

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 12th June 2018 in Weston Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT:, Councillor J Griffiths (Vice Chairman and Chair of the meeting), Councillor K Barber, Councillor C Gilbert, Councillor D Leake, Councillor Mrs G Wray, Councillor D Icke, Parish Clerk Mrs A Kingston

APOLOGIES: Councillor C Critchlow (Chairman), Councillor A Hopkin, Councillor Mrs H Hart, Stafford County Councillor J Francis

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8th MAY 2018 - MINUTES

1997.RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 8th May 2018 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Gilbert and Icke.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1998.There were no declarations of interest.

PARISH PLAN

1999.The new questionnaire has been completed and is with the printers. Three additional quotes for printing were obtained with the cheapest being £110 + VAT. As the £120 original quote from the Compass Magazine included distribution to every household in Weston and Gayton it was deemed the most cost effective option.

2000.Questionnaires are anonymous, and the results will be used to form the next Weston with Gayton Parish Plan. The Parish Plan enables the Parish Council to focus efforts on issues that matter most to local people, and therefore the Parish Council would like to encourage everyone living within the Parish to look out for the questionnaire, complete it and return it.

2001.Extra copies of the questionnaire were taken to the Village Fete on Saturday 9th June. 25 were completed and feedback was positive.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

2002.SPCA are offering a Chairmanship skills training course on Tuesday 19th June.

2003. Stafford Borough Council's recycling and waste contractors Veolia will be changing some of their bin collection routes to improve the efficiency of the service. Veolia will be implementing routes that better meet the needs of the increasing number of homes across the borough, which will mean that residents *may* have a change to their normal collection day. A leaflet notifying householders of any change is being distributed to every home in the borough and a new bin collection calendar will be issued at least two weeks before the changes come into effect. Changes will take place from the week commencing Monday 2nd July.

2004.Merchant Navy Day will take place on the 3rd September. **RESOLVED: to fly the Merchant Navy Flag the Red Ensign from the flagpole on the green on 3rd September.** Councillor Barber to provide the flag.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2005. Concern was raised regarding the potholes on the A51 on approach to the Weston traffic lights coming from the Stone direction. Potholes can be reported quickly and easily using the MyStaffs app available via the App Store and Google Play. The PC would like to encourage residents to report potholes as and when

they see them to increase the volume of reports for each pothole.

2006. Concern was raised regarding the overgrown hedge causing some obstruction to the right of way leading from Old Road to Well Yards Close in Weston.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

2007. Staffordshire County Councillor John Francis was not in attendance to provide a report.

REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

2008. Stafford Borough Councillor Mrs F Beatty was not in attendance to provide a report.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

2009. The Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) were pleased to report the Village Fete went well and would like to extend thanks to all those involved for their support. The final amount raised will be announced at the next meeting. Clerk to write a letter of thanks to the Village Hall Management Committee for their hard work in making the fete a huge success.

2010. The VHMC have agreed to the addition of a metal lockable post box to be fixed to the wall of the village hall adjacent to the noticeboard. This will enable easy return of the Parish Plan questionnaires.

DEVELOPMENTS

2011. Planning application reference 18/28438/FUL at Agricultural Building Adjacent. **RESOLVED** -The Parish Council support the application.

TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

2012. Some street furniture in and around the Green including signs and manhole covers are showing signs of wear and tear. Councillors to forward details to the Clerk to report to the relevant authorities.

HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

2013. The footpath maintenance undertaken by the Angling Club has been completed and has greatly improved the right of way. The PC would like to formally thank them for their hard work and effort in completing this work. The Angling Club have agreed to undertake some cutting back and maintenance of the vegetation on a regular basis to try and keep the stretch of footpath in a reasonable state of maintenance. **RESOLVED** Clerk to write formal letter of thanks on behalf of the PC.

EVENTS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

2014. Some concern was raised regarding football matches on Tuesday evenings, and language and conduct of players. The football season has now come to an end. **RESOLVED** to add to the agenda in September.

REMEMBRANCE DAY PLANNING

2015. **RESOLVED** To pay up to £100 contribution towards refreshments, catering and the wreath for the 2018 Remembrance Day celebration.

2016. It was agreed to speak to the school to ask if they have any plans to mark the 100th anniversary of the First War.

FINANCES

2017. **RESOLVED** that the PC approve payments listed below and included on the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments.

- Ground Maintenance work for May including Dog Bin Maintenance - £1992.77
- Information Commissioner Registration - £40.00
- Admin and Clerk Expenses – 68.33

2018. **RESOLVED** that the PC approve the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments

2019.The annual subscription to Microsoft Office 365 is up for renewal. The various renewal options were discussed. **RESOLVED** To renew the one user licence at a cost of £59.99 for the next 12 months.

2020. The Clerk had previously circulated a new draft Standing Orders document based on template guidance provided by NALC. A discussion was held regarding several points. It was agreed Councillors review the document further and come to the next meeting with any deletions or suggested amendments.

2021. The Clerk will circulate the latest version of the Good Councillors Guide to all councillors.

2022. The next meeting of the Society of Local Council Clerks Staffordshire Branch is to be held on the 13th June in Eccleshall. It was agreed the Clerk could attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

2023. Stafford Borough Council have asked the PC to promote the Stafford Community Awards. Groups, individuals or businesses can be nominated for making a difference in their community. Further details can be found at www.staffordbc.gov.uk/communityawards

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

2024. Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 10th July at 7:30pm in Gayton Village Hall.

**JAN GRIFFITHS
VICE CHAIRMAN**