Minutes of the meeting of Weston Longville Parish Council
Held at 7.30 pm on Monday 5 January 2015 in the Hall for All, Weston Longville

PRESENT:
Peter Ross (PR) (Chairman), Clare Morton (CM), Ruth Goodall (RG), Justin Cohu (JC) and John Staveley (JS).

Other attendance: Sonya Blythe (Clerk)

1	**To receive and accept apologies for absence**
	Apologies were received from Anthony Thomas and Leah Woodhouse.
2	**To receive Members' Declarations of interests for meeting tonight**
	No declarations were made.
3	**To approve and sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 September 2014**
	The minutes were agreed as factually correct and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendment;- 2 – AT should be listed as landlord, not employee.
4	**To receive information on matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda**
4.1 4.2 4.3	4.2 NNDR scoping. This would not commence until the outcome of the planning enquiry was known. A work group had been set up in preparation. 4.4 This had not been taken forward as the decision of the O and S committee was final and had been made and published in "Parish Matters. 10.4 – Traveller site application. Broadland had been chased, as the noise readings which had been promised in November 2014 had not yet been undertaken. An answer had not been received regarding what would happen if the actual noise levels were less than the theoretical ones on which the applications had been turned down on.
5	**To receive a report from the Police Community Support Officer**
5.1 5.2	Police statistics had been emailed to councilors on a monthly basis. It was AGREED to monitor the statistics for trends and invite a PCSO to attend the meeting if concerning issues emerged. Correspondence regarding match-funding a PCSO with Norfolk Constabulary had been received. This would be circulated by email for further discussion.

6	**To consider the quorum of the Parish Council** Further to a recent meeting being cancelled due to not being quorate, the council quorum was discussed. It was AGREED that it should remain four members.
7	**Internet reception in the local area** It was noted that in some areas of the parish residents received an intermittent and weak internet signal. Residents were advised to speak with their provider if they had an issue. It was AGREED that JC would take on the telecoms / internet portfolio. He would bring an update on options to the next meeting.
8	**Weston Solar Farm Community Benefit Monies - decide payments and uses** The Chairman reported that Lumicity would prefer to pay the community benefit monies in the form of £30k spread over the next 25 years as opposed to the previously discussed £25k lump sum. Councillors AGREED the lump sum would bring more benefit to the community. The Chairman would respond to Lumicity with this and would ask for reassurance regarding what would happen in case of bankruptcy if the long-term payments option was taken forward. The clerk would ascertain whether a separate bank account would be required, or whether the funds would just need to be ring-fenced.
9	**Temporis Weston Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund - decide panel composition, dates and procedures** The following were AGREED in relation to the fund:- • The Weston Longville representatives would comprise of RG, PR, LW and JS. The representatives would be reviewed annually. • The Chair of the panel would be appointed by Weston Longville PC annually. • Decisions on applications would be made in the meeting by individual councilors, not beforehand at PC meetings. • The other parish councils on the panel would appoint their own representatives. • Meetings would be held in January and July, though the first meeting in 2015 would be held in February to give parishioners the opportunity to apply. • CM would take the lead on publicising the fund. • meeting to be held in private but by invitation to bid proposers if considered necessary by the chair. PR would inform Temporis of the decisions.
10	**Highways issues** a) To receive an update b)To consider tasks for the next Highway Rangers visit (Clerk) c) Update on NNDR (John Staveley)

