

SMEETON WESTERBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Zoom (Virtual Meeting) due to Coronavirus on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 at 7.30pm

In line with government requirements to reduce the transmission of COVID-19
Legislation has been made to enable local council meeting to be held by
remote attendance

Councillors present:
Cllr: Richard Clarke (Chairman)
Cllr. Michael Vickers,
Cllr. David Brierley
Cllr. Michael Coltman
Cllr. Mark Chapman

Also, in attendance Fiona Blockley (LCC), 2 Parishioners & Sara Barrett (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

None received

2. Public participation in respect of items on the agenda

A parishioner reported on his concerns on item 5 on the agenda.

3. Declaration of Interest

None received.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2021

The minutes were approved without amendments. The Chairman will sign these at a later date.

5. Collapse of walls Main Street, Smeeton Westerby and Traffic Management.

The two walls opposite each other along Main Street, have suffered from the vibration of the traffic, one wall has collapsed and the other has been taken down for safety reasons.

The footpath is also in a dangerous condition and slopes significantly towards the road. The kerb stones are now flush to the level of the road, due to the heavy traffic mounting the pavement whilst travelling through the village. A permanent 20 mph speed limit would be welcomed throughout the village, and the Parish Council would be prepared to finance this.

The Parish council will send in strong representation to HDC and LCC.

6. Planning Applications

21/00144/FUL Conversion of garage to habitable room and two-storey Extension to side to include garage, 1A Main Street, Smeeton Westerby – No objections.

21/00179/FUL Erection of garden studio, 104 Main Street, Smeeton Westerby – No objections

21/00045/FUL Installation of dropped curb and permeable hard standing drive 106 Main Street, Smeeton Westerby – No objections

7. To discuss the proposed plan submitted by the Welland Trust

The River Welland Trust along with Harborough Tree Society are planning a project by Langton Brook Smeeton Westerby. They would like to put the meanders back and create a wetland area to help reduce flooding. The Councillors support the plans for this as this would be a worthwhile project for the village.

8. To note the arrival of a prefabricated bungalow and hard standing on Gumley Road

The chairman confirmed that he has contact HDC planning department as this has not had planning approval, a response from HDC has not yet been received.

Finance and Administration

1. Approval of Bank Reconciliation

This was approved and will be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

2. Approval of invoices paid between meetings.

The following invoices were paid between the Parish Council meetings 10th December 2020 – 3rd March 2021

Leicestershire Gardens – Sept/Oct/Nov Mow (100562) £70.00

Westcotes – Security Bits VAS (100563) £8.64

Autela Payroll – Payroll (100564) £51.25

HMRC – PAYE (100565) £101.60

Sara Barrett – Nov/Dec Salary (100566) £266.90

3. Allotment Fees

The clerk reported that all the allotments are being rented, most of the allotment fees have now been paid and the Clerk will send a reminder letter to the ones that are still outstanding.

The allotment wall between Brook House and the allotments has now been assessed by the insurance and will be rebuilt in due course.

4. Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

These were reviewed by the Councilor's and approved

5. Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 19th May 2021

Meeting Closed 8.45 pm