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Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 11 July 2016, 7.45pm in the Hall for All, Weston Longville

PRESENT:

Clare Morton (CM), (Chair), Ruth Goodall (RG), Peter Ross (PR), John Staveley (JS) (in part), Anthony Thomas (AT)

Other attendance: Sonya Blythe (clerk), James Joyce (County Councillor)

1	Apologies for Absence
	Apologies were received and accepted from Justin Cohu.
2	Members' Declarations of Interests
	None declared.
3	To approve and sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 May 2016
	The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed.
4	To receive information on matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda CM advised that the three parishes party had been held and £838 had been returned to the bank account. RG and CM were congratulated on organizing an excellent event.
5	To co-opt a new councilor Gary Cannell was nominated, seconded and agreed as the new councilor. Declaration of absence and register of interest forms to be completed.
6	To discuss the parish development strategy Following a review of the parish plan in February CM introduced an item on whether the parish council should have a set policy on development within the parish or continue to decide on applications on a case-by-case basis. A policy would have no legal standing but would be useful to use as criteria. Several areas of possible development within the parish were considered such as industrial, large-scale housing development and one-off new homes. It was noted that the current traveller site was for sale, which could lead to development. Councilors considered both sides of the discussion from the impact housing causes on a village to the need for growth and new, young residents. It was noted that affordable

	housing has been previously built but then became available for general purpose. It was agreed that it would not be possible to have a policy that covers everything or that all councilors would agree on and so discussions would continue on a case by case basis as currently occurred. However as a whole the council was accepting of householders building individual houses on their own land.
7	To consider donating the bus shelter to Morton on the Hill Following discussion it was agreed that the bus shelter that had been purchased for Morton on the Hill would be donated to them.
8	To consider adopting the general power of competence The Clerk reported that as now she held the Certificate in Local Government Administration the parish council could adopt the general power of competence. A motion was proposed which confirmed that the council met the conditions (that of having 2/3 of councilors elected and having a qualified clerk), which was seconded and carried. This would need to be reconfirmed at annual parish council meetings in election year.
9	Highways issues a) To receive an update b) To consider tasks for the next Highway Rangers visit c) NDR and traffic calming in Weston: Progress Report (Ruth Goodall) a. JS reported that Moushell were holding a presentation on 11 July to report the results of discussions with parishes back to them. Weston Longville had not been invited and so Hockering PC would report back <i>Post meeting note: WLPC had been invited but the email had not been received.</i> JS had contacted Highways regarding outstanding pothole repairs. b) Visit not due. c) CM had sent the agreed comments to Gavin Broad; nothing had been heard since. The Eastern Daily Press had contacted CM and PR regarding traffic calming measures through the parish – CM to follow up. <i>JS left the meeting at 8.30pm.</i>
10	Village Hall and Play area a) Update (Ruth Goodall) RG reported that the Hall for All had new LED lighting installed. Bookings were good, with groups being harder to keep.

11	Greener Weston a) To receive an update Nothing to report.
12	To consider Planning issues: a) Planning Applications/Enforcement (Clerk) 12.1 1. 20160931 (Stable Block, Land to the Rear of Keeley Cottage, Morton Lane - no objection 12.2 2. 20161085 - Change of Use of Agricultural Land to Residential & Erection of 1 No. Detached Dwelling with Garage/Workshop, Woodforde Close - no objection. 12.3 3. 20161061 - 1. Demolition of 2 No Former Steel Works Buildings, 2. Relocation of a Section of Existing Staff Car Park, 3. Extension to Existing Manufacturing Facility & 4. Installation of Loading Dock including Access Ramp & Turning Apron, Polyframe Norwich LLP, Atlas Works, Norwich Road – no objection dependent upon updated traffic movements being received first. The current movements detailed on the application referred to the past business, not the proposed one. 12.4 4. 20160525 - Change of Use of Offices to Residential Units, Offices, Atlas Works, Norwich Road. Application to note only as this was a permitted development. 12.5 5. 20161187 - 3 Bay Open Garage Field Maple Barn, Weston Green Road - no object 12.6 CM advised that she had written to Red Triangle Energy Limited who had submitted a pre-screening application in May 2015 in reference to creating a large photovoltaic farm on eleven acres at the Weston Equestrian Centre. The parish council had not been advised of the application at the time as it was pre-screening. Parishes are consulted once the application becomes formally submitted. Within the documentation the applicants claimed that there had been no historic finds on the site; this was untrue as the Norfolk Historic Register named coins found on Top Farm in 1852. CM had written to advise of this.
13	To receive correspondence and agree action/response (Clerk) Equestrian Centre on Morton Lane Following the last meeting, the equestrian centre has requested that horse box details be supplied to them where possible to enable them to speak with the owners.
14	Financial matters a) To receive the updated accounts for 2016/17 The updated accounts were received.

	b) To consider a grant request from All Saints Church, Weston Longville. A grant of £500 was agreed for grounds maintenance costs, to come from the solar energy fund. c) The following payment of accounts were agreed: i) Clerk salary and expenses July - Sep (salary £442.47 (paid 1 July by standing order), expenses £12.77 tax £110.40) ii) Clare Morton, £5600 (village cohesion day) d) It was noted that 2,542.66 had been received from the Norfolk Community Foundation for the village cohesion event. e) £838 was paid back in to the accounts, left over from the £5600 paid towards the village cohesion event. The tent and tug-of-war rope purchased for this event were donated to the Hall for All. f) A request had been received from a resident for the parish council to subsidize a village bus. This had been looked into before with only one parishioner showing interest. Consideration could also be given to subsidising taxi fares in particular circumstances. CM would ask the resident to cost the scheme and report back.
15	Any Other Business (items for information only). a) Travellers site – PR reported that the site was possibly being auctioned. b) RG advised that DONG Energy had contacted the Hall for All to advise that they were considering running off-shore energy power cables through the parish.
16	To confirm the date of the next meeting: Monday 12 September Monday 14 November
	Meeting closed at 21:05

Signed
Chairman.