

Weston Longville Parish Council.

Meeting of the Parish Council – Minutes

Monday July 14th, 2025

Hall for All, Church Street, Weston Longville

Parish Councillors present: Clare Morton	CM (Chair)
Peter Ross	PR (Vice Chairman)
Bob Banks	BB
Justin Cohu	JC
Paul Cowley	PC
Ruth Horton	RH - arrived during 2025-067
Rick Parsons	RP - arrived during 2025-067
Dawn Clarke	DC (Clerk)

6 Members of the public, including County Councillor Greg Peck (GP)

2025/0063 Chair's welcome and to receive apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2025/0064 To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensations.

All Councillors have an interest in the A47 dualling, NWL and all electrical cable works.

2025/0065 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 12th, 2025.

It was resolved that the minutes were a true record of the meeting held on September 9th 2024 and signed by the Chair

2025/0066 To report on items not on the agenda from the last meeting.

JC has additional item for the Roads item
BB noted that there was fly tipping on Dark Lane – CM to report.
It was noted that CM has also reported fly tipping on the Broadway.
JC noted that there was work happening on Post Office Lane, including the development of buildings on site. It is understood that there is a program to clear the site. The long term plan is unknown.

2025/0067 Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public and County and District Councillors.

County Councilor Greg Peck had submitted a report that can be found in the supporting documents, The County Council is pursuing a single unity council. Other district councils are suggesting 2 or 3 unity councils. The documents will be submitted in September.

A resident noted that there was a retrospective application expected for a property. There is work slowly occurring on 'Spencer's Corner',

The Clerk noted that there is a process to ask for applications not to be accepted, or for applications not to be determined.
It was resolved to ask Peter Bulman to look at the process (CM to speak to PB)

RH and RP gave apologies for late arrival.

2025/0068 Planning (Portfolio CM) Verbal update

- a. By delegation: No new planning applications received.
- b. 2024/3067 To note Change of indicative layout for one of the 3 dwellings proposed opposite Woodforde Close and decide if comments need to be added.
- c. Any application received after the publishing of this agenda
 - a. Noted
 - b. No additional comments.
 - c. None

2025/0069 Roads (Portfolio RH) Verbal update

To receive an update and agree next steps on A47 and Norwich Western Link.

- a. To receive an update from the Norwich Western Link Liason Meeting.
- b. To discuss the NCC mitigation proposals.
- c. To consider requests for improvements from residents at Welgrove.

a & b. RH noted her disappointment to Norfolk County Council (NCC) no longer pursuing the NWL as a dual carriageway bypassing the village and returning to the drawing board – and looking at alternative or upgrades to the roads.

GWPC will be meeting with NCC regarding mitigations this week. A working group was held to discuss the goals and focus of mitigations and the NWL a few weeks ago.

The mitigations that are being discussed will be a long term installation,

due to the unknown timescale of any scheme to take traffic away from the village.

The original agreement was to review mitigations should targets be exceeded in terms of traffic volumes.

It was queried if the NWL was a national infrastructure project or not.

This would be brought up at the meeting.

JC read a letter from a resident, all items were aligned, CM added that the working group has sent NCC a list of high level items that it would like NCC to evaluate any route against, such as not a large land take, minimal impact on noise and visual intrusion, quiet roads, etc. These items would apply to any route. (this will be added to the website)

There will be 2 consultations by NCC, 1 for the mitigations and a second about route plans for bypassing the village, these will be separate consultations.

Weston Link liaison next meets on the 23rd of July

c. CM met with the residents of Welgrove and there are a list of items that the residents have requested, Surface upgrades, realignment and repair of verges. CM to include these within the conversations.

It was noted there has been another death on the 'HGV' route.

A resident expressed their disillusionment with the process which has been extremely expensive. CM noted that many of the points are ones that should be raised with NCC, however the Parish Council resolved to support the NWL and are aware of the importance of wildlife in the area. There are currently 80 options that are being reviewed.

