

Minutes of the Weston Colville Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th January 2020 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, Weston Colville.

Present: Ray Vidler (Chairman), Bridget Durham, John Garrod, Matt Jackson, James Hubbard, Ian Ashbridge, Constantine Pagonis, Jessica Ashbridge (Clerk)

In Attendance: District Councillor Geoff Harvey, County Councillor Henry Batchelor, and 2 members of the public.

The meeting opened at 7.31pm.

1. **Chairman's Welcome** – The Chairman welcomed everyone and wished them a Happy New Year.
2. **To accept apologies and reasons for absence** – None.
3. **To make any declarations of interest** – None. Cllr Ashbridge stated that he is no longer involved with West Wrating Estate.

4. **Public Participation Session**

4.1 A representative from West Wrating Estate made a presentation about Hall Farm. The buildings are derelict, so potentially there will be a re-development and creation of a manufacturing facility for gene/cell therapy, to complement the nearby research and science parks. West Wrating Estate will retain ownership and lease out the new barn style buildings. He suggested there would be a 6-12 month timescale before a formal application was submitted. Cllr Vidler thanked him for his time.

Two members of the public left the meeting.

4.2 Public Participation Session – none.

5. **To approve minutes**- The minutes for the meeting of Weston Colville Parish Council on 13th November 2019 were approved. **P: Cllr Vidler, S: Cllr Durham All in fav.**

6. **District and County Council reports and items of interest** – Reports were received, and appended.

7. **Matters for the Council to discuss / vote on**

7.1 **Flooding** – An email had been received by a parishioner, concerning the flooding on Common Road, on 20th December. Other parishioners had expressed concern about the amount of sediment gathering under the bridge, crossing the ford at the bottom of Horseshoe Lane. The end of the road is not adopted, Cllr Batchelor was asked to look into the ownership, so the sediment could be cleared. The ditch behind the recreation ground is overgrown, and requires a working party to clear it, as a lot of debris has been dumped in it, and vegetation needs to be cut back.

7.2 **Strategic Bus Survey** – It was determined that the Parish Council would not complete the survey.

7.3 **Climate Change and Environment Strategy Consultation** - The consultation is available online from 20 December 2019 to 31 January 2020.

<https://consultcamb.s.uk.engagementhq.com/climate-strategy>. It was determined that the survey could be completed by individuals, and not on behalf of the Parish Council.

8. **Planning**

8.1 **To be discussed**: None.

8.2 **SCDC Decisions**

Reference	Address	Application	Decision
S/2967/19/FL	Woodlands, Brinkley Road, Weston Colville, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB21 5PA	Clad walls of house and garage with cream fibre cement hardiboard.	Approved.
S/4232/19/PN	Weston Woods Farm, Common Road, CB21 5NR	Prior notification of agricultural or forestry development for the erection of a plant room extension to existing barn.	Approved.

9. **Matters In hand / Arising since last meeting**

- 9.1 Website** – Cllr Pagonis advised that the website was ready to be used and that a working party be formed to add content, and demonstrate how to use it. It was determined that the Clerk and Cllr Vidler would attend on 14th January. A parishioner had been taking photographs, and had sent these across.
- 9.2 Street Lighting** – The Reading Room Car Park light had been fixed, and added to the lighting list. The cost of the additional light may be backdated to October. A brief discussion took place about switching to LED bulbs, but they were deemed to be too bright.
- 9.3 Hedges** – A report was received. Cllr Garrod met with one of the landowners, who will be cutting his hedges. The Clerk was instructed to contact the other landowner again.
- 9.4 SID and LHI** – A report was received. The LHI application has been submitted. Cllr Hubbard will present the application to the panel. There has been a software issue with the SID, so not much recent data.
- 9.5 Footpaths** – No action from the owners is being taken for the bridge at footpath 19. Steps were installed, following the last meeting, at the new bridge on Chapel Road.
- 9.6 Ivy House development** – A report was received.

10. Playground – It was determined to apply for a Wadlow Windfarm Grant, to replace the fencing at the Recreation Ground. The Clerk was instructed to seek quotes. **P: Cllr Vidler, S: Cllr Durham, All in fav.** Cllrs Jackson and Hubbard to complete the application. It was also determined to instruct David Bracey to inspect the playgrounds in 2020. His quote remained the same as 2019, allowing the Clerk/Cllr to accompany him on his inspection. **P: Cllr Jackson, S: Cllr Vidler All in fav.**

11. Finance.

11.1 To approve cheques. None received.

11.2 Budget – It was determined to remove £850 for tree work. All s106 money had been spent. Following a discussion the budget was agreed. **P: Cllr Durham, S: Cllr Jackson, All in fav.**

11.3 Precept – It was determined to raise the precept to £12,500, as the Council has been spending beyond its means at a detriment to the reserves, and without a significant increase there would have to be cuts to charitable donations and other areas. The Council should hold 6/9mo worth of spending in reserves. In future years the precept increase would remain low. **P: Cllr Garrod, S: Cllr Hubbard, All in fav.**

11.4 Account balance. £12, 276.44 on 27th November. It was predicted that the balance would be £8/£9,000 at the year-end.

12. Matters for next Agenda

Village Sign,

Outcome of the Wadlow Wind Farm Grant application.

Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.39pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Parish Council Meeting 2nd March 2020

Dates of Parish Council meetings in 2020 are: 2nd March, 6th April (planning), 4th May AGM and APM, 1st June (planning), 6th July, 3rd August (planning), 7th September, 5th October (planning), 2nd November, 7th December (planning).

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As everyone will have seen, the upgrades to the road are moving forward. The eastbound bus lane and speed limit changes are now implemented, along with the upgraded footpath. The next dates to note - the beginning of Feb brings us the work on the traffic lights and changed pedestrian crossing at the junction at the top of Linton High Street.

Local Plan Consultation

The next phase of public consultation on South Cambs forthcoming Local Plan begins on January 13th. It's what will mould how South Cambridgeshire will look for the next few decades. Links to how to engage with this will be online as well as in our February report.

Mobile Warden Scheme

South Cambs has reopened the bidding for funds for grants for Mobile Warden schemes in the District. The bids are open as of now and end 24th January. Full info and application form can be found here - <https://www.scams.gov.uk/mobile-wardens>

Bin Collections

I'm sure most people have seen that the bin collections do differ over the festive period. There was a note in the South Cambs magazine and you can see the changes here too - [scams.gov.uk/changes-to-bin-collections-this-christmas-and-new-year-1/](https://www.scams.gov.uk/changes-to-bin-collections-this-christmas-and-new-year-1/)

Taxi Consultation

South Cambs currently have an open consultation on some proposed changes to the council's policy on taxis (Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles).

Marriages and Civil Partnerships

The County Council have upgraded the booking section of their website that allows you to see availability and book a marriage or civil ceremony at the County Council. So if one of your new years' resolutions is to make a positive change, you can do so here - [cambridgeshireceremonies.co.uk](https://www.cambridgeshireceremonies.co.uk)

Climate and Environment Strategy

The County Council is inviting people to have input into their emerging climate and environment strategy. The consultation began on December 20th and runs until January 31st. There will be physical events throughout the county but the main way of engagement is online - <https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/climate-strategy>

Happy New Year

A very happy new year from both of your local councillors, Geoff and Henry. We hope 2020 is prosperous for everybody in our local area.

Signed.....2nd March 2020

Cllr R. Vidler