – April)	£84.00

* **Payment made via direct debit**

22/73 Community Field

Cllr A Freeman updated on some of the recent repair and maintenance work which had been carried out – this included some grass cutting and a tidy up of the boules court.

22/74 Common

Cllr N Shearme gave feedback following a meeting of the Common Advisory Group held on 11/4/22. Noted that the draft Management Plan had now been submitted to the Suffolk Wildlife Trust and comments were awaited.

An inspection will be undertaken to look at a fallen tree which had recently come down – action Cllr N Shearme & Cllr A Clough.

22/75 Planning Applications

No new applications this time.

22/76 Other Planning Related Matters

Sizewell C Update

Cllr A Turner reported that an online meeting of the B1125 Joint Parishes Working Group had taken place on 6/4/22. From this the Parish Council have formulated a first formal response on the proposals and this has been sent back to EDF. It was emphasized that the traffic mitigation measures for Westleton are still under ongoing discussions and that eventually EDF plan to hold a full consultation event with residents in the village once details have been formulated.

Neighbourhood Plan

Further to previous discussion on this subject, Cllr A Turner gave notice that he is intending to approach a number of other Council's in the area who have gone through the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan to establish the worth. Details to be reported back.

22/77 Tree Warden Report

Cllr A Clough put forward a suggestion to install a cast iron seat around the Platinum Jubilee tree which had been planted on the Village Green. A preliminary quote had been obtained of £501.90. Cllr P Holmes stated that he would pass details to the Jubilee Organising Committee so that they could consider this at their next meeting.

Concern also registered that the Street Sweeper on the last visit to Westleton on Easter Monday had apparently only covered one side of the road and that this had resulted in key blockage points being missed. Clerk to raise/take up with SCC Highways.

22/78 Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

In the absence of Cllr I Johnson, Cllr P Holmes provided a brief summary from the planning meeting held on 12/4/22. Flyers had now gone out about the community picnic taking place on Sunday 5th June and the event was also being advertised/promoted on the Post Office noticeboard.

The range of other activities taking place in the village over the period was also outlined.

22/79 Correspondence

No details this time.

22/80 Repairs to Style

Cllr A Freeman identified repairs which were required to a style in the vicinity of Wash Lane/Yoxford Road. **Agreed** that a site meeting to be held and if possible low cost works undertaken in order to make safe.

22/81 Reckford Road Layby & Bottle Bank Site

The area around where the new base has been installed needs to be tidied up and reinstated. Action Cllr P Holmes to give feedback.

22/82 War Memorial Garden

Confirmed that Cllr I Johnson is voluntarily undertaking grass cutting of the area.

22/83 Love Lane

Cllr B Banks raised issues which had recently come to light with more vehicles using this private road and the resultant wear and tear. The Chair suggested that a site visit be arranged to further assess the situation.

22/84 – Date of Next Meeting

To note that the Council next meets at 7.30pm on Monday 30 May 2022.