

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 14th July 2015 in Gayton Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

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

Staffordshire County Councillor L Bloomer
Stafford Borough Councillor A Harp

2 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Councillor A Hopkin, Councillor D Tams (for part of the meeting)

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 9th JUNE 2015 – MINUTES

1037. RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held on 9th June 2015 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Hart and Norman.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1038. There were no declarations of interest

UPDATE ON PARISH PLAN

1039. 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

1040. Information has been received from Stafford Borough Council Walkwise programme, a borough wide initiative open to anyone who enjoys walking and spending time with other people. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to display posters on the PC notice boards.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1041. Concern was raised regarding the issue of car parking on pavements, particularly in Old Road and Green Road. This is of particular concern for wheelchair users and parents with pushchairs, who must resort to walking in the road. **RESOLVED** – Councillors Hart and Martin to draft a polite notice for the Compass Magazine highlighting the difficulty this causes for other residents.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

1042. Councillor Bloomer discussed the issue of Community Speed Watch and informed the PC that other local areas have already purchased equipment, some using it actively and some not. **RESOLVED** – Councillor Hart and the Clerk to contact Hilderstone, Creswell and Fulford parish councils to determine if a joint share/loan scheme could be established with their equipment. Cllr Bloomer is to send the email contact details for Chris Mitchell's replacement, there are a number of issues outstanding by SCC, these are, Saracens Head parking, Blocked road gullies and Hedge cutting on the A51 which is becoming increasingly dangerous.

REPORT FROM STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

1043. Councillor A Harp informed the PC of a new App being launched by the Borough Council for smart phones and tablets. This app will enable easy on the spot reporting of issues such as dog fouling and fly tipping. A link to the website with details of how to download the app will be provided on the Parish Council website once it becomes available.

1044. A discussion was held regarding the issue of the overgrown hedge belonging to Stafford and Rural Homes (SARH) which is blocking the footpath from Old Road to Wellyards Close. Stafford Borough Councillors A Harp and F Beatty will contact SARH to resolve this issue.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

1045. The PC were informed that the issue of the Village shop was discussed at the last VHMC meeting and the Committee voted against running a community shop from the premises themselves. Cllr Critchlow undertook to speak with Cllr Alan Hopkin to see if there is anyway this can be progressed through the Parish Council. An extra set of keys have been provided for the PC, these keys are held at Cllr Critchlow's house, anyone requiring use of these should contact Councillor Critchlow. Repairs to the Electrical box are being arranged. The VHMC are looking into the issue of access to the Village Hall while Wombats pre-school are in session. The local charity the Heart of Weston are planning an event at the village hall on the 1st August. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to contact the Heart of Weston to ensure adequate insurance is in place.

DEVELOPMENTS

1046. Progress regarding the Skate Park was discussed under item 1039 update on Parish Plan. The latest version of the plan including progress against actions can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

1047. Some of the flooring in the Children's play area is coming up. Cllr Critchlow to action this.

STAFFORD BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN

1048. The Clerk has submitted a response to the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council, in favour of the plans presented.

DOG FOULING

1049. Following the launch of the campaign there seems to have been a reduction in dog mess on the Village Green and surrounding areas, with the main hotspot being along the canal path. Three quotes have been provided for the purchase of the required number of dog bins. It is intended that a number of these will be situated along the canal route. **RESOLVED** – The PC approve the purchase of three dog waste bins and one dog waste station at a total cost of £701.00 plus additional costs for installation, (exact cost of installation to be determined).

VILLAGE SOS

1050. Progress regarding the establishment of a village shop was discussed under item 1039 update on Parish Plan and item 1045 Report from the Village Hall Management Committee Representative. The latest version of the plan including progress against actions can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

FOOTPATHS

1051. The Weston and Gayton footpath maps were considered and a list compiled of those with overgrown hedges or access issues. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to report the list of issues to Staffordshire County Council.

TERMS OF USE OF THE VILLAGE GREEN

1052. The Clerk circulated a draft document for discussion. The PC were in agreement that a formal document clearly detailing the terms of use for the village green was required. **RESOLVED** – To discuss at September PC meeting, with a view to having an agreed Terms of Reference in place for the start of the 2016 Calendar year. Councillors to consider the key points for inclusion in preparation for the September meeting.

FINANCES

1053. RESOLVED – that the PC approve payments listed on the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments

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1055. The PC received a quarterly budget update from the Clerk

1056. The Clerk provided the necessary paperwork from the PC Current Account to Councillors Hart and Martin to be added as signatories. The Clerk circulated the paperwork from the Investment account to gain formal approval from the bank signatories to update the mailing details to those of the current Clerk Amanda Kingston. **RESOLVED-** Councillors Hart and Martin complete the necessary paperwork and provide the necessary identification in branch to be added as signatories to the account.

CORRESPONDENCE

1057. The PC noted and considered the following items of correspondence

- Request from the Woolpack to use the Village Green for a cider festival on Friday 7th August and a bouncy castle on Sunday 16th August. Also notification of confirmed date for the Beer and Cider festival of the 30th August. **RESOLVED** – Request approved, Clerk to draft letter to the Woolpack confirming permission and highlighting the planned review for terms of use of the Village Green.
- Highways winter maintenance review – Questionnaire received and completed.
- Mobile Travelling Library Consultation – The PC were informed that the consultation is now open.
- The new Minerals Local Plan for Staffordshire 2015-2030 has now been published.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

1058. Parish Council meeting, Tuesday 8th September 2015 at 7:30pm Weston Village Hall

**COLIN CRITCHLOW
CHAIRMAN**