

# WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Gayton Annual Parish Meeting held in Gayton Village Hall on  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7pm.

## 1. **Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2. **Present:** Councillor Mrs. H Hart (Vice Chair), Councillor A Hopkin, Councillor Mrs A Martin, Councillor R Norman, Councillor C Gilbert, Councillor J Griffiths, Stafford Borough Councillor Mrs F Beatty, Parish Clerk Mrs A Kingston.

8 Members of the public

## 3. **Apologies:** Councillor C Critchlow, Staffordshire County Councillor L Bloomer.

## 4. **Minutes**

**NOTED** - That the minutes of the Gayton Annual Parish Council meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014 were approved and signed by the Chair of the Parish Council as proposed and seconded by Councillor C Gilbert and Councillor Mrs A Martin.

## 5. **Matters Arising from the minutes of 11th March 2014**

There were no matters arising from the minutes

## 6. **Report of the Parish Council**

Parish Councillor Gilbert gave an overview of Parish Council activity covering Gayton in the past 12 months including:

**6.1** The development of the Parish Plan which is nearing completion and should be published by the end of April. The plan will include a number of specific actions the Parish Council are committed to delivering over the next five years.

**6.2** Two of Stafford's main supermarkets Tesco and Asda have been contacted regarding the possibility of providing a community mini bus to collect residents from Weston and Gayton and bring them into Stafford to shop for a few hours before returning them home. Unfortunately there has been little response from either supermarket. However, it is the intention of the Parish Council to contact the new Morrisons supermarket, which will form a part of the new town centre development, to see if they would be interested.

**6.3** The Civic Amenity Visits have been agreed for the coming year and the dates will be displayed on the notice board.

**6.4** A defibrillator has been fitted to the village hall in Weston, along with an oxygen unit. Local support for the provision of the defibrillator has been extremely strong, and the three training courses advertised in Weston are all full, with a waiting list for those who were unable to secure a place. The possibility of providing additional training courses for people living Gayton is being explored.

## 7. **Reports by Parish Organisations**

Councillor Gilbert read out the reports from St. Peter's Church, the Gayton Flower Club and the Tai Chi club.

**7.1** The work to St. Peter's Church which was completed last year was made possible by grants from English Heritage and other smaller fundraising and grant schemes. Additional work has been completed to replace the boiler. There were two weddings held at St. Peter's church last year and there is another booked for the summer. The church will also be part of a mission event this year and there will be speakers and celebration throughout the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> May.

**7.2** Gayton Flower Club is still operating successfully with a good membership and abilities ranging from complete beginners to those experienced enough to be interested in exhibiting at shows. A stained glass workshop was held in November which proved so popular additional dates had to be provided. A further workshop is also planned for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

**7.3** Following a decline in members the Tai Chi class approached Stafford U3A (University of the Third Age) for support and became a part of the scheme in January 2015. Since then membership has increased to 12 and members are now able to take advantage of the additional benefits of being members of U3A.

**7.4** Gayton Village Hall continues to host its mix of regular clubs and booked individual events and is on target to make a small profit this year. This year they have trialled two new events. A monthly pop up bar, which has not been well attended and will be replaced with other events. The other new venture has been formal afternoon teas, which have been very successful and the next will be a V.E day themed tea.

## **8. Any Other Business**

**8.1** Councillor Mrs F Beaty provided an update from Stafford Borough Council. There have been some concerns regarding rural areas inclusion in the provision of high speed broadband, however it would appear Gayton is to be included.

**8.2** A European funding stream is available for more rural communities and small businesses. The scheme is to support work to further benefit the local community and the funding can be either capital or revenue. Further information is available from Councillor Mrs F Beaty or Councillor Gilbert.

**8.3** Stafford Borough Council ward boundaries have changed resulting in a reduction in the total number of Councillors in the Borough. Gayton and Weston both fall within the Milwich ward.

## **9. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in Gayton Village Hall at 7.00pm**

**HILARY HART  
VICE CHAIR**