

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 17th
October 2017 in Weston Village Hall at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Councillor J Griffiths (Chair), Councillor Mrs G Wray, Councillor K Barber, Councillor Mrs H Hart, Councillor D Leake, Councillor A Hopkin, Councillor D Tams, Parish Clerk Mrs A Kingston.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Colin Critchlow, Councillor C Gilberts

PROPOSED BASE STATION INSTALLATION ON LONDON ROAD, A51 WESTON

1738. Correspondence from Clarke Telecom regarding the identification of a suitable site in the Weston area for a radio base station, was considered. Key points were raised as follows;

- The proposed site near the junction of the A51 and A518 is one of the highest points in the village. As such the mast will be clearly visible and dominate the skyline.
- The look and style of the mast is not in keeping with the rural nature of the area and as such all efforts should be taken to situate the mast in an area which is not openly visible.
- The situation of the mast within the spire of St. Andrew's Church has been discounted as inappropriate, however masts have been successfully situated within church spires elsewhere.
- If the mast were to be situated amongst trees it may be less visible. The area near Weston Hall is both high and wooded. However, this has been identified as not preferred from a technical perspective. The Parish Council would like this option explored further.
- It is believed a mast is currently situated on land adjacent to Castle Caravans. Could the possibility of using this mast or upgrading this mast be considered?
- Have Clarke Telecom considered working with other telecom providers to share masts and limit the number required in the area?

1739 It was agreed a discussion with both Stafford Borough Councillor Francis Beatty and a representative from Clarke Telecom would be beneficial. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to invite both Councillor Beatty and a representative of Clarke Telecom to the November meeting of the Parish Council.

1740 RESOLVED – Clerk to send a formal response to Clarke Telecom incorporating the points raised above. Clerk to contact Stafford Borough Council to ask if they can provide details of the siting of all other mobile masts in the area.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

1741 Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday 14th November 2017 at 7:30pm in Weston Village Hall.

**JAN GRIFFITHS
VICE CHAIRMAN**