

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 10th July 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 A Hopkin, Councillor Mrs H Hart, Councillor D Icke, Parish Clerk Mrs A Kingston
1 member of the public

APOLOGIES: Councillor C Critchlow (Chairman), Councillor Mrs G Wray, Stafford County Councillor J Francis

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 12th JUNE 2018 - MINUTES

2025.RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 12th June 2018 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Icke and Leake.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2026.There were no declarations of interest.

PARISH PLAN

2027.The new questionnaire will be distributed at the end of July with the Compass Magazine.

2028.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.

2029.Progress against the existing Parish Plan was discussed and some actions identified. In relation to the blocking of the right of way across the Saracens Head car park, the Clerk will make further enquiries with both the Saracens Head and Highways.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

2030.Staffordshire Police are once again offering places on their SPACE programme of free activities for 8-17 year olds between 23rd July and 31st August. For more information visit www.staffordshirespace.uk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2031. No issues raised.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

2032.Staffordshire County Councillor John Francis was not in attendance to provide a report.

REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

2033. Stafford Borough Councillor Mrs F Beatty was not in attendance to provide a report.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

2034. Councillor Wray was not in attendance to provide a report.

DEVELOPMENTS

2035.There were no planning applications to consider.

TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

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2036. The Independent Play Ground Inspection report dated 5th July 2018 was considered and noted.

2037. Some areas on the chute of the slide have been identified as needing repair. **RESOLVED** Clerk to obtain costings for repair.

HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

2038. Concerns regarding the footpath on the A51 and the lack of safe crossing point have been raised by a local resident. Staffordshire County Council (SCC) Highways Department confirmed in March 2018 that funding was no longer available for Highways to undertake work of this nature and advised residents form voluntary working parties to undertake path clearance work. Clerk to find out what additional safety precautions must be undertaken when working along the edge of major roads. Clerk to speak to SCC Highways to establish if a crossing point could be installed.

2039 Councillor Hart shared an image of some speed signs on entry to the village of Longdon and felt they may have more impact being at eye level. Clerk to speak to SCC Highways to establish is this is something that could be considered for Weston.

FLAGPOLE

2040. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the flagpole on the Village Green in Weston. Consideration was given to either keep the current flagpole or replace with a new one. Potential costings were discussed and the following motion was put to a vote **‘to replace the flagpole on the village green with a glass fibre pole, providing final costs fall within a total budget of £1200 excluding any removal costs for the existing flagpole’**. **RESOLVED by unanimous vote to approve the motion.**

RECYCLING

2041. RESOLVED Councillor Barber informed the meeting that he had made several enquiries to find a replacement clothing recycling bin for the village but with no success yet. He will continue to try and find a company willing to provide a replacement.

CLERK REPORT

2042. RESOLVED that the PC approve payments listed below and included on the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments.

- Ground Maintenance work for June including Dog Bin Maintenance - £2051.80
- SLCC Annual Subscription - £115.00
- Admin and Clerk Expenses – £61.84
- Microsoft Office Renewal - £59.99

2043. RESOLVED that the PC approve the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments

2044. The quarterly budget statement was received and noted.

2045. Revision of the draft Standing Orders was deferred to the September meeting.

2046. The Civic Amenity Wagon will be in Cherry Lane in Gayton on Saturday 14th July at 10 am for an hour.

2047 The Clerk informed the meeting of proposed Annual Leave Dates for the next few months. It was agreed Councillor Hart will have the work mobile phone whilst the Clerk is on leave.

CORRESPONDENCE

2048 The Parish Council received an invitation from the Mayor and Mayoress to attend the Battle of Britain and Tactical Supply Wing, Royal Air Force Freedom Parade, RAF 100 on Sunday 16th September 2018.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

2049. Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 11th September at 7:30pm in Weston Village Hall.

**JAN GRIFFITHS
VICE CHAIRMAN**