

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 11th July 2017 in Gayton 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 D Leake, Councillor C Gilberts, Councillor D Tams, Parish Clerk Mrs A Kingston

3 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mrs H Hart

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 13 JUNE 2017 - MINUTES

1644.RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 13 June 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Barber and Gilbert.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1645.Councillor Hopkin declared an interest in item 1654 due to his close proximity to the development and involvement with St. Andrew's Church.

UPDATE ON ACTION LIST

1646.Action plan item 1.4 Local Bus Services – Councillor Gilbert will be attending a meeting on the 22nd August to explore the possibility of working with Community Link Stafford, to deliver a community bus service for Gayton and neighbouring villages.

1647.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

1648.The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner are running the SPACE summer programme of fun activities for 11 – 17 year olds during the school summer holidays. More information is available on the website <http://staffordshirespace.uk/> and on the notice boards.

1649.The views of Parish Councils are being sought regarding the proposal to bring the support and administration functions of Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service and Staffordshire Police together. The full report and a link to the survey can be obtained by emailing FirePolconsult@staffordshire.pcc.gov.uk **RESOLVED** Councillor Gilberts to provide the Clerk with a response to send on behalf of the Parish Council.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1650. Questions were raised from members of the public regarding a possible route alteration in the path of HS2. Councillor Critchlow declared an interest at this time, due to his involvement in some of the HS2 development. To be added as an agenda item at the next meeting.

REPORT FROM STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

1651. Councillor J Francis was not in attendance to provide a report.

REPORT FROM STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

1652. Councillor Mrs F Beatty was not in attendance to provide a report.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

1653.The last meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) was cancelled. The Parish Council wished to extend their gratitude to the VHMC for all their hard work in delivering the hugely successful village fete. Thanks were also extended to St. Andrew's Church for the equally successful Open Gardens event.

DEVELOPMENTS

1654. Planning application reference 17/26521/PTEL at British Telecom, Green Road, Weston. **RESOLVED**
– The Parish Council submit the following response. The Parish Council would like to raise the following objections to the current plans.

- The Parish Council are concerned that the size of the mast will have a negative impact on the surrounding area, affecting the character of Weston as it will dominate the skyline and be one of the first things to focus the eye when entering the village.
- The development is to be sited within the Conservation area but is contrary to the ethos of conservation area. It will not blend in or enhance the area and it does not seem that all steps have been taken to attempt to make the development less visually intrusive.
- The Parish Council does however recognise that the level of service provided by the above development would improve telecommunications within the village and surrounding area. With this in mind the Parish Council would strongly request alternative options for siting the telecommunications tower be explored including the possibility of siting the mast within the spire of St. Andrew's Church. It is our understanding that projects such as this have been undertaken in other areas successfully.
- If it is not possible to consider moving to within the Church spire, the Parish Council request that alternative locations are considered possibly along the A518 where the mast would be less obtrusive, or that amendments to the style, design and colour of the mast are made which enable it to blend in better with rural surrounding area.

1656 Planning application reference 17/26520/FUL at Kyne View, Moorleys Lane, Amerton. The Parish Council have no objections to this application.

1657 Planning application reference 17/26311/HOU at Holly Bank, Vicarage Bank, Gayton. **RESOLVED**
The Parish Council will submit the following response.

- The council asks that due regard is taken of the local population of great crested newts and bats during the planned works.
- We understand that previous works at the property have damaged the sewage soakaway pipes of a neighbouring property. We ask that steps are taken to prevent any new damage to these pipes.
- We also understand that previous works at the property may have adversely affected ditches on the boundary of the property. Please ensure steps are taken to prevent the works from blocking any ditches.
- The council asks that work at the property is restricted to reasonable daytime hours.
- In addition we have been asked to draw attention to the horse chestnut tree situated within 12 metres of the proposed works and check if this is a safe distance for the development

TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

1658. Skate Park signage will be completed shortly, and should be installed over the summer. An invoice will be provided prior to the next meeting.

RIGHTS OF WAY

1659. An additional step has now been added to the second stile on the footpath at the back of St. Andrew's Church, as requested.

1660 A local volunteer has kindly cleared and cut back some of the more overgrown footpaths and rights of way in Weston. The Parish Council are awaiting the outcome of an application to the Community Paths Initiative to help keep key rights of way cut back and passable. If however, they are not successful in their application for funding, it may be necessary to consider raising additional funds locally, in order for these routes to be maintained. **RESOLVED** Clerk to speak to Staffordshire County Council rights of way identify which local footpaths are on private land. Clerk to add to the agenda of the next meeting.

1661 The tree that had fallen over the footbridge over Gayton Brook as now been removed.

TERMS OF USE OF THE VILLAGE GREEN, INCLUDING FEES AND CHARGES

1662. The revised Terms of Use for the Village Green were considered. **RESOLVED** by unanimous agreement to adopt the new Terms of Use.

CLERK REPORT

1663.RESOLVED that the PC approve the below payments listed on the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments.

- Ground Maintenance Contract - £2152.56
- Admin and Clerk expenses - £75.61
- Office equipment - £509
- SLCC annual subscription - £108

1664.RESOLVED that the PC approve the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments

1665 The Quarterly budget statement was noted.

CORRESPONDENCE

1666. The Clerk informed the meeting that correspondence had been received from a local resident expressing concern that another resident had entered her garden and cut back some vegetation, and when challenged had stated he had permission to do so from the Parish Council. The Parish Council would like to stress that no permission of any kind had been given or indeed could be given as the Parish Council has no legal power to do so. The Parish Council advise anyone in a similar situation to call the police non emergency number 101.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

1667. Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday 12th September 2017 at 7:30pm in Weston Village Hall.

**COLIN CRITCHLOW
CHAIRMAN**