

## WESTON LONGVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on

9 August 2021, 7.30pm at Hall for All, Weston Longville

**Present:** Bob Banks, Justin Cohu, Paul Cowley, Ruth Goodall, Clare Morton (Chair and clerk), Peter Ross.

There were no members of the public.

**1. Chairman's welcome and to receive apologies for absence**

There were no apologies.

**2. To receive Members' Declarations of interests for meeting tonight and to update declaration of interest forms**

None raised.

**3. To discuss / action Three Parishes Plan**

The meeting was convened to discuss the Three Parishes Plan which was completed in Autumn 2020 and distributed to all households in December 2020. The Plan covers the responses of the parishes of Attlebridge, Morton on the Hill and Weston Longville.

Unless already amalgamated in the report, the responses considered were primarily those from the Weston Longville responders.

Item 1. The survey

It was noted that that no under 19s from WL responded to the plan, from a population making up 20% of parishioners, and only 1% of the 7% in the 19-29 age bracket. It was discussed as to whether an alternative attempt should be made to capture these views however it was felt that the interests in community of the U19 was largely limited to transport and the internet. For those U30, these were more likely to be focussing on family life, and may come to community at a later point.

Item 2. Community

It was noted that whilst 'helping one another out' was the highest scoring indicator of a community working well, this did not necessarily translate into wanting to take part in, or lead, lots of 'traditional' community activities, although 'shared events' did score highly as being important. The recent pandemic showed people being quite happy to rally round their immediate neighbours, rather than more widescale things.

It was agreed to look at the activities offered by other local venues or groups and look at where there may be gaps / overlaps and where the WLPC / HfA could focus.

**Action PR**

### Item 3 The Council

3.1 WLPC were happy at the positivity of responses to them and the work of the Council. It was agreed to retain the current arrangement of allowing parishioners to speak on any subject at any time during the meetings however it was also agreed to start each meeting with a reminder that it will be the councillors who speak first, then open up to the floor with all remarks directed to the chair, and the councillors to have the final say. **Action CM**

3.2 There was a suggestion that some people may be intimidated to speak out in the formal setting of the PC meeting so it was agreed to hold some open, weekend or evening 'drop in' surgeries where people could discuss things informally over a coffee. **Action CM to set up.**

3.3 It was agreed to try and be more pro-active with the agenda and minutes of the meetings. Currently coverage is via agenda on village noticeboard, on WLPC website and to councillors and linked via WLPC facebook page. The minutes are published on WLPC website and to councillors and linked via WLPC facebook page, with a meeting summary also put into the parish magazine. There were a number of requests for an email distribution group to be set up, to whom agendas and minutes could be sent directly. Need to examine whether this could be a sub-set of the current Hall for All contact list. **Action RG and CM**

3.4 Although there was some feedback that the WLPC spent too long talking about traffic, too much traffic was the highest cause of concern for parishioners and prevented them from accessing the local environment. WLPC did not feel that other areas of the agenda were neglected because of this.

There was a feeling however, that WLPC was often 'reactive' in terms of responding to issues as they presented themselves eg A47 dualling, NWL, cable corridors, Local Plan; and that very few of our agenda items were generated by the PC as areas for pro-active work. Local environment issues could be something the PC could be in front of the curve on.

### Item 4 The Environment

The WLPC has looked at a possible footpath strategy as part of the NWL and submitted this to NCC. There are some areas where establishing footpaths / cycleways would be beneficial in linking parts of the parish

eg Weston Green to Weston Longville via the edge of the Airfield. Q is the land still owned by the BM family Trust or by 2 Sisters ? It is understood to be the former. Is there a contact we have where we could approach about a permissive path. **Action PR**

Morton Lane to Lenwade. This passes over land owned by Round the Woods, Roarr and RNGC. RNGC are open to providing land for a path but do not want to install or look after it. Roarr have mentioned working in partnership to provide access to their park. For WL, access is needed across Round the Woods Land. Kate Symmonds to be approached. **Action CM.**

Look at noticeboards displaying local walks. **Action CM**

We should look at where areas could be planted up with trees or flowers, where planters could be placed. First step – ask for information on locations in the Wensum Diary / Village chat facebook. **Action CM**

Look at areas which may require a working party to get them into shape eg path down from Pump Farm. **Action All**

Look at setting up a tree directory for significant local trees not covered by TPOs. **Action PC**

Item 5 Other.

5.1 Mobile phone signal poor in lots of areas, what can be done to improve it? **Action JC**

5.2 Can we do a 'quarterly skip' service for the parish? Q – can they still take any form of rubbish? **Action CM**

5.3 Will Roarr do any discounts for parishioners? **Action CM**

5.4 Wind Turbine Money – need to convene the spending approval panel to review the list. **Action CM.**

**4. To receive any other business (for information only)**  
None