

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 9th June 2015 in Weston Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Councillor C Critchlow (Chair) Councillor Mrs H Hart (Vice-Chair), Councillor R Norman, Councillor Mrs A Martin, Councillor A Hopkin, Councillor D Tams, Councillor C Gilbert, Councillor J Griffiths, Parish Clerk Mrs A Kingston

2 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Staffordshire County Councillor L Bloomer

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 12th MAY 2015 – MINUTES

1019. RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held on 12th May 2015 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Hart and Tams.

DECLARATIONS BY CO-OPTED COUNCILLORS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

1020. RESOLVED - Councillors Hopkin and Martin signed Declarations of Acceptance of the Office of Member of Weston with Gayton Parish Council, witnessed by the Parish Clerk.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1021. There were no declarations of interest

UPDATE ON ACTION LIST

1022. Councillors provided updates on the progress of a number of actions contained in the Parish Plan. The latest version of the plan including progress against actions can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

1023. The Clerk informed the PC of initial proposals by Staffordshire County Council to reform the mobile and travelling library service. The proposals will result in a reduction in mobile library provision for the area. More information can be found at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/mobilelibraries **RESOLVED** - Clerk to forward details to Councillor Hopkin for inclusion in Compass.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1024. No public participation

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

1025. Councillor Bloomer was not in attendance to present a report.

REPORT FROM STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

1026. Councillor Mrs. F Beatty was not in attendance to present a report

REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

1027. Responsibility to repair the damaged electrical box lies with the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) and will be completed shortly. The VHMC wished to ask the PC if the old Best Kept Village signs could be removed from the Store Room. For clarity it should be noted that the Stores are part of the PC remit and not that of the VHMC, however the signs can be removed. The PC also require an additional set of keys to the Village Hall. **RESOLVED** – Councillor Critchlow to obtain a new set of keys for the Parish Council who, as landlords must be able to gain access at all times.

DEVELOPMENTS

1028. Some estimates for the cost of the erection of a fence to surround the skate park have been obtained, and further estimates are required. This will be brought to the next meeting. A number of other issues have been raised by the contractor in relation to the planning consent, and clarification is required from Stafford Borough Council. **RESOLVED**- Councillor Critchlow to work with Stafford

Borough Council Planning Department and Rampmental Ltd to resolve any issues.

TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

1029. Some small saplings planted on the Village Green have been damaged. They have temporarily been moved to St. Andrew's Church to see if they can recover. If they do recover and become established, they will be moved back to the Village Green.

STAFFORD BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN

1030. The Plan for Stafford Borough – Part 2 Proposals and Community Infrastructure Levy are currently out for consultation with a closing date for responses of the 15th July. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to forward details and web link to all Councillors for review and responses to be fed back via the Clerk. Clerk to make the final submission on behalf of the PC.

DOG FOULING

1031. The PC received an update on the work with the Stafford Borough Council Dog Warden. Flyers have been delivered to every household and there is an intention to provide an update every few months. There will also be a stall publicising the initiative in conjunction with Neighbourhood Watch, at the Village Fete. Costings were provided for the purchase of dog bins and dog bag dispensers. Quotes from three companies had been considered and the cheapest price for the desired number of bins was £891+VAT. This would provide seven bins, four standard and three with built in dog bag dispensers. Cost of installation was not included. Agreement regarding the emptying and general maintenance would need to be finalised before the purchase could go ahead. Funding to support this initiative may be available from Staffordshire County Council. **RESOLVED** – Councillor Hart and the Clerk to pursue the possibility of obtaining grant funding to support this initiative.

VILLAGE SOS

1032. The Village Shop proposal was discussed with the Chairman of the VHMC regarding the opening of a community shop, the Parish questionnaire gave a figure of 93% in favour of opening such a facility. The PC asked the VHMC to discuss this at their next meeting with a view to reporting back on whether they were in favour of this.

FINANCES

1033. RESOLVED – that the PC approve payments listed on the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments

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CORRESPONDENCE

1035. The PC noted and considered the following items of correspondence

- Request from the Woolpack to use the Village Green for the Beer Festival during the August Bank Holiday Weekend. The use of the Village Green must be for the benefit of local people and not income generating. **RESOLVED** – Councillor Critchlow to draft a letter to the Woolpack clarifying terms of use.
- Overgrown Hedge – A51. The PC have received complaints regarding the condition of hedgerows on the A51. A request for work has been submitted to Staffordshire County Highways Department and a work order has been raised. It is hoped this work will be completed shortly.
- Correspondence from the Pensions Regulator informing the council of the new automatic enrolment legal duties which come into force in 2016. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to be nominated contact for the Council.
- Invitation to Afternoon Tea – Wednesday 8th July.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

1036. Parish Council meeting, Tuesday 14th July 2015 at Gayton Village Hall at 7:30pm

**COLIN CRITCHLOW
CHAIRMAN**