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| **Westley Parish Council Minutes 20th July 2023**  **Present:** Jim Sweetman (JS); Colin Clayton (CC); Alan Green (AG); Mike Spenser-Morris (MSM);  Christine Mason (CM) Clerk and later in the meeting SCC Karen Soons (KS) |
| **15/2023** **Apologies:** Cllr Colin Anderson (CA), Cllr Steve McLellan (SMc) |
| **16/2023 Co-option:** Proposed and seconded that Paul Foreman be co-opted to Westley Parish Council – all in favour. Paperwork at the next meeting. |
| **17/2023 To receive member’s declarations of interest in accordance with the Council’s Code of Conduct regarding items on the agenda:** None received. |
| **18/2023 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11th May 2023:** Unanimously approved and signed as a true record by the Chair. |
| **19/2023 Reports from District/County Councillors:** Cllr Soons’ General Report to be forwarded to councillors. |
| **20/2023 Public Participation:** There were no members of the public present. |
| **21/2023 To receive the financial reports and authorise payments if appropriate:** Bank balance on 27 April 2023 stands at £4588.94; cheques drawn, clerks salary x 2 months £199.58; Westley Club £200. Balance as of 11th May 2023 £4589.36. There were no transactions in June. |
| **22/2023 Updates from the previous meeting:**  a) Surface water issue due to the longstanding issue of inadequate drainage, Old Church Lane - photographic evidence of flooding to be sent to SM for collating. KS to be asked for her assistance in dealing with Highways.  b) Solar panel array - although the steel works have been purchased, no planning application has yet been received. To be monitored.  c) Grass verges - The issue of the state of the grass verges caused by tractors/trailers driving too fast down the lane is continuing. Stronger posts, however, are not a solution to the problem. SM to speak to CB.  d) October litter pick – CA to take responsibility for the litter pick and to decide on a suitable date. |
| **23/2023 Informal Pigeon meeting:** Pigeon presented an amended plan for the route of the relief road, smoothing out the curve in the road at the northern end and ending in a mini roundabout on the Barrow Road. The plan allows for two linked roundabouts on the Barrow Road, explained by the requirements of the topography. There would be a turning into Westley from this new road entering the village just to the south of the housing line. However, Pigeon has not yet managed to conclude a deal with the Underwood family which would allow the relief road to be built. The full report of the meeting to be appended to the minutes. |
| **24/2023** **To consider any correspondence received:** DC/23/1098/TPO – two Holly and one Sycamore fell 4 Bullens Close Hill Road Westley Suffolk IP33 3TN – No comments.  A thank you to MSM for his diligence in getting the flattened chicanes reinstated. |
| **25/2023** KS arrived at the meeting at 7.50pm. Issues raised included the sucking out of the gullies, together with a regular maintenance agreement with the Farmer/Highways. A site meeting with Matthew Fox to be requested by the parish council, KS to be copied in.  Any other business – A Highways lorry has emptied loose asphalt into the emergency sluice and taken away the logs and sandbags; on the other side of the S bend this side, 50% of the pavement is covered in shrubbery and not useable (landowners responsibility). CC to investigate and prior to sending out a letter to individual residents in Burrells Orchard, speak with CA. |
| **26/2023 Date of next meeting:** 21st September 2023 at 7.30pm.  With no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm. |