

WESTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of **Westleton Parish Council** at the meeting held at **7.30pm** on **Monday 25th July 2016** in the Westleton Village Hall.

(Signed)
Phillippa Welby
Parish Clerk

PRE AGENDA MATTERS

Contributions from members of the public

There were none.

AGENDA

16/134 Introductory remarks and apologies for absence

Apologies from Cllr Paige, Cllr Catchpole and Cllr Gower. Cllr Smith thanked Cllr Hecker for his contributions to the PC especially in relation to planning as this would be his last meeting. Cllr Hecker remarked that he had had a very interesting 15 months on the PC and was sorry to be leaving both the Council and Westleton.

16/135 Declaration of interests

Cllr Swindell declared a payment to himself in respect of the Community Field.

16/136 Pre Meeting Report from SCC Councillor

Cllr Gower was not in attendance.

16/137 Pre Meeting Report from SCDC Councillor

Cllr Catchpole was not in attendance.

16/138 Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on the 27th June 2016 be accepted as a true record.

16/139 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- **Any other matters** – Cllr Swindell reported that he had posted a notice reminding dog owners to pick up after their dogs near the spot where one particular owner is not clearing up after their dog in Wash Lane.

16/140 Community Field

The shed and shelter will be arriving on the 4th August. The hardwood chippings will be arriving on Friday the 29th July. Cllr Swindell will be looking for volunteers that evening to move the chippings on site. The plastic window of the noticeboard at the entrance of the Field is very badly crazed, making it almost impossible to read. Cllr Holmes will look at possibly replacing it with glass. Most of the outstanding jobs at the field have been finished with the exception of trimming the hedges. Cllr Swindell will approach the Community Payback Scheme for this. The Rotary Club who supervise the Barrel Fair parking on the Community Field have asked for there to be a small access point between the field and the paddock enabling a one way in, one way out system to be in place, ensuring a smooth running entry and exit process. Cllr Swindell proposed that a small piece of hedge be removed to allow this. Cllr Holmes seconded this. All in favour. Cllr Williams informed Cllr Swindell that all the table tennis balls need replacing. She stated they looked as if they have deliberately damaged. She also reported that there were several amounts of dog mess on the field.

16/141 Common

Cllr Smith asked the Council's permission to again pay for the fireworks for the New Year's Day display on the Common to a maximum value of £1000. This was agreed. Cllr Jones gave an update from the Commons advisory group. The order for the new plastic handrail and posts for the Noddle will be placed this week. Cllrs Jones and Swindell have met with the Community Payback Scheme coordinator and have been informed that whilst Sodex are reviewing the charges between 1st July and 31st December all work undertaken will be free. The CPS have already strimmed the Reckford Road layby and rubbed down and cleaned the benches in the village. Cllr Jones also reported on the damaged noticeboard on the Common near the container. Cllr Holmes has spoken to the person involved and they have offered to pay for the any repairs or a complete replacement if it is unable to be repaired.

16/142 Council Finances and Accounts- the following were proposed for payment by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Holmes. All in favour.

Invoices and Payments to consider the following for payment

From	Item	Amount
Scarletts	Petrol	£44.73
Roy Swindell	Grass cutting payments	£80
Phillippa Welby	Clerks fees and expenses	£406.47

Clerk to query items on the Scarletts invoice.

16/143 Planning applications

DC/16/2725/PN3 – Highfield Barn, Lymballs Lane – Change of use/conversion of traditional agricultural barn to one dwelling – No objections were raised.

16/144 Housing Needs Update

No updates this month.

16/145 Tree Warden Report

The dead Ash on the Green has been removed. Cllr Smith reported a large Oak branch hanging over the road by the White Horse, pond side of the road. Cllr Clough agreed to look at it and get CTS involved if the job was too big for him.

16/146 Road works, Hedges and Flooding

The Darsham Road verges have been cut. All Councillors agreed how bad the verges and hedges were in the local area. Cllr A. Alexander reported that this week was Westleton's turn for verge trimming by SCC. Cllr J. Alexander reported an overgrown hedge that is the Parish of Darsham. Clerk to write to Darsham PC to ask if they would contact the landowners. Cllr Holmes reported on new potholes. Any potholes can be photographed and either reported on SCC website or forwarded to the Clerk. A letter was received from the owners of the Grange regarding the footpath across Church Meadow. They confirmed it was being done on the 12th July. Clerk to write reply regarding why Council requests are done so in writing and to confirm that the request to cut has been deleted from SCC records.

Cllr Smith reported that a resident had fallen due to water meter covers not being put back flush to the pavement. Cllr Clough confirmed that he cleared the debris preventing closure and that they were now in-line with the path. Clerk to write to Essex and Suffolk Water to complain. Cllr Swindell reported two incidents of fly-tipping in the Reckford Road layby. One was a television and one was an amount of broken concrete left by the rubbish bins. Cllr Swindell has reported them.

16/147 SALC

No update this month.

16/148 Sizewell

No updates this month.

16/149 Phone box restoration

The phone box is now finished.

16/150 Vehicle activated sign

Cllr Smith had received requests from two residents that the Council should do more to tackle speeding in the village. She stated that the Council had explored many different options but these had been refused by Highways. David Blenco the Speedwatch coordinator had sent Cllr Swindell a report from the recent sessions undertaken by the Speedwatch group. The highest recorded speed was 54mph entering the village. The VAS figures are showing a slight decline in speeds during the month of May. It could be that the presence of the Police speed van was having an effect. Now that Westleton had been identified as a problem area the van would be making regular visits. Cllr Swindell asked if the Council would consider applying for speed camera signs. Clerk to write to Highways to enquire whether this would be possible. Cllr J. Alexander asked if it was possible to write to Sizewell to ask them to remind their employees not speed through villages on their commute. Clerk to write.

16/151 Bench Cleaning

There were two volunteers and Cllr J Alexander that had come forward to maintain the benches. One of the volunteers will maintain the round seat and another to manage those on the Common. Cllr J. Alexander will continue to maintain two benches on the Green. Cllr J. Alexander will also repair the flower tub at the top of the hill on the Green and get a price for a new band to go round one the mill stones that has started to fall apart. It was agreed that in the autumn when the flowers are changed in the barrel at the top of the Green it will be moved backwards. As it has been claimed currently it is causing a visibility issue for traffic.

16/152 Correspondence

Community Emergency Planning Newsletter – a plan is not needed for Westleton
Prevent – government strategy to counter extremism. Poster for noticeboard.
Information on Galloper Wind Farm – Interested Councillors took a copy of the newsletter.

Letter from ESTA requesting we rejoin and asking for a higher membership fee – request declined.

16/153 Date of Next Meeting

To note that the Council next meets at 7.30 pm on Monday 26th September 2016