

Westley Parish Council Minutes

17th July 2025

Present: Jim Sweetman (JS); Colin Clayton (CC); Paul Foreman (PF); Cllr Steve McClellan (SMc); Cllr Alan Green (AG); Cllr Chris Anderson (CA); District Cllr Ian Houlder (IH); Christine Mason, Clerk (CM)

79/2025 Apologies: Cllr Mike Spenser-Morris, District Cllr Karen Soons.

80/2025 To receive member's declarations of interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct regarding items on the agenda: None received.

81/2025 To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on Thursday 8th May 2025 : Unanimously approved.

82//2025 Public participation: There were no members of the public present.

83/2025 To receive County & District Council reports: Cllr Karen Soons report was previously circulated and noted. Cllr Houlder spoke on the Local Plan being approved by Full Council; the appeal hearing by the applicant for a planning application at land off Newmarket Road, Risby for steel storage, processing and distribution facility. To be heard later this month. Concerns were raised by Westley Parish Council that the Local Plan was being ignored, light and noise pollution and close proximity of the facility to a residential area. JS to draft a response.

84/2025 To receive the finance report: Expenditure: Service charge £4.25, Clerk's salary May & June £221.00, Banking service charges £8.50. Balance as of 8th July 2025 £4204.80.

85/2025 Westbury CC meeting: A meeting has been arranged at Westbury Committee Centre at 6:30 on 4th August 2025 to explain the outcome of the Bury West Appeal; Westley residents to be invited to attend. Peter White, Principal Planning Officer at WSC will explain what the allowed appeal includes and what the development will deliver, what the stages remain moving forward, and how the LPA will be consulting with the surrounding communities as and when those Reserved Matter applications are brought forward.

86/2025 Road markings update: The Highways contractor has asked Matthew Fox to organise the roads to be cleaned to remove the surface debris in advance of the road markings.. MF has further arranged for all existing road markings to be refreshed. No precise date as yet. Regarding the overgrown footpath MSM to action, Photos as evidence to be forwarded to MSM.

87/2025 The Pond / Flooding in Old Church Lane: SMc and MSM to speak with Matthew Fox, SCC, regarding the flooding issues and the degrading of the pond due to several soak away drains being blocked and not flowing adequately. It was furthermore suggested that a lottery bid ought to be explored. Further discussion at the next meeting.

88/2025 Westley Community Barbecue: Taking place this year in the gardens of Steve and Caroline's house in Old Church Lane on Saturday 16th August from 6.30pm. The event is free, and the traditional BBQ food is available on a donation basis. All welcome. An application for £500 from IH's Locality Budget towards the event to be submitted. CM to action.

Date of next meeting: 11th September 2025 at 7.30pm. Apologies were received in advance from CA. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm.