

Westley Parish Council Minutes

19th May 2022

Present: Cllrs Chris Anderson (CA); Alan Green (AG); Gary Smith (GS); Mike Spencer-Morris (MSM); Steve McClellan (SMc)

Christine Mason (CM, Clerk), County Councillor Karen Soon (KS); District Councillor Ian Houlder (IH)

Apologies: Jim Sweetman; Colin Clayton

01/2022 Election of Chairman: Proposed and seconded that Cllr Chris Anderson be re-elected Chairman for 2022-2023 - all in favour. CA reiterated his intention to step down from the Parish Council following his current term of office. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed.

02/2022 Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence: The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jim Sweetman, Cllr Colin Clayton.

03/2022 Election of other Officers if required: Status quo to be kept. To encourage new members to join the Parish Council, a full debate to be held at a future meeting.

04/2022 To receive member's declarations of interest in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct regarding items on the agenda: None declared.

05/2022 Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting held on 17th March 2022 were approved and signed as a true record.

06/2022 Public participation: No other members of the public were present

07/2022 To receive the financial report and authorise payments if appropriate: Two payments have been made £352.27 Clerk's salary x 3 months; Community Action £60 Website hosting. Income £2180.00 Precept. As of 29 April 2022, the bank balance stands at £5481.44.

08/2022 Public Footpath – Fornham Lane to Westley Middle School: Footpath becoming substantially overgrown and getting to the point of being impassable. With considerable encroachment, the foliage needs to be hard cut back at least a metre. To be carried out after the nesting season. KS to contact James Pickerin, SCC Area Rights of Way Officer. Furthermore, MSM to draft a short letter to the landowner in relation to this issue – all agreed.

09/2022 Closure of Westley Middle School update: Previous correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting by MSM. Despite strong opposition from parents, involvement from Matt Hancock MP, Unity, out of the blue have disregarded the opinions of 70% of parents who were opposed to the closure. A second meeting with Mat Hancock MP to be arranged (KS to action) to determine whether there might be any possibility of getting the decision overturned.

10/2022 Queens Jubilee celebrations update: Two part village occasion, afternoon party and BBQ in Burrell's Orchard at 3pm and from 7.00pm a disco at the Barn. Event is free, numbers to be finalised two weeks prior to the celebrations. Confirmed, Westley PC have earmarked £500 from General Reserves towards the cost of the festivities.

11/2022 Litter pick update: Provisional month for the litter pick next year – Late March/April. To be confirmed at the January 2023 Parish Council meeting.

12/2022 Street lighting update: Finally resolved. A thank you was given to KS for her diligence and help in this matter.

13/2022 Correspondence: .Emails circulated as and when received.

14/2022 Date of next meeting: Thursday 21st July 2022 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm.