

# WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in Weston Village Hall at 7.30pm

**PRESENT:** Councillor C Critchlow (Chairman), Councillor J Griffiths (Vice Chairman), Councillor Mrs H Hart, Councillor A Hopkin, Councillor Mrs G Wray, Councillor D Icke, Councillor D Leake, Parish Clerk Mrs A Kingston

2 members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor C Gilbert, Councillor K Barber, Stafford Borough Councillor Mrs F Beatty, Staffordshire County Councillor J Francis.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018 - MINUTES

**2172.RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Icke and Leake.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**2173.**Councillor Critchlow declared an interest in relation to item 2183 below whereby the applicant is known to him in their capacity as Director of the British Legion for which Councillor Critchlow is a volunteer. The Clerk confirmed that this should place no restriction on Councillor Critchlow fully participating in any discussion or vote in relation to the item.

### PARISH PLAN

**2174.** The Clerk has began inputting the parish plan survey data into the database. A new page will be added to the database shortly to enable collation of the text in section 4. This will