

Weston Longville Parish Council.

Meeting of the Parish Council - Minutes

Monday February 9th, 2026 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

Paul Cowley PC

Ruth Horton RH

Rick Parsons RP

Dawn Clarke DC (Clerk)

4 Members of the public including District Councillor
Peter Bulman and County Councillor Greg Peck

- 2026/001 **Chair's welcome and to receive apologies for absence.**
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cllr Justin Cohu sent apologies
- 2026/002 **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.
- 2026/003 **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 10th, 2025.**
It was resolved that the minutes were a true record of the meeting held on November 10th, 2025, and signed by the Chair.
- 2026/004 **To report on items not on the agenda from the last meeting.**
'Festival Workshop' has yet to convene, however the terms of our lease were raised in case this causes conflict with the proposed event.
- 2026/005 **Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public and County and District Councillors.**
County Councillor Greg Peck (CCGP) explained that district elections were cancelled, and this decision was facing a Judicial Review. DCGP asked to be copied into pothole requests.

District Councillor Peter Bulman (DCPB) spoke about Local Government Reorganisation after the final submission was made in December, the outcome is expected in March.

Lenwade (Johnsons) Garage a response has been made to the ombudsman and DCPB is waiting for a response.

Housing development at Honningham, DCPB has lodged a complaint as he feels it is too large and lacks infrastructure being set in place prior work commencing.

2026/006 **Planning (Portfolio CM) Verbal update.**

a. To note responses by delegation.

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

c. Planning determinations received since the last meeting.

It was noted that the GNP is currently being reviewed and there has been a call for sites.

a. None

b. None

c. **2025/2342** Refused. Weston Covert Field Road Weston Longville NR9 5JN, Change of use from private swimming pool to occasional use by small private groups on an appointment basis

2023/0817 Approved with Conditions. Land At The Barns Weston Hall Road Weston Longville, Conversion of vacant barn to residential dwelling.

2025/2628 Cert. Lawfulness Approved. 39 Norwich Road Lenwade NR9 5SH Lawful development certificate for the proposal of steel clad structure forming a new workshop.

2026/007 **Third Party Liaison (Portfolio PR).**

The 7 Chairs group met and have sent a letter in respect to the Honningham development to Breckland DC. Discussions around A47 dualling, off shore energy and using shared services between the parishes to achieve economies. A comparison of data between the parishes has been made for discussion.

2026/008 **Roads (Portfolio RH) Verbal update**

a. To receive an update on A47 & Norwich Western Link and the Norwich Western Link Liaison Meeting.

b. To discuss the NCC mitigation proposals.

a. NWL - There has been no response to the request for funding to look at other route options, timelines are unknown and studies will not happen unless local government provide funding, the impact on unitary authorities is unknown.

A47 – there have been assurances that verges will be made good and damage to properties has become a issue (informal passing places)

b. NCC consultation for the mitigations brought in over 100 responses, NCC will meet the Parish Council later in February to discuss the outcome in respect to the mitigations and the next steps.

A47 – at the last liaison meeting there were updates in respect to closures and discussion of the sections that will open.

2026/009 **Parish Infrastructure (Portfolio BB) Verbal update.**

a. **Registration of Allotments.**

The easement to formalise the water and access is proving difficult to secure a solicitor, there have been 2 responses, Birkerts have quoted £3,500 and Rogers Norton £2 - 2,500 plus VAT and expenses, depending on the willingness of all parties to engage. CM will ask for a confirmation of cost and an initial letter to understand if all parties are aligned. before starting the process, Proposed PC, Seconded PR, agreed.

2026/010 **Environmental Considerations (Portfolio PC) - Verbal update.**

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

Hornsea, there has been no update regarding reinstatement of the land, it has been paused due to waterlogging and waiting for drier weather.

Equinor, background pre-planning continues.

2026/011 **Parishioner Engagement (Portfolio RP) - Verbal update.**

To consider a Christmas tree.

RP will consider suggested locations, if lights are appropriate and return. Hearing loop for the village hall. Residents are struggling at meetings as the hearing loop is not functioning well. It was agreed that CM will purchase a tester to better understand where the issue lies and work with the Hall to resolve the issue on the back of accessibility complaints by residents, estimated cost of less than £100.

2026/012 **Communications (Portfolio JC) – Verbal Update.**

None

2026/013 **Administrative Matters.**

a. **To review the Asset List.**

b. **To review policies presented and adopt or re-adopt.**

c. **To sign the updated clerk's contract.**

d. **Clerk Report including correspondence.**

a. The asset list was adopted

b. The retention of documents, data map and audit policy were adopted.

c. The updated contract was signed.

d. Correspondence from Anglia Water, Unity Bank will increase it's charge this month, to £7. NWL group terms of Reference sent out to consider prior to the next meeting. The clerk had attended the SLCC practioners

conference and would attend the NPTS Spring Seminar. It was agreed that Paul Cowley attend the NPTS Employment Workshop.

It was agreed to tidy up the remaining hedges around the field as they are encroaching on the road and becoming dangerous, it was agreed that John Hurst will be asked to do the work as an urgent matter prior to nesting season starting.

2026/014

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 note the Band D rate and precept requested from Broadland District Council**

- a. It was resolved to approve the payment list.

A payment of £100 was agreed for a replacement SAM2 battery of £100. Proposed CM seconded PC, agreed.

Income

Unity Trust Bank	Interest	106.68
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To note the payment

Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Charge - Dec/Jan @ £6 / mo	12.00
Vodafone	Monthly Charge (DD) Dec/January/Feb	21.00
Dawn Clarke	WFH Dec/Jan	52.00
Dawn Clarke	Salary December	278.72
Dawn Clarke	Salary January	278.72
John Hurst	Hedges	78.00
SLCC	Training (part Share)	71.60
Hall For All	Play Area Grant	500.00
Peter Ross	RBL Wreath	25.00
ICO	Subscription	47.00

For Authorisation

Dawn Clarke	Expenses / WFH Allowance / Mileage	59.25
Dawn Clarke	Salary Febuary	278.72
Clare Morton	Leaflet Printing	46.00
Clare Morton	Replacement Battery	

- b. The current total bank balance is £40,932.79, Current £21,469.16, Solar and CiL £19,463.63
Resolved to move any additional funds over into the main account in April 2026.
- c. Noted

- d. The Precept request for £13,010 was submitted, the Tax base is 157, which gives a band D rate of £82.86. There was no change to the tax base from last year. In 2025/26 the band D rate is £73.69.

2026/015 **Items for information only and items for the next agenda.**
None

2026/016 **To confirm the date and venue of the next meeting:**
Monday May 11th, 2026 at 19:00 in the Hall for All
This includes the APM and APCM.
Meeting closed at 20:55