

Weston Longville Parish Council.

Meeting of the Parish Council – Minutes

Monday September 1st, 2025 at 7.00pm
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
Rick Parsons	RP

Dawn Clarke DC (Clerk)

10 Members of the public

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2025/0077 Chair's welcome and to receive apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2025/0078 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.

RP has a non pecuniary interest in the noise issue that a resident will raise.

2025/0079 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 14th, 2025.

It was resolved that the minutes were a true record of the meeting held on July 14th, 2025, and signed by the Chair

2025/0080 To report on items not on the agenda from the last meeting.

PR updated council following the fire at TMA Bark and expressed sadness for the recent fire and offered community support. TMA apologised for the

inconvenience, smoke and chaos. PR wished the business well moving forward.

- 2025/0081 Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public and County and District Councillors.

A resident raised issues in responding to planning applications on the Broadland Planning portal. CM to raise the issue with Ben Burgess.

The owner of the equestrian centre outlined her business over the last 19 years and shared that she stables 85 horses/ponies. There have been recent messages regarding noise.

The resident was advised to contact the police if they felt threatened and the Parish Council has not been contacted regarding any issue.

- 2025/0082 Planning (Portfolio CM) Verbal update
- a. By delegation: No new planning applications received.
 - b. Outline planning for Woodforde Close update
 - c. 2025/2342 Weston Covert Field Road Weston Longville Norfolk NR9 5JN
Change of use from private swimming pool to occasional use by small private groups on an appointment basis (retrospective)
 - d. Any application received after the publishing of this agenda
- a. None.
 - b. The application is still pending.
 - c. An objection was submitted.
 - d. None.

- 2025/0083 Roads (Portfolio RH) Verbal update
- To receive an update and agree next steps on A47 & Norwich Western Link.
- a. To receive an update from the Norwich Western Link Liaison Meeting.
 - b. To discuss the NCC mitigation proposals.

a. CM attended the liaison meeting. NCC have discussed options as dual carriageway has been ruled out. There is a focus on improvement and exploring existing roads. All options are being re-evaluated, suggestions were sought both at the meeting and to be sent in for both NDR road alternatives or other roads that may be realigned. A diversion route was suggested that would bypass just the heart of the village.

There was a strong suggestion that improvements to the junction of Fakenham road and the B1535 in Lenwade will improve safety and reduce delays making the route more attractive.

It is the strong belief that all communities should take a share of the traffic volume.

WLPC has written to NCC to express their wishes and are waiting for a response to specific questions. The aim is to minimise the local impact to parish residents.

b. The mitigations are on the website, residents were encouraged to back the mitigations as whilst they will be annoying to residents, the bigger effect is to make the village unpalatable and encourage drivers to seek other routes. They will go to consultation.

2025/0084 Parish Infrastructure (Portfolio BB) Verbal update

a. Registration of Allotments.

a. Awaiting a response and costing from the solicitor. The

2025/0085 Environmental Considerations (Portfolio PC) - Verbal update

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

a. Equinor - archaeology survey continues, the Pylon application has been submitted.

Hornsea: the cable is in place and the land is being returned to its former state, being handed back to land owners in the autumn.

There are ongoing issues with transporting gravel which is causing damage to narrow roads that are being used for distribution. PC has spoken to Hornsea and DC have spoken to the contractor, however there is no resolution, and concern is that the drains are full of debris.

2025/0086 Parishioner Engagement (Portfolio RP) - Verbal update

a. To discuss the Saturday Sports Club funding.

b. To consider a babbling bench.

a. The grant is in progress.

b. This is being considered and RP will bring to council plans.

2025/0087 Communications (Portfolio JC) – Verbal Update

Deferred

2025/0088 Administrative Matters - Clerk's Report (Verbal Update)

a. To adopt the updated/amended policies presented.

It was resolved to adopt the IT policy.

Clerk to respond to the Archologist.

2025/0089 Finance (Clerk)

- a. To note the national pay increase for the Clerk and authorise back pay.
- b. To agree the payment list and to note any income and payments made since the last meeting.
- c. To note the bank balances and reconciliation presented.
- d. To receive the Budget against Actual.
- e. To accept a quote for insurance.
- f. To discuss any projects requiring funding for 2026-27.

- a. Noted
- b. It was resolved to agree the payment list.

Income

To note the payment

Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Charge - Aug / Sept @ £6 / mo	12.00
Vodafone	Monthly Charge (DD) July/Aug	14.00
Dawn Clarke	WFH Aug & Sept	52.00
Dawn Clarke	Salary August	270.05

For Authorisation

Dawn Clarke	Expenses / WFH Allowance / Mileage	9.45
Dawn Clarke	Salary Sept (322.07 est -270.05)	
NALC	Membership 2025-26 (2528)	145.41
NALC	Website hosting (2700)	84.00

c. Current account £18,448, Cil and Solar £19247.79 – total – £37,696.79

d. Noted

e. It was resolved to accept the Zurich quote at £363 which is the same as the previous year.

f. Legal fees were expected to be around £4000 which was agreed would be taken equally from the precept and reserves.

RP would look at options for a social area with seating – there may be some funding options.

2025/0090 Items for information only and items for the next agenda.
The meeting closed at 20:45

To confirm the date and venue of the next meeting:
Monday November 10th, 2025 at 19:00 in the Hall for All

Signed:

Date: