

Westley Parish Council Minutes

24th November 2022

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

Apologies: Christine Mason, Clerk (CM), County Councillor Karen Soon (KS), Gary Smith (GS)

Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence: The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received and accepted from Christine Mason, Karen Soons and Gary Smith.

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

Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 6th October 2022 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Reports from County and District Councillors: Report from KS was previously circulated and noted. Questions were invited. A verbal report was received from Cllr Houlder.

Public participation: No members of the public were present.

To receive the financial report and authorise payments if appropriate: Payments made TBA

To consider precept requirements prior to the next meeting: The chair indicated that there were unlikely to be any circumstances in which the Precept would be increased. The discussion was deferred until the next meeting.

Boundary Commission Final Consultation: The Council was informed that the Boundary Commissions Final recommendations have now been published. These appear to show that the proposed changes to the Parliamentary boundary are not to take place. The documentation also appears to show that there was some confusion over the submission made by Westley Parish Council and the suggestion that Westley Village should be included in the Bury St Edmunds Parliamentary constituency. Mike Spencer-Morris and Jim Sweetman agreed to investigate further and contact the council members if further action was required.

Notice Board Update: A new notice board has been sourced with a parish council contribution of £155 and will be installed shortly. The council expressed thanks to Cllr Karen Soons for the contribution from her community budget.

Public footpath Update: The footpath has now been properly cleared including the removal of rubbish. Cllr Karen Soons was thanked for her work in helping to facilitate this.

AOB: The Chair raised the issue of the trust-based ownership of Westley Club assets and whether it would be necessary to appoint new trustees or support the club in achieving charitable status. The Chair agreed to contact Henry with a view to identifying the whereabouts of the current trustees and discussing this matter at the next meeting of the council.

Date of next meeting: The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed by the clerk.