2025/0070 Parish Infrastructure (Portfolio BB) Verbal update

a. Registration of Allotments – response from Land Registry and next steps.

b. Report on deer fencing on the allotments.

a. There is a response from Land Registry and full ownership can be applied for in 7 years.

Council resolved to progress the easement via a solicitor. (Wylies)

b. The fencing is working very well and thanks were expressed for the residents who worked together to install it at the allotments.

2025/0071 Environmental Considerations (Portfolio PC) - Verbal update

a. To receive any update on the Hornsea 3 and Equinor SEP and DEP.

a. There has been no noticeable change, connections are being made within the system.

2025/0072 Parishioner Engagement (Portfolio RP) - Verbal update

- a. To discuss the Saturday Sports Club funding.
- b. To report on firework discussions with RNGC.

a. RP has drafted the grant application and wanted CM to check the details.

b. The Golf Course had a firework display on June 14th, a previous commitment had been made to allow fireworks. Unfortunately this understanding was not adhered to. The Golf Course has assured the Parish Council that there was no plan to have fireworks in the future. There was a great deal of frustration that neighbors were unaware of the event.

Should this come up again parameters for time, noise and duration would be requested.

PR has spoken to Connect Busses, and they are reluctant to establish a route as there is no 'through route' so would need to turn around in the village, however the enquiry has not progressed. RH queried if a Hopper Bus would be used. RP will contact Connect again. There is a bus on a Wednesday to Long Water. CM to add a questionnaire to the Wensum Diary to understand if there is any desire in the local area.

2025/0073 Communications (Portfolio JC) – verbal Update

- a. Report on deer management.

a. Shelly at the Golf Course notes that there is a service provider for reducing deer numbers, however he would need permission from landowners, he would provide the service without charge. Should this become a problem the PC could connect landowners with him.

PC notes that there has been an outage of 7 weeks for one resident (open reach) are the issue as they do not honor appointments. JC to contact.

2025/0074 Administrative Matters - Clerk's Report (Verbal Update)

Bus shelter and bike rack grants are available. There are Parish Partnership grants – it was agreed not to pursue either.

Late night events at Roarr have been advertised, the clerk reminded everyone that should noise be a problem to call Broadland DC when the noise was happening as they now have mobile recording facilities.

2025/0075 Finance (Clerk)

- a. To agree the payment list and to note any income and payments made since the last meeting.
- b. To note the bank balances and reconciliation presented.
- c. To receive the Q1 Budget against Actual.
- d. To consider additional funding for play area equipment. Request for grant to go from £500 to £730.50.

a. The payments in Annex A were agreed.

Income		
Allotment Rents	EF, WF	35.00
Unity Trust Bank	Quarterly Interest - Q1 2025-26	115.85

To note the payment		
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Charge - June, July @ £6 / mo	12.00
All Saints PCC	Grant for Green Area Maintainace	780.00
SLCC	Norfolk SLCC Branch Day (Clerk Training)	38.00
Vodafone	Set up month	6.77
Vodafone	Monthly Charge (DD)	7.00
Dawn Clarke	WFH June & July	52.00
Salaries	June	270.05
Tony Finch	Allotment Fencing (CiL)	118.77
Bob Banks	Allotment Fencing (CiL)	346.68
Dawn Clarke	Microsoft - year licence	84.99

For Authorisation		
Dawn Clarke	Expenses / WFH Allowance / Mileage	35.45
Salaries	July	270.05
Amazon	Phone Hand Set	99.00

b. Bank Balance - £38,3686.74

Current account £19,438.95 and (CiL & Solar) Savings £19,247.79

c. Noted

d. This additional spend has not been budgeted for, however there has been interest on the savings account that would cover this increase.

There is around £6k of CiL.

It was resolved to increase the grant to £730.50

2025/0076 Any other business (for information only) and items for the next agenda.

Pump Farm is being prepared for use by a family group of children at short notice. Children's services has use of the property for the next 12 months.

RP will be looking at providing additional out door seating in the area.
The meeting closed at 20:20

2025/0077 To confirm the date and venue of the next meeting:
Monday September 1st, 2025, at 19:00 in the Hall for All.

Signed:

Date: