

# Weston Colville Parish Council

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## Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, Weston Colville.

Present: Ray Vidler (Chairman), Matt Jackson, Constantine Pagonis, and Jessica Ashbridge (Clerk).

In Attendance: County and District Councillor Henry Batchelor.

The chairman opened the meeting at 7.48 pm.

- 1. Apologies** - were received from Bridget Durham, James Hubbard, John Garrod and Ian Ashbridge.
- 2. Minutes** – The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and Planning Meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were reviewed and agreed as a true record of the meeting. **Proposed by Cllr Vidler, seconded by Cllr Jackson.** All agreed. Minutes were signed.
- 3. Declarations of Interest** – None.
- 4. District and County Council Reports and items of interest** – District Councillor Henry Batchelor delivered his report (appended). An online consultation, and local events have been opened about the Greater Cambridge Partnership, asking about public transport. It is open until the end of March. Council tax has been raised by Cambridgeshire County Council by 4.99%, and South Cambs District Council (SCDC) by 2.99%. Great Abington and Waterbeach have had their Neighbourhood Plans approved and adopted. Emma Knight from SCDC will be attending the next Combined Parishes Meeting to listen to concerns raised about the Icknield Way Byway, before opening the consultation about gating it, sufficient evidence has been provided by Weston Colville, more is needed from the other villages.
- 5. Parishioners' Question Time** – None.
- 6. Reading Room Car Park Transfer** – Cllr Batchelor has chased this. SCDC have signed it off, awaiting the Housing Department to sign it off, which should occur very soon. Cllr Vidler raised a concern over costs, to await the outcome.
- 7. Planning**

**7.1 Planning to be discussed and voted by Parish Council** – None.

**7.2 Status of planning applications with District Council**

Reference	Address	Proposal	Status
S/0104/19/FL	Coach House, Weston Green Barn, Common Road, Weston Colville, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB21 5NS	Single storey front and side extensions, 3no. new conservation roof lights, new stainless-steel flue	Approved
S/0105/19/LB Listed Building Consent	Coach House, Weston Green Barn, Common Road, Weston Colville, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB21 5NS	Single storey front and side extensions, 3no. new conservation roof lights, new stainless-steel flue	Approved
S/0024/19/FL	23 Spring Terrace, Church End, Weston	Conversion of front garden to gravel drive	Awaiting decision

	Colville, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB21 5PB	and extension of front curb.	
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### 7.3 To discuss any applications received up to 3pm on the day of the meeting -

Reference	Address	Proposal	Status
S/0691/19/FL	Weston Woods Farm, Common Road, Weston Colville, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB21 5NR	Replacement/New Farm Buildings and drainage attenuation within existing farmstead	Out for consultation

No objections, buildings will not be visible for the road or public and are for agricultural use. **All in favour.**

### 8. Matters in hand/ Arising since last meeting

**8.1 Website update** – The website is ready, the next stage is securing a domain name, and email addresses. Photographs of the village and councillors to be added, all the Council Policies and Standing Orders and a section for The Challenge. The Clerk has enquired with CAPALC whether any Transparency Funding is available to add the minutes and agendas from previous years. **Proposed by Cllr Jackson, Seconded by Cllr Vidler.** All in favour.

**8.2 Road Drain clearance and repair update** – No update. A missing Highways manhole cover was reported for Cllr Batchelor to chase in Church End.

**8.3 Speed Indicator Device (SID) update** – No update.

**8.4 Footpaths and Rights of Way** – Cllr Batchelor to enquire about possible routes for redirecting footpath 19, as replacing the bridge would be very costly for the land owners. Also enquiring about installing a bridge for the footpath by the Methodist Chapel.

**8.5 Dog Waste Bin** – Working Party required – Cllr Jackson is to organise a working party to swap the small red bin from the cricket pitch with the new bin, and to site the small bin on the opposite side of the road next to the footpath. Once this has occurred the Clerk is to inform SCDC for their collections.

### 9. Matters for the Council to discuss/vote on

**9.1 Tenders for Grass Cutting for 2019** – Four tenders were received for grass cutting of the amenity sites and cutting the verges. Following a discussion it was proposed that Trevor Potter would continue to cut the verges, and the Clerk was instructed to discuss fees with another party, and if resolved to instruct them to cut the amenities. **Proposed by Cllr Jackson, Seconded by Cllr Pagonis.** All in favour.

**9.2 Date for the meeting in May** – The Clerk cannot attend the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May, or 13<sup>th</sup> May. To arrange the Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council Meeting for 7pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May. **All in favour.**

**9.3 Traffic Calming** – A brief discussion was held with Cllr Batchelor; a Highways Officer needs to be paid to inspect the area before an application is submitted. Cllr Batchelor to look into the cut off date for the application.

**9.4 Gritting** – There have been complaints from Parishioners about the lack of gritting on The Green and Common Road, the public and school buses use the route. Cllr Batchelor to enquire with Highways.

**10. Playground** – To receive quotes for the annual playground inspection. ROSPA has quoted £95 per area (plus VAT) and require an additional £38 fee if the Clerk attends the inspection. An independent inspector David Bracey has quoted £135 plus VAT to inspect both areas, which the Clerk can attend for no extra fee. Clerk instructed to appoint David Bracey. **Proposed by Cllr Vidler, Seconded by Cllr Pagonis.** All in favour.

### 11. Finance

**11.1 Payments since last meeting** – None.

**11.2 To determine whether to contribute to SLCC membership for the Clerk-** The Clerk's other employer has paid for SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) membership, which is salary dependant, adding the salary from Weston Colville PC raised it by £30, proposal to contribute the difference. **Proposed by Cllr Vidler, Seconded by Cllr Pagonis.** All in favour.

### 11.3 Payments agreed at the meeting

Payee	Item	Amount
Cambridgeshire County Council	Street Lighting Energy 01.10.17-30.09.18	£ 330.66
Clavering Parish Council	Contribution to SLCC membership	£30

**Proposed by Cllr Vidler, Seconded by Cllr Jackson, All in favour.**

**11.4 Account balance - £12,198.13** on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

### 12. Matters for the next agenda

Footpaths  
Website  
Traffic calming scheme  
SID  
Parish Nurse presentation

#### Date of Annual Meeting:

- 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 7pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> May Full Council Meeting 7.30pm

#### Dates of Parish Council meetings in 2019:

<b>Full Council</b>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> July, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> November</u>
<b>Planning meetings (if required)</b>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> April, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> August, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec</u>

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm

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## **Report for Parish Councils - March 2019**

### **Greater Cambridge Partnership**

The GCP are holding (another) consultation until March 31st to try to get some thoughts on public transport, as the purpose of the GCP is to improve public transport times and get people out of cars. There are also public pop up events around the county, you can see a list of these here -

[https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/choices-for-better-journeys/key\\_dates?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/choices-for-better-journeys/key_dates?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

### **Parish Planning Training**

Your parish clerks should have been emailed about this, but South Cambs is holding some parish planning training sessions at the Cambourne office. These are to be held in the evenings of 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Council Tax**

Both the County and District Councils have the ability to raise council tax each year to pay for the services they provide, they (almost) always take this option up and have both done so this year. With the District raising their rates by 3.56% and the County raising their rates by 4.98%.

**Neighbourhood Plan**

Congratulations to Great Abington Parish Council for being the first parish in South Cambs to get their Neighbourhood Plan adopted. This is no small feat as many of you will appreciate. The process for creating, and getting a Neighbourhood Plan adopted is a long and arduous path. We will be meeting with the Cabinet Member responsible shortly to see if there are any prospects of simplifying and speeding up the process.

**Shire Hall**

As previously reported, the County Council is relocating to Alconbury, in an attempt to save money by not using the expensive Shire Hall location. The plans for the new offices are available for the public to view, should there be any interest there. They are available from March 1<sup>st</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> in Shire Hall, just ask for them at reception.

Signed.....15<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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