

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 10th January 2017 in Weston Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillor Colin Critchlow (chair), Councillor J Griffiths (vice chair), Councillor Mrs G Wray, Councillor D Leake, Councillor C Gilberts, Councillor K Barber, Parish Clerk Mrs A Kingston

2 Members of the public

APOLOGIES: Councillor A Hopkin, Councillor Mrs H Hart, Councillor D Tams, Staffordshire County Councillor L Bloomer, Stafford Borough Councillor Mrs. F Beatty.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 13 DECEMBER 2016 - MINUTES

1458.RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Closed Parish Council Meeting held at 7pm on 13th December 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Griffiths and Leake.

1459.RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 13th December 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Griffiths and Leake.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1460.Councillor Mrs G Wray declared an interest in Correspondence item 1482 in her capacity as a volunteer for the Debt Benefit and Consumer Advice service.

UPDATE ON ACTION LIST

1461. The funding has now been received from the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for the Community Speedwatch Programme. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to proceed with the purchase of equipment and to identify dates and venues for training. One training date to be included in Gayton.

1462.RESOLVED – all Councillors with allocated tasks in the Parish Plan to provide a full update on progress against their actions at the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

1463.Two training dates for Planning – Development Control, are being offered by Stafford Parish Councils Association. **RESOLVED** – Councillor C Critchlow, Councillor D Leake, Councillor Mrs G Wray, Councillor C Gilbert and Councillor J Griffiths to attend. Councillors to confirm which of the two dates they would prefer and notify the Parish Clerk.

1464.Stafford Borough Council have announced that the Plan for Stafford Borough Part 2 Inspectors Report will be available to view and comment between 10th January 2017 and 30th June 2017. The report can be accessed from the Stafford Borough Council website at http://staffordbc-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/planning/cs/pfsb_part_2_inspectors_report/part_2_inspectors_report

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1465.In relation to agenda item 11 Mobile Food Vehicles, a resident expressed some concern regarding the location of any such vehicle and requested it be away from residential properties. This is discussed further at point 1474 below.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

1466. County Councillor Len Bloomer was not in attendance.

REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

1467.Councillor Mrs F Beatty and Councillor A Harp were not in attendance.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

1468. There was no information to report from the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC). A request was made to ensure minutes are shared between the VHMC and the PC. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to ensure a PC minutes are sent to the Chair of the VHMC. Councillor Mrs G Wray to ensure VHMC minutes are sent to the Clerk for distribution.

DEVELOPMENTS

1469. Planning application reference 16/25262/FUL at Four Winds, Stafford Road, Weston was considered. The PC expressed concern with regard to the impact of this development on character of the area given that it is in a defined conservation area. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to submit a formal response on behalf of the PC.

1470. An amendment to the planning application reference 16/25203/FUL at Saracens Head, Weston was considered. The PC have no further concerns with this application.

TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

1471. The final Certificate of Satisfaction for the new item of play equipment was authorised by the Chair. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to send a formal letter of thanks to the Tesco Bags of Help scheme for the funding received.

1472. Skate park signage must include hours of use as per the planning agreement. **RESOLVED** – Clerk and Councillor Hopkin to provide quotes at the next meeting.

DOG FOULING

1473. Stafford Borough Council continue to support the PC in tackling the issue of dog fouling in Weston. A leaflet has been produced which will be distributed to all households.

MOBILE FOOD VEHICLES

1474. A local fish and chip van has expressed an interest in having a regular slot in the village. **RESOLVED** – Councillor Critchlow to write to the Chair of the VHMC to confirm responsibility and potential use of the village hall car park.

CLERK REPORT

1475. The Clerk informed the meeting that the costs for Civic Amenity Visits have increased and assuming the free visit is still provided the total cost for 2017-18 will be £216 an increase of £9 on the previous year. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to feedback on the status of the free visit.

1476. The final precept request for £30,964 (including concurrent function and government grant) has been submitted to Stafford Borough Council.

1477. The Ground Maintenance Contract comes to an end in March 2017, and a new contract will need to be in place from April. **RESOLVED** – Clerk and Councillor Critchlow to undertake a review of the current contract and obtain three quotes for consideration at the next meeting.

1478. All Pension duties have been complied with and all required information has been submitted to the Pensions Regulator.

1479. RESOLVED – that the PC approve payments listed on the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments.

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1481. The quarterly budget statement was reviewed and noted.

CORRESPONDENCE

1482. An email from County Councillor Alan White, requesting funding support for the Debt, Benefit and Consumer advice service was considered. The PC budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year has already been agreed and submitted, and as such the PC are unable to offer any financial support at this time. The PC fully recognise the valuable service the Debt, Benefit and Consumer advice service provide, and expressed concern at the withdrawal of the service, should funding not be made available. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to respond to the request.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

1483.Parish Council meeting, Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 7:30pm in Weston Village Hall

**COLIN CRITCHLOW
CHAIRMAN**