

Minutes of the meeting of Weston Longville Parish Council
Held at 7.30 pm on Monday 18 May 2015 in the Hall for All, Weston Longville

PRESENT:

Clare Morton (CM), (Chair), Peter Ross (PR) , Ruth Goodall (RG), Craig O'Brian (CO) and John Staveley (JS).

Other attendance: Sonya Blythe (Clerk)

1	To Elect a Chairman
	CM was nominated, seconded and duly elected as Chair.
2	To receive and accept apologies for absence
	Apologies were received from AT and JC.
3	To Elect a Vice-Chairman
	PR was nominated, seconded and duly elected as vice-chair.
4	To receive Members' Declarations of interests for meeting tonight
	No declarations were made.
5	To approve and sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 January 2015
	The minutes were agreed as factually correct and signed by the Chairman.
6	To receive information on matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda
	PR gave an update on the traveller site application, which had been turned down on grounds of noise. BDC had advised that on first reading the noise limit from the turbines would not be exceeded in any dwelling on the traveller site. Clarification had been sought around what would happen if the traveller site is within noise limits.
7	To confirm the standing orders, code of conduct and financial regulations of the Parish Council.
	Updated standing orders, code of conduct and financial regulations were considered and agreed. Final copies are attached to these minutes at appendix A and to be added to the council website.

8	To Discuss Fly Tipping in the Parish An email had been received from a parishioner regarding the level of fly tipping occurring within the parish. The Chair confirmed that an article had been placed in the Wensum Diary regarding this, which had included the Broadland Council number to report incidents to. RG AGREED to speak to BDC to ascertain the best course of action regarding the possibility of purchasing “no fly tipping” signs or a fly-tipping camera.
9	To discuss the Temporis Wind Farm Community Benefits Scheme (and the restricted qualifying criteria for bidding bodies) PR clarified that Weston Longville, Hockering, Morton on the Hill and Attlebridge are able to apply for bids from the fund. This can be used for donations and grants and does not need to be formally constituted, unless made to a formal organisation. It was AGREED that CM would replace former councilor LW on the panel and would chair the meetings. A meeting would be convened by CM before the next parish council meeting to discuss the bid process.
10	To Update on the Airfield Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund PR reported that the initial £15000 had been received. Following negotiation an additional £8000 would shortly be received. The £8000 was subject to more terms than the original £15000 in line with anti-corruption laws in the USA. It must be spent within 24 months (a one year extension could be applied for) and a record must be kept documenting how it had been spent. A new bank account was in the process of being opened to manage the fund separately.
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)	It was noted that the planning inspectorate was due to publish the results of its enquiry into the NNDR shortly. Regarding the development of a food hub at Easton, concern was raised that this would impact on local areas such as Weston Longville. It was AGREED to keep up pressure regarding this on the County Council and South Norfolk Council whenever possible to protect the local area. It was noted that Marl Hill would be closed in June for pothole filling and structure checks. The six-parishes speed camera had recently been located within the parish; the data

	would shortly be received and considered.
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. • Corner where post box is into Weston Green Road / Paddys Lane — pot holes. • Foliage around road signs throughout village is overgrown. • Woodyard Corner grows very quickly - needs trimming back more regularly.
c)	RG reported that she would attend a meeting with Norfolk County Council on June 2nd regarding traffic data and to begin to consider options regarding traffic management—NCC should be sending traffic data measurements in advance of the meeting. It was noted that LW had agreed to order “we will report you” signs for HGVs cutting through the village. CM to ascertain whether these had been ordered; if not it was AGREED to order them.
11	Village Hall and Play area
11.1	RG reported that bookings remained high. A permanent caretaker / cleaner had been hired.
12	Greener Weston
12.1	a) Update (Anthony Thomas) AT was not present to give an update. Consideration would be given to CO assisting with the greener Weston / tree warden portfolio.
13	To consider Planning issues: a) Planning Applications/Enforcement (Clerk) Weston Longville: Change of Use of Agricultural Building to Dwelling House (Prior Approval), Meadow View, Morton Lane - Planning Appeal APP/K2610/W/15/3004985. It was AGREED to send the following response to the Planning Inspectorate:- “Weston Longville Parish Council presents this written representation regarding concerns about the proposed development of what is a dilapidated roof on stilts at Meadow View. The frame is not a building of any description. It was clearly simply used

	many years ago as a hay shelter, with the asbestos roof on the flimsy stilts now collapsing. Broadland District Council's refusal of planning permission for conversion to a dwelling is fully supported . Morton Lane is classified as an adopted highway with no pedestrian access. Any further development along this road is unsustainable and unsafe. In recent years there has been substantial development along this single-track country lane, including the conversion of Top Farm Barns into five residential properties, historic planning for the development of Dairy Farm Cottages and stables, and now a commercial Yurt campsite currently being developed at Fairfield House. With the nearest community amenities and services over a mile away in any direction, the use vehicles for access is inevitable and will increase pressure on what is an already an overly used lane We therefore fully support the objections of both Broadland District Council and Norfolk County Council's Highways and Transport Development Department to this development. WLPC was not formally notified of this appeal, which has an impact on nearby residents and the parish. It is respectfully requested that in future such appeals be notified to the Parish Council" It was AGREED to add a discussion on planning applications to the July agenda, to agree how to consider them and how to change the age profile of the village without changing the village as a whole.
13.1	Impact of developments in Morton Lane on road safety (Justin Cohu) JC not present.
14	To receive correspondence and agree action/response (Clerk) All correspondence had been dealt with via email.
15	Financial matters a) The final revised accounts for 2014/2015 were received. b) The accounts for 2015/16 were noted. c) The annual audit 14-15 had been agreed by the internal auditor and so was signed by the Chair. d) The standing order form for the clerks quarterly salary (commencing 1 July 2015) was signed. e) It was noted that the clerk was in the process of arranging a new Treasurer Bank

	account to house the Weston Longville Solar Farm Community Benefit funds. f) It was confirmed that internet banking arrangements were now in place. g) The following payments were AGREED: i) CPRE Annual Fees £36.00 ii) Hall for All room hire for PC meetings and litter picks £112.00 iii) NALC Annual Fees £95.35 iv) Hedge Trimming 2014-15 (Hurst-Van Beunningen Farms) £30.00 v) Auditor fee (Emma Stone) £40 vi) NORSE Grounds Maintenance £500.68 vii) Clerk salary and expenses April – June - Sonya Blythe -(salary £434.40, expenses £28.96, tax £108.40) h) Receipt of precept was noted - £4463.00
16	Any Other Business
16.1	A query had been received regarding the removal of the parish recycling banks. These had been removed as Broadland Council had stopped having responsibility for them and the administration costs would have been too high for the PC. CM would add an article to the Wensum Diary regarding this.
16.2	It was confirmed that the following would be added to the July agenda; a workshop would be organised beforehand to discuss: • Councillor Portfolios; • Development and growth of parish
	Date of Next Meeting – 13 July 2015

Meeting closed at 21:20