

# WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 in Weston Village Hall at 7.30pm

**PRESENT:**, Councillor Colin Critchlow (chair), Councillor J Griffiths (vice chair), Councillor Mrs G Wray, Councillor K Barber, Councillor A Hopkin, Councillor Mrs H Hart, Councillor C Gilbert, Councillor D Tams, Parish Clerk Mrs A Kingston

7 Members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Staffordshire County Councillor L Bloomer, Stafford Borough Councillor Mrs. F Beatty and Stafford Borough Councillor A Harp.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 11 OCTOBER 2016 - MINUTES

**1408.RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Hart and Hopkin.

### CO-OPTION TO FILL VACANCIES

**1409.** Newly co-opted Councillor Duncan Leake signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by and signed by the Parish Clerk. **RESOLVED** – Parish Clerk to notify Elections and Democratic Services at Stafford Borough Council.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**1410.**None

### UPDATE ON ACTION LIST

**1411.**The Parish Council continue to await a decision from Staffordshire County Council regarding the adoption of Saltworks Lane.

**1412.**The Parish Council should know in the next month if they have been successful in their application for funding from the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The issue of speeding traffic in and around the parish remains a concern. The Parish Council will continue to request that Staffordshire County Council consider the introduction of further traffic calming measures.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

**1413.**The Parish Clerk informed the meeting of feedback received from the football club, following the letter sent last month to address the issue of inappropriate language and behaviour by players and supporters. The football club are taking the concerns very seriously and are working hard with players, teams and referees to address them.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**1414.**A member of the public and representatives from CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale) were in attendance to discuss item 11 on the Agenda. A discussion was held following a formal request for the Parish Council to list the Woolpack public house as an asset of community value. See item 1422.

**1415.**A member of the Village Hall Committee informed the meeting that the village hall has been approached by a group wishing to hold a motorhome rally on the village hall car park. The village hall committee have agreed the car park is not a suitable venue but will attempt to put the organisers in touch with local land owners who may be able to provide an alternative site.

### REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

1416. County Councillor Len Bloomer was not in attendance.

#### **REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

1417. Councillor Mrs F Beatty and Councillor A Harp were not in attendance.

#### **REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE**

1418. The Village Hall Committee continue to work on the Constitution, and to consider contractors to undertake a deep clean of the premises. The next meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November will begin at 7pm with a meeting for groups regularly using the village hall and will be followed by the Village Hall Committee meeting.

#### **DEVELOPMENTS**

1419. Planning application reference 16/25007/HOU at 5 Bridge Close, Weston, was considered. The Parish Council have no objection to this application.

#### **TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA**

1420. The installation of the new item of play equipment will begin on the 21<sup>st</sup> November. A working party will be organised for 9am on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November to dig out and remove the existing flooring and prepare the ground for the installation of the new item. The Parish Council would welcome anyone able to spare an hour to help with the working party, and would request they come prepared with a pick or a shovel. Also if anyone is able to provide a wheelbarrow it would be very much appreciated. **RESOLVED** – information advertising the working party to be posted on the notice boards and on the website.

1421. The Parish Council considered various options for the wording of the new Skate Park signage. **RESOLVED** – Parish Clerk and Councillor Hopkin to obtain quotes from signage companies.

#### **ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE**

1422. The Parish Council considered a request to list the Woolpack as an Asset of Community Value. **RESOLVED** – by unanimous agreement to apply to Stafford Borough Council to list the Woolpack Public House in Weston as an Asset of Community Value. Parish Clerk to complete the application.

#### **DOG FOULING**

1423. It has been noted that the number of incidents of dog fouling in Weston have increased. **RESOLVED** – Councillor Hart to request further visits from the Stafford Borough Council Dog Warden and to organise a leaflet drop in the run up to Christmas.

#### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

1424. The wreath for Remembrance Sunday has been purchased. People will begin to gather at the war memorial from 10.45 am on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Readings will be undertaken by representatives from MOD Stafford.

#### **FINANCES**

1425. **RESOLVED** – that the PC approve payments listed on the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments.

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1427. Consideration was given to the quotation from Wicksteed for the repairs and replacement of the damaged wetpour flooring in the children's play area. The total cost of £9,172.55 plus VAT is significantly higher than the annual budgeted allocation for playground repairs and maintenance. **RESOLVED** by unanimous vote to approve the quotation. Payment will be covered by Parish Council reserves. If repairs and maintenance to the play area and skate park continue to be of a routine nature, reserves should be recuperated within four to five years.

**1428** The proposed budget for 2017-18 was considered, and each budget line reviewed. **RESOLVED** – Parish Council to hold a closed meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December to discuss staff terms and conditions. The Parish Clerk will not be in attendance. **RESOLVED** – to increase the allocated amount for noticeboard repairs and maintenance from £50 to £200. **RESOLVED** – Parish Clerk to obtain quotes for playground inspections.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**1429.** The PC noted and considered the following items of correspondence

- Email regarding the proposal to remove telephone boxes by British Telecom. The Parish Council agreed not to adopt the Phone Box in Weston.

#### **DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

**1430.** Parish Council meeting, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at Weston Village Hall. The meeting will begin at 7pm and will be closed to members of the public. The public session of the meeting will begin at 7:30pm.

**COLIN CRITCHLOW**  
**CHAIRMAN**