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| **Westley Parish Council Minutes 18th January 2024**  **Present:** Jim Sweetman (JS); Colin Clayton (CC); Chris Anderson (CA); Alan Green (AG); Mike Spenser-Morris (MSM); Cllr Paul Foreman; Steve McLellan (SMc) |
| **49/2024** **Apologies:** Cllr Ian Houlder. |
| **50/2024 To receive member’s declarations of interest in accordance with the Council’s Code of Conduct regarding items on the agenda:** None received. |
| **51/2024 Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th November 2023:** CA and SMc to be added to the attendees list It was proposed and seconded that the amended minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th November 2023 were a true record of the meeting and were subsequently signed by the Chairman– all in favour. |
| **52/2024 County and District Council Reports:** Reports from Cllr Soons and Cllr Houlder were previously circulated. In relation to budget cuts and the decision by SCC to end Arts funding and to resite the Bury Records Office at The Hold in Ipswich, it was proposed and agreed that MSM write to the appropriate authority stating Westley Parish Council are strongly opposed to both decisions. |
| **53/2024** **Public Participation:** No members of the public were present. |
| **54/2024 To receive financial reports and authorise payments if appropriate:** With no transactions since the last meeting, the bank balance remains at £3287.37. |
| **55/2024 Roads and drainage report of meetings with Matthew Fox and further action:** Drainage **-** Positive meeting with Matthew Fox, Westley is now on the list for annual drain clearance (last carried out three years ago). Although an unadopted private road, the drains at Kitson Meadows have also been cleared. A thank you to SMc for the work undertaken in resolving the drainage issue.  Road - Next phrase is to carry out a speed survey for two purposes a) speeding and b) the Pigeon Development. KS may have monies left in her Highways budget to help towards the cost, target date early March. Following on from the results, various options could be considered i.e. 20mph speed limit, road markings. |
| **56/2024 Spring Litter Pick and village tidy up:** Date agreed as 17th March with volunteers limited to ten. Village tidy up already being carried out by residents. |
| **57/2024 Cemetery site:** A proposed cemetery would form part of discussions around a new Master Plan which, as yet still to be devised and adopted prior to a planning application being submitted. At that stage Westley PC would be asked for their views; however not imminent. CC to relay back to the church that the parish council will, when appropriate offer their support in opposing any plans for a cemetery adjacent to Westley Church. In respect of a parish council not being permitted to financially support church renovations, a new law has been passed allowing such grants.  **58/2024: Village Census :** To ensure club membership/contact details are up to date, JS will shortly be sending out a village census to all those with a contact email address, or hand delivered if not known. Additionally, there is to be a space for comments on anything they would like the parish council to be doing. To avoid repetition, details of what is actively being pursued by the PC to be included on the form. |
| **59/2024: Correspondence received:** No correspondence was noted. |
| **60/2024: Date of next meeting:** 21st March 2024  With no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm. |