

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 11th April 2017 in Weston Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT:, Councillor Colin Critchlow (Chair), Councillor J Griffiths (vice chair), Councillor Mrs G Wray, Councillor D Tams, Councillor K Barber, Councillor A Hopkin, Staffordshire County Councillor Len Bloomer, Parish Clerk Mrs A Kingston

APOLOGIES: Councillor D Leake, Councillor C Gilberts, Councillor Mrs H Hart, Stafford Borough Councillor Mrs F Beatty

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14 MARCH 2017 - MINUTES

1542.RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 14th March 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Griffiths and Wray.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1543.There were no declarations of interest.

UPDATE ON ACTION LIST

1544. Action plan item 2.1 Community Speedwatch - Volunteers have received training from Staffordshire Police and are now fully operational. They have already recorded a substantial number of vehicles travelling above the speed limit on both the A51 and A518.

1545.A full copy of the action plan, with progress updates, is available from the Parish Clerk. Please email parishclerk@westonstaffs.org.uk

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

1546.Stafford Borough Council are promoting a Festival of Refashioning and Repair as part of their eco events programme. The event will be held in St. John's Church Hall and Grounds in Littleworth on Saturday 1st July between 10am and 4pm.

1547.Staffordshire County Council Community Paths Initiative is open for bids for 2017/18. **RESOLVED** - Clerk to make enquiries regarding a potential application for either a spray, or strimmer to help maintain the local rights of way network.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1548.There were no members of the public present.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

1549.County Councillor Len Bloomer attended his last Weston with Gayton Parish Council meeting, in his capacity as County Councillor. The Chair thanked Councillor Bloomer for his attendance and the support he has provided to the PC over the years. The PC wish Councillor Bloomer all the best for the future.

REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

1550. Councillor Mrs F Beatty was not in attendance to provide a report.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

1551.The Village Hall Management Committee are working to obtain Hallmark Accreditation, a quality standard award for the management and operation of village halls.

DEVELOPMENTS

1552.Planning Application reference 17/25894/COU at Saracens Head, Stafford Road. **RESOLVED** The Parish Council have no objections to the application.

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1554.Following a request for information from a member of the public at the March meeting, a discussion was held regarding a plot of land in Old School Close. The land, also referred to as the Ann Shaw Land, is held in trust by St. Andrew's Church. The Parish Council are providing some ground maintenance support pending a decision on the future of the land by trustees.

1555.Planning Application reference 16/25262/FUL at Four Winds Stafford Road, which came before the Parish Council on the 10th January 2017, has been withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

1556.Quotes continue to be sought for signage at the Skate Park. **RESOLVED** Councillor Hopkin to bring a quote to the next meeting.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH OPEN GARDENS EVENT

1557.St. Andrew's Church will be holding their annual open gardens event on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th June 2017. The event will include a scarecrow fest and display of classic cars. For more information please see the parish noticeboard on the village green in Weston, or contact the Parish Clerk at parishclerk@westonstaffs.org.uk

BUS SHELTERS

1558.Work is underway to determine approximate costings for a bus shelter on the A518 in Weston. The Parish Council does not have funding available to provide a bus shelter, but will look at possible external funding sources once accurate costings have been obtained and approval received from Staffordshire County Council.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR USE OF THE VILLAGE GREEN

1559.A request was received from the Village Hall Management Committee for use of the Village Green on Saturday 10th June 2017 for the Village Fete. **RESOLVED** by unanimous agreement to grant permission of use of the Village Green by the Village Hall Management Committee on Saturday 10th June 2017.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AGENDA AND REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS

1560 A discussion was held regarding the format and structure of the Annual Parish Meetings in Weston and Gayton. **RESOLVED** Clerk to work on a slightly modified format for the May Annual Parish Meeting in Weston, with further review for the 2018/19 meetings.

CLERK REPORT

1561.The Clerk has been unable to make contact with the previously approved internal auditor Roger Thomas. Following recommendation from Staffordshire Parish Councils Association, Christine Heelis has been asked to act as internal auditor for the 2016/17 accounts. The cost will be £25 per hour, and the audit is expected to take between 2 and 4 hours to complete. **RESOLVED** by unanimous agreement to appoint Christine Heelis.

1562.Forms were signed to amend the standing order for the Clerk's salary to include the national pay award.

1563.The Asset Register requires review prior to the Annual General Meeting in May. **RESOLVED** Councillor Critchlow and the Clerk to take forward.

1564.**RESOLVED** that the PC approve payments listed on the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and

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1565.RESOLVED that the PC approve the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments

1566.The year end budget statement was noted.

CORRESPONDENCE

1567.The Chairman received an invitation to attend the Stafford Borough Council Annual Council Meeting and Mayor Making Ceremony.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

1568.Tuesday 9th May 2017 at 7pm for the Weston Annual Parish Meeting, followed at 7:30pm for the Parish Council Annual General Meeting. Both to be held in Weston Village Hall.

**COLIN CRITCHLOW
CHAIRMAN**