

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 14th June 2016 in Weston Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Councillor C Critchlow (Chair), Councillor J Griffiths, Councillor C Gilbert, Councillor D Tams, Councillor A Hopkin, Parish Clerk Mrs A Kingston

5 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mrs A Martin

CO-OPTION TO FILL VACANCIES

1322. The Parish Council were fortunate to receive a number of applications for the three vacancies, two in Weston and one in Gayton. Consideration was taken in accordance with best practice guidelines provided by the National Association of Local Councils and Staffordshire Parish Councils Association. Following much deliberation, the co-option of three candidates, Mrs Hilary Hart, Mrs Gail Wray and Mr Kenneth Barber were agreed by majority vote. **RESOLVED** – that Mrs Hilary Hart be co-opted to the post of Member of Weston with Gayton Parish Council representing the Parish of Gayton and that Ken Barber and Gail Wray be co-opted to the post of Member of Weston with Gayton Parish Council representing the Parish of Weston. Declarations of Acceptance of Office were signed and witnessed by the Parish Clerk.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 10TH MAY 2016 - MINUTES

1323.RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held on 10th May 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Griffiths and Tams.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1324. None

UPDATE ON ACTION LIST

1325. Following work undertaken by Councillor Tams, the Staffordshire Newsletter are publishing an article regarding speeding traffic in and around the parish. Average speed on the A51 has been assessed as 42mph, and as such no official action can be taken. Whilst the average speed is only slightly above the speed limit, the volume of traffic travelling at speeds of up to 60mph remain a serious concern. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to contact Councillor Bloomer at Staffordshire County Council to request a response to a number of questions raised previously. **RESOLVED** – To explore the possibility of accessing funding via the Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner to provide a local Community Speedwatch programme. The latest version of the plan including progress against actions can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

1326. Discussions continue regarding the condition of the road surface of the un-adopted road in Cherry Lane, Gayton. Stafford and Rural Homes have now engaged a private contractor to consider undertaking some work to improve the road surface. **RESOLVED** – Councillor Gilbert to write to the private home owners in Cherry Lane to determine if they are willing to contribute towards any resurfacing work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

1327. The Clerk informed the PC of the publication of a new Rights of Way Guide produced by Staffordshire County Council. The Guide is available on the Staffordshire County Council website.

1328. The Clerk informed the PC of the publication of the Sandon and Burston Neighbourhood Plan. The consultation period is now open and will run from 27th May to 11th July 2016. Information can be found at www.sstaffordbc.gov.uk/sandon-and-burston-neighbourhood-plan1

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1329. None

REPORT FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

1330. There were no Councillors present from the County or Borough Council to provide a report. **RESOLVED**
– Clerk to follow up attendance with the County and Borough Councillors.

DEVELOPMENTS

1331. Planning application 16/24005/HOU at Rivermead, Green Road, Weston was considered. The PC had no concerns regarding the application.

TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

1332. All relevant information has been passed to and approved by the Tesco Groundwork scheme. A formal project plan and budget will be submitted once a contractor has been appointed. The PC have so far received detailed costings and options from Wicksteed. Sovereign Playgrounds will meet Councillor Critchlow on the 28th June at 3:30pm. Discussions are underway with two other providers to submit formal quotations.

FOOTBALL ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

1333. The PC have received a formal written complaint from a local resident regarding the conduct and language used by both players and supporters at a recent football match on the Village Green in Weston. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to write a formal letter of complaint to Staffordshire FA.

WESTON VILLAGE HALL

1334. A detailed discussion was held regarding the Village Hall and Trust Deed. **RESOLVED** – Councillor Critchlow to seek legal advice to establish any breach in the terms of the Trust Deed. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to speak to the charity commission regarding a number of points raised concerning the future of the Village Hall Charity. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to subscribe to the Community Council's Village Halls Advisory Service at a cost of £40 for the remainder of the financial year.

FINANCES

1335. **RESOLVED** – that the PC approve payments listed on the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments, and approve the following costs incurred for the Picnic on the Green on Sunday 12th June

- Hire of the Bouncy Castle £260
- Children's entertainer – magic show £150

1336. **RESOLVED** – that the PC approve the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments

1337. **RESOLVED** – the PC were made aware of the national pay award and the implications regarding the salary of the Clerk.

CLERK HOURS AND LEAVE

1338. The Clerk informed the PC of proposed dates for Annual Leave. The number of overtime hours and workload was discussed. **RESOLVED** – Clerk hours be monitored over the coming months and be reviewed in the Autumn when agreeing the 2017-18 budget.

CORRESPONDENCE

1339. The PC noted and considered the following items of correspondence

- Letter from a local resident following the removal of a Horse Chestnut tree. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to contact the Woolpack Public House to ask if the floodlights on the side of the building adjacent to Old Road could be dimmed.
- Request for funding from the Citizen's Advice Bureau. It was agreed that whilst the Parish Council recognise the good work undertaken by the CAB, they are not in a position to provide financial

support for this financial year.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

1340. Parish Council meeting, Tuesday 12th July 2016 at Gayton Village Hall at 7:30pm

**COLIN CRITCHLOW
CHAIRMAN**