**Weston Colville Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd March at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, 46 Chapel Rd, Weston Colville, Weston Green, Cambridge CB21 5NX.**

**Present: Ray Vidler, Bridget Durham, John Garrod, Emma Rayner, Rachel Jennings, Constantine Pagonis, Matt Russell and Jess Ashbridge (Clerk). Also present in part: County Cllr Henry Batchelor, District Cllr Geoff Harvey, and 1 Parishioner.**

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**Agenda**

1. **Chairman’s Welcome –** The Chairman welcomed those present.
2. **To accept apologies and reasons for absence –** None.
3. **To make any declarations of interest –** Cllr Russell declared a pecuniary interest in planning for Old Orchard, Cllr Rayner declared a pecuniary interest in planning for the Ivy House developments.
4. **To approve minutes-** For the meeting of Weston Colville Parish Council on 6th January **P: Cllr Vidler, S: Cllr Durham, All in fav**.
5. **Public Participation Session –** A Parishioner commented on the Old Orchard planning application.
6. **District and County Council reports and items of interest** – Report appended. Kingsway Solar Farm, a meeting would be arranged between the County and District Councils and Parish Councils, it was thought this would take place during the week of 17th March. SCDC would be submitting their comments about the land use framework in relation to the proposed Solar Farm. Potholes were discussed, it was advised that potholes should continue to be reported on the Highways app.

**7.1 Planning – Comments to be made for SCDC** Cllrs Russell and Rayner left the meeting during discussions.

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| **Planning Reference** | **Address** | **Proposal** | **Decision** |
| **25/00219/HFUL** No comments | Old Orchard Common Road Weston Colville CB21 5NS | [Planning details](https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=SQHLYQDXFTO00&activeTab=summary)  | **Awaiting decision** |
| **25/00591/FUL**No comments | Land Rear Of Ivy House The Green Weston Colville CB21 5NT | [Planning details](https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=SRVDOPDXH7U00&activeTab=summary) | **Awaiting decision** |
| **25/00587/S73**No comments | Ivy House The Green Weston Colville CB21 5NT | [Planning details](https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=SRU57IDXH7500&activeTab=summary) | **Awaiting decision** |

* 1. **Enforcement –** The Enforcement Team were looking into the case, and were in dialogue with the landowner.
	2. **Flooding** – Awaiting a further report from the Flooding Officer, for action on Common Road. Discussions were held regarding contacting landowners, including a report that had been provided from Highways. Flood Plan appendices have been updated, and would be added to the website.

**8.2 Footpaths –** Proposal to purchase a general topsy bin at the bottom of Horseshoe Lane, near the ford, for £417.75, plus annual emptying charge of £104 per annum. **P: Cllr Durham, S: Cllr Vidler, Against: 1, 6 in fav.**

* 1. **MVAS –** Data from the MVAS devices was received and discussed. The Clerk would investigate finding a coordinator from the Police to send the data to. It was determined to leave the older scheme **P: Cllr Vidler, S: Cllr Garrod, All in fav.** Padlocks were purchased for the brackets, it was determined to refund Cllr Russell £6.99. **P: Cllr Vidler, S: Cllr Durham, All in fav.**
	2. **Kingsway Solar Farm –** Moved to May.
	3. **Policies –** The Biodiversity Policy was approved **P: Cllr Vidler, S: Cllr Pagonis, All in fav**. An article was approved to be placed in the Challenge **P: Cllr Durham, S: Cllr Jennings, All in fav**. Cllr Garrod agreed to take on the role of coordinating biodiversity in the village.
	4. **BT Digital Voice –** The Clerk had contacted an officer from the County Council, and was awaiting return contact.

**8.7 Village Event 2025 –** It was decided to move the discussion to the next meeting, to celebrate 80th VE Day and official opening of the new Playground.

1. **Risk Assessment/Health and Safety –** The defibrillator was rescue ready
2. **Playground –** The new playground was completed in February. Acquiring picnic benches for the area was discussed, a budget of up to £500 was approved, **P: Cllr Durham, S: Cllr Pagonis, All in fav**. Sponsorship and ownership signage had been ordered. The Clerk had requested quotes for playground inspections, these would be provided to the Cllrs by email for ratification.
3. **Finance –**
	1. **To Approve payments –** £57 SLCC, £6.99 padlocks, **P: Cllr Durham, S: Cllr Vidler, All in fav.**
	2. **VAT refund –** £3,876.90 28.02.2025
	3. **Inspection of Accounts –** It was determined that CAPALC would audit the accounts for 2024-25 **P: Cllr Durham, S: Cllr Pagonis, All in fav**, the accounts would be provided for Cllr Garrod following Year End.

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| **Credit Received – Thalia Playground Grant** | £25,000 |
| **Wages s/o**  | £250.18 |
| **Balance at Lloyds Current Account 26.02.2025** | £1,803.50 |
| **Balance Lloyds Savings Account** | £6,383.30 |
| **Briggs Gift Account Balance**  | £341.50 |

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| **Date** | **Detail** |  | **Amount** | **VAT** |
| D/D | Street lighting 31/01 |  | £38.96 |  |
| 13.02.25 | Elevate Play Final Payment |  | £21,669 | £3,611.50 |
| 13.02.25 | HMRC PAYE |  | £79.07 |  |
| 13.02.25 | T Potter Grass Cutting |  | £1,592.40 | £265.40 |

1. **Matters for next Agenda – Handyman**

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**Dates of Parish Council meetings in 2025 are: Wednesday 7th May, 7th July, Wednesday 10th September, 3rd November.**

**Closed 9.28pm**