

Weston Longville Parish Council.

Meeting of the Parish Council – Minutes

Monday November 10th, 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 including District Councillor
Peter Bulman (PB)

2025/0091 **Chair's welcome and to receive apologies for absence.**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2025/0092 **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.

2025/0093 **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 1st, 2025.**

It was resolved that the minutes were a true record of the meeting held on September 1st, 2025., and signed by the Chair

2025/0094 **To report items not on the agenda from the last meeting.**

None.

2025/0095 **Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public and County and District Councillors.**

District Councillor Peter Bulman (PB) updated council that he is working with the Planning Ombudsman in respect to Johnsons Garage in

Lenwade, the work has ceased and there is no forthcoming information. Broadland District Council voted for the 3 unitary option and there was a discussion regarding development at the Wood Lane junction to the A47, this falls into Breckland, however WLPC is being invited to the consultation, PB and CM intend to attend.

2025/0096 Planning (Portfolio CM) Verbal update

a. By delegation: 2025/2734

**The Dairy gate The Old Dairy Morton Lane Weston Longville Norfolk
Change of use from annexe to holiday let. No objection.**

b. Any application received after the publishing of this agenda.

c. Use of Paddock adjacent to Dark Lane.

a. Noted.

b. None.

c. A resident noted there was waste on the site and queried the use of the caravan. They were directed to Planning/environmental at BDC.

2025/0097 Third Party Liaison (Portfolio PR)

The Saturday sports club business case was prepared and the Parish Council agreed to take this forward for grant funding.

The applicant declined to continue with the application.

The 7 Parish Chairs would meet shortly.

There is a large family event planned, and sole use of the playing field has been requested. PR will convene a workshop to discuss and return to council.

2025/0098 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. Work on the NWL proposals has slowed waiting for a clearer response from the government for funding. The Parish council joined with other councils to ask for funding to develop proposals.

b. The Parish Council met with Norfolk County Council (NCC) on October 22nd to discuss the mitigations and consultation documents that will be sent to residents of the area. An open meeting is planned between the council and residents on November ** and between NCC and residents on December 4th.

The logic of the mitigations is to encourage drivers to find a more comfortable alternative route. A resident asked about non-residents skewing the online response. The response requires home location data and it is hoped that this would be weighted.

Residents were encouraged to engage positively with the consultation process.

RP Council will fund a print leaflet to encourage residents to attend the consultations (hand or Wensum Diaries delivery agreed less than £100) PC is deeply concerned that previous indications that Weston Green Road would be closed are not being included. It was agreed to speak with Ringland PC as there will be an impact on Ringland. It was agreed that RH would write to Gavin Broad about the lack of closure of the road.

A resident asked what will happen if mitigations are not in place prior to the closure of the Easton roundabout – there has been no solid response, it is intended the mitigations will be in place before 2027.

The closure of Wood Lane has raised questions about limiting access to the area. CM has photographed verges to compare damage resulting from the closure should we need to pursue restoration of the banks. Speed limits - these would be in place prior to Christmas.

2025/0099 **Parish Infrastructure (Portfolio BB) Verbal update
Registration of Allotments.**

Solicitor 1 declined due to maternity leave, solicitor 2 declined due to distance and the complexity of the agreement required.

CM to approach Birkerts/Spire to get a quote

2025/0100 **Environmental Considerations (Portfolio PC) - Verbal update
To receive any update on the Hornsea 3 and Equinor SEP and DEP.**

Equinor cables are ahead of schedule and are in the process of re-instatement of the original condition of land through the parish. There will be removal of splays and gates. Road closures for this work are planned. SEP/DEP no update.

2025/0101 **Parishioner Engagement (Portfolio RP) - Verbal update
a. To discuss the Saturday Sports Club funding.
b. To consider a babbling bench.**

RP raised the question if a Christmas tree could be purchased for the community – it was agreed too late for 2025, but would go on the agenda for 2026

- a. Covered earlier in 2025/097.
- b. Deferred.

2025/0102 **Communications (Portfolio JC) – Verbal Update.**

JC notes that a resident was concerned about access to the charter for the village hall.

2025/0103 **Administrative Matters**

Meeting dates for 2026 were agreed as: February 9th, May 11th, July 13th, September 8th, November 9th.

Council has previously agreed to engage Sonya Blythe for the next audit. The auditor has confirmed their rate of £120 and that they are happy to complete our audit for the year 2025-26, they are qualified in terms of the SAPPP requirements of an auditor.

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The Police have been in touch with respect to 'Operation Radium' the clerk is happy to share the information when it comes (related to fraud).

There is a change to Planning Compliance reporting, how this will affect us is unknown – the clerk is concerned that items will just fade away.

Gt Witchingham PC have planted a very large sack of daffodils around the bus shelter (Weston Longville) and village gates (Gt Witchingham) as agreed previously.

It was agreed that the Clerk should attend the SLCC conference WLPC would pay a pro rata amount.

2025/0104 **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 Budget against Actual.

d. To review the budget presented and resolve the value of the precept to be requested.

e. To delegate authority to the clerk to request the precept from Broadland District Council.

a. It was resolved to agree, the payment list additionally the bill received from John Hurst for hedge trimming, £78, and note the RBL wreath came to £25, not £20. (The wreath is a s137 payment) and to note the income and payments made since the last meeting.

Income		
Broadland DC	Precept, 2nd of 2 payments	5785.00
Unity Trust Bank	Compensation	75.00
Unity Trust Bank	Interest	109.16

To note the payment

Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Charge - October/November @ £6 / mo	12.00
Vodafone	Monthly Charge (DD) Sept/Oct/Nov	21.00
Dawn Clarke	WFH October/ November	52.00
Dawn Clarke	Salary September	52.02
SLCC	Membership 2025-26	38.35

For Authorisation

Dawn Clarke	Expenses / WFH Allowance / Mileage	16.20
Dawn Clarke	Salary October	278.72
Dawn Clarke	HP - Laptop	419.00
Peter Ross	RBL Wreath	20.00

- b. The Current account 23,622, Cil and Solar £19356.95 – total – £42,979.44
- c. Noted.
- d. A budget of £13,010 was unanimously agreed. It was agreed that the clerk's hours increase to 5 hours per week as of April 2026.
- e. All councillors confirmed their council tax was up to date, the precept of £13,010 was unanimously agreed and this will stay under the national average.
- f. It was unanimously resolved to delegate authority to the clerk to request the precept from Broadland District Council.

2025/0105 **Items for information only and items for the next agenda.**

Speed data was at 85th percentile, the highest speed was 56mph, there were between 1400 and 1600 cars each day.

2025/0106 **To confirm the date and venue of the next meeting:**

Next meeting on Monday February 9th, 2026, at 19:00 in the Hall for All.

The meeting closed at 20:24

Signed:

Date: 8.2.2026