

Minutes of the Weston Colville Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 7th September 2020 via Zoom.

In attendance: Ray Vidler (Chairman), Bridget Durham, Matt Jackson, John Garrod, Ian Ashbridge, Constantine Pagonis, and Jessica Ashbridge (Clerk), also in attendance District Cllr Geoff Harvey, and County Cllr Henry Batchelor.

1. **Chairman's Welcome** – The Chairman welcomed those present.
2. **To accept apologies and reasons for absence** – Apologies were accepted from Cllr Hubbard **P: Cllr Vidler, S: Cllr Jackson Abstain: 1, 5 in fav.**
3. **To make any declarations of interest** – Cllr Ashbridge declared a pecuniary interest in item 14.
4. **Public Participation Session** – None.
5. **To approve minutes-** Minutes for the meeting of Weston Colville Parish Council on 6th July 2020 were approved. **P: Cllr Durham, S: Cllr Jackson Abstain: 1, 5 in fav.**
6. **District and County Council reports and items of interest** – Reports were received, appended.
7. **Planning**

7.1 To be discussed:

Planning reference	Address	Proposal	Decision
20/03135/FUL	Three Horseshoes Farm Horseshoes Lane Weston Colville CB21 5NU	New cartlodge	Awaiting decision No comments
20/02139/LBC	Pound Farm Chapel Road Weston Colville CB21 5NX	Installation of replacement windows	Awaiting decision No comments

Cllr Ashbridge arrived.

7.2 SDCD Decisions:

Planning reference	Address	Proposal	Decision
20/02423/HFUL	1 The Green Weston Colville Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB21 5NT	Single storey side and rear extension, externally insulate and render existing ground floor bathroom and enclose existing canopy to the front.	Approved
20/01945/HFUL	74-75 Common Road Weston Colville CB21 5NS	First floor rear extension	Approved
20/02430/FUL	Ivy House, The Green, Weston Colville, CB21 5NT	Demolition of the existing buildings and the erection of five dwellings, remodeled access and associated infrastructure.	Awaiting Decision
20/02593/OUT	Garage Plot To North Of 14 Horseshoes Lane Weston Colville Cambridge	Outline planning for the development of 1 No. detached dwelling house with all matters reserved.	Awaiting Decision
20/02775/HFUL	24 Spring Terrace Church End Weston Colville CB21 5PB	Conversion of existing front garden to a block paved drive to allow parking for 2 vehicles.	Awaiting Decision

7.3 Planning White Paper – It was determined not to complete the consultation.

8. Matters for the Council to discuss/vote on

8.1 Policies – The Standing Orders and the Freedom of Information Policy were approved **P: Cllr Vidler S: Cllr Ashbridge, All in fav.**

8.2 Street Lighting – It was noted that the change to LED lights was due in September. The current contract will run from October for 12 months, once the LED lights have been fitted it will be necessary to get a new MPANs to enable the supply contract to be retendered at lower cost. It is hoped that the cost will be lower running LED lights.

9. Matters In hand / Arising since last meeting

9.1 SID and LHI – There was no update, as Cllr Hubbard was not present, the SID has been utilised around the Village. Cllr Batchelor advised that the closing date for LHI submissions was 27th September. Cllr Hubbard confirmed after the meeting that he had resubmitted the LHI for roundels to be painted on the road.

9.2 Footpaths – The diversion of Footpath 19 has been approved. There will be a process of notification before new signage is put in place. It was noted that the bridge at the junction of Footpath 18 (Weston Colville Parish) and Footpath 15 (Carlton Parish) has been placed on the list for repair. Concerns have been raised by some parishioners that the pedestrian gap has not been made wide enough, for those that are infirm, between the new gate at the recreation ground on Horseshoe Lane and the hedge. Cllr Jackson will take this to the Reading Room Committee, as the gap may be widened.

9.3 Flooding and Road Drainage – A report was received. Cllr Ashbridge had a request to meet with George Hay, CCC enforcement officer, on behalf of West Wratting Estate, to look at the flooding prevention and the moving of the bridge at the bottom of Horseshoe Lane, the verges were to be scraped and the ditches dredged with the dredged soil placed on the land, plus other areas of concern in the village. It was determined that Cllrs Durham and Garrod would also attend the meeting. The sunken gully on Mill Hill opposite the wood pile has been reported via the emergency line. Chris Green will be following up the flooding of 1-6 Church End, as the previous work had had no effect, the gullies remain occluded at Church End.