a)	JS reported that speed sign had been in place for a month to slow traffic. He had recorded the following average vehicle movements - weekdays 1350 – 1470 vehicles (in one direction) per day. Saturday 1080, Sunday 880. The highest recorded speed was 44.3mph. It was noted that disappointingly Hockering had not paid for their share of the speed sign; the other parish councils in the six-parishes had offered to share the remaining cost between them and allocate the camera between the remaining parishes. It was AGREED that Weston Longville would contribute an additional £60 if required.
b)	The following tasks were agreed;- • Carry out trimming at Woodyard corner (junction of Honingham Road / Ringland Lane) as it was over grown with nettles; • Carry out tidying at the triangle of the junction on the Lyng Easthaugh road / Weston Hall road junction; • Make repairs to verges and tidy grass through the centre of the village. • Carry out trimming from the grass bank outside the Parson Woodforde and Hall for All, right down to visibility sign. • The speed sign entering the village on Honingham Road was overgrown and could not be seen. • The hedging on the Wood Lane bank, turning into the village, needed trimming to aid visibility for drivers. In addition JS would report the following to Highways: • Flooding from waterlogged drainage on Breck Road • Bollard in need of replacing on Church Street.
c)	JS reported that he had been advised that opposition could not be made to just one aspect of the NNDR as the planning enquiry had decided to treat the whole scheme as one entity. RG had attended the planning enquiry meeting with NCC. NCC had agreed to monitor traffic and introduce traffic calming measures within the parish if the NNDR went ahead. This would happen within six months of it opening. They had also committed to consulting with the local community on their proposals and collecting evidence. This was a positive result for the parish.
11	**Village Hall and Play area**
11.1	RG reported that heating within the hall was broken; engineers had been called. Otherwise bookings were high and the dog mess situation had improved. The tour de broads would not be held in the parish in 2015 due to the growth of participants. Interest was being collated around starting an alternative cycling event from the parish. JC would consult with his friend who was a keen cyclist in regards to promoting the event.
12	**Greener Weston**

12.1	a) Update (Anthony Thomas) AT had sent an update via email confirming that bulb plating was underway. Around 90% of roses has established the previous season. A litter pick had been held. It was noted that there was a beer-can litter problem within the centre of the village currently. It was AGREED that the PC would write to a local resident regarding this.
13	**To consider Planning issues:** **a) Planning Applications/Enforcement (Clerk)** None outstanding
13.1	**Impact of developments in Morton Lane on road safety (Justin Cohu)** JC reported increased traffic on Morton Lane due to new housing in the vicinity. This could further increase in the future as planning consent had been granted to widen the lane. There was a possibility of the golf club placing an entrance on the road also. JC would keep a watching brief with reference to highways for their opinion of the impact of future developments.
13.2	It was AGREED to add the discussion of planning applications to the next agenda to try and establish a satisfactory process.
13.3	The chairman would attend a Neighborhood planning workshop on 7 January. He would use the opportunity to ascertain what a neighborhood plan could influence, such as maintaining rural character and managing planning issues.
13.4	A Norfolk food and agricultural hub planning app at Easton College had been made (20141431). It was AGREED to support Honningham PC however they reuired as they would be the parish most affected.
14	**To receive correspondence and agree action/response (Clerk)** The Norse grounds maintenance contract had been received – it was AGREED to accept the contract for the next five years to give best value for money.
15	**Financial matters**
	Financial matters a) The revised accounts for 2014/15 were received and noted. 2014/2015. b) Following discussion it was AGREED to keep the annual precept for 2015-16 at the same level - £4463 c) The following payments were AGREED: i) £800 to Tim Churcher for expenses incurred in the restoration of the village war memorial ii) £500 for the churchyard grounds maintenance iii) Peter Ross - £25 for Remembrance Sunday wreath

	iv) Norse grounds maintenance £478.86 v) Ladywell Accountancy (payroll) £35.00 vi) Gary Cannell – pest control £100 vii) Clerk salary and expenses Clerk salary and expenses Jan – Mar salary £435.58, expenses £9.00, tax £108.80) The clerk would look into being paid by standing order in future. d) Receipt of recycling credits of £122.39 was noted.
16	Any Other Business
14.1	PR AGREED to complete the CPRE light pollution survey for the parish.
14.2	Member portfolios were confirmed as follows:-– RG - Village hall AT - Greener Weston JS - Traffic PR – Planning and business and parish liaison LW – Planning JC – Telecoms CM – Seniors and finance.
14.3	CM agreed to draft a note for the Wensum Diary explaining what the parish precept was used for.
	Date of Next Meeting – 11 May 2015

Meeting closed at 22.00