

## **Westley Parish Council Minutes**

**21<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

**Present:** Chris Anderson (CA); Colin Clayton (CC); Alan Green (AG); Jim Sweetman (JS); Mike Spencer-Morris (MSM); Steve McClellan (SMc)

Christine Mason (CM, Clerk), County Councillor Karen Soon (KS)

**Apologies:** Gary Smith (GS)

**15/2022 The Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence:** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Gary Smith.

**16/2022 To receive member's declaration of interest in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct:** None declared.

**17/2022 Minutes:** The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

The pathway has now been cut, better but not good. When sides are cut again the foliage needs to be shrunk further back. There are three small encampment picnic sites along the unofficial path behind the trees, one has a sofa and permanent BBQ that could be a potential fire hazard. CA to take photographs and forward to IH, additionally CA to log a report on the WSC online fly tipping reporting tool.

**18/2022 Report on the Jubilee celebrations and the accounts:** A great community success, split over two locations worked extremely well, expenses came in under budget, all invoices are paid up to date and settled.

**19/2022 Reports from County and District Councillors:** Report from KS was previously circulated and noted. Questions were invited. A comment was made that the street light eventually fixed on the main road is a considerable improvement.

**20/2022 Public participation:** No members of the public were present.

**21/2022 To receive the financial report and authorise payments if appropriate:** Two payments have been made Clerk's salary x 3 months £250.89; Jubilee donation £500. As of 21 June 2022, the bank balance stands at £4730.55.

Quotations for a new notice board to be obtained.

**22/2022 Response to the current Suffolk Local Plan Consultation:** Following full and detailed discussion, JS to draft the Parish Council's response, and circulate to all councillors prior to being sent to WSC by the Charman.

**23/2022 New Model Code of Conduct:** Noted and adopted.

**24/2022 Update on overgrown path – Fornham Road to Westley Middle School:** Concerns were raised that the footpath is not cut back sufficiently, a hard cut required in the Autumn when the leaves have fallen, KS to action. An agenda item at the next meeting to discuss available options open to the Parish Council.

**25/2022 Update on Westley Middle School:** Regrettably, there has been no second meeting between Unity and Matt Hancock MP. Indication is there will be no further dialogue relating to the school closure.

**26/2022 Correspondence:** MSM has requested information from the Demerells concerning their intentions for the derelict unsafe barns.  
No further correspondence received.

**27/2022 Date of next meeting:** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.