10. Playground – Cllr Jackson has carried out some of the actions indicated on the playground safety report, and is waiting for parts to complete the work required. The grant application from Wadlow Windfarm has been successful, to refence the play area on the Recreation Ground. It was determined that the Clerk should instruct Brett Jones to complete the new fence when he was available. **P: Cllr Vidler, S: Cllr Durham, All in fav.**

11. Finance

11.1 To Approve cheques – Ch 765 for Simon Ratford for £300 signed on 27th August. **P: Cllr Vidler, S: Cllr Durham, Abstain 1, 5 in fav.** It was noted that the loan repayment for PWLB would be taken on 30th September £1,143.39, and there were approximately 4 years remaining until the loan was paid off.

Credit Received	Grass Cutting Contribution from CCC 29 th July 2020 £456.75
Wages s/o	£182.88
Balance at Lloyds Bank on 2nd September	£12,497.90

Cheque number	Detail and Date	Amount	VAT
D/D	Street lighting	£41.43	£2.06
765	Simon Ratford, 23.07.2020	£300	
766	Simon Ratford 03.09.2020	£300	
767	Jessica Ashbridge backdated pay increase to April 2020	£31.59	
	Total of Outstanding Cheques	-	
	After above Cheques		£11,826.94

- 12. Matters for next Agenda** – Grass cutting tenders, street lighting, flooding.
- 13. Next Meeting** – Proposal that the next meeting is held via Zoom **P: Cllr Vidler, S: Cllr Durham All in fav**
- 14. Employment** - Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and in accordance with 3d pursuant to Standing Order 11, it is resolved that the Public are excluded from any discussion on this item as it concerns employment. **P: Cllr Vidler, S: Cllr Durham, Abstain: 1, 5 in fav.**
The Clerk left the room during the discussion. It was determined that the Clerk would remain on payscale 7, but that the hourly rate would be increased, inline with the new payscales from NALC. This would be backdated to April 2020. It was determined that when the Clerk completed her CiLCA qualification that her pay would be reviewed. It was proposed to amend the Standing Order **P: Cllr Durham, S: Cllr Jackson, Abstain: 1, 5 in fav.** It was proposed to raise a cheque for the backdated pay **P: Cllr Garrod, S: Cllr Durham, Abstain: 1, 5 in fav.**

The meeting was closed at 20.47.

Date of Next Meeting: 2nd November 2020

Dates of Parish Council meetings in 2020 are: 5th October (planning), 2nd November, 7th December (planning).

County and District Councillors September Report

A1307 Update

The work on the A1307 is continuing, with the next updates to our stretch of the road being average speed cameras installed between Haverhill and Linton. Going through the processes is a new roundabout at the Bartlow Road, Linton junction of the A1307 and a remodelling of the Dean Road crossing on the dual carriageway.

There have been workshops over July and August looking at specific schemes on the A1307. The schemes that drew the most concern were the proposed westbound bus lane at Linton and the loss of the rural 'hub' at Linton, but there is a slim chance this could be looked at later down the line. For more up to date detail go to GCP website - <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/> or do ask Geoff, Henry or your Parish Council's representatives on the GCP.

Experimental Traffic Orders

The County Council, acting on government legislation, has started implementing some temporary traffic regulation orders around the county. The first few are only in Cambridge city at the moment and are designed, whilst the roads are supposedly quieter, to close some roads to vehicles (bar emergency services) to encourage non-motorised travel. There is talk of trialing some in rural areas, but nothing concrete yet.

Self-employed Support

The government has announced that the self-employed can claim an additional payment from them. Info can be found on the government's website or Geoff can assist via the District Council.

Zero Carbon Communities Grant

Round 2 of the SCDC Zero Carbon Communities Grant is now open. This year the grant is focussing on three main themes – cycling, community buildings and tree planting & other nature-based initiatives. Applications are invited from parish councils and community groups. The total available is £100,000 with individual grants of £1,000 - £15,000. The scheme opened on Wednesday 1 st July and the application deadline is 5pm Wednesday 30 th September.

Electoral Register

The District Council is doing its annual canvas to get the electoral register up to date. Please do encourage anyone that you know isn't registered to do so and follow the steps laid out in the letters that SCDC are sending out.

Devolution

There is some talk within central government that they are leaning towards more unitary authorities in the country, so fewer layers of local government and just one authority that deals with everything. This is the current setup in Peterborough. This will be a constantly moving animal, so keep your ears to the ground.

Fostering

The County Council are constantly on the hunt for more foster carers. They are having a big drive and are holding various events around Cambridgeshire to promote this. If you, or know anyone, who is interested in this, please contact the County Council directly – fostering@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or 08000 520 078.

Councillor Henry Batchelor and Councillor Geoff Harvey.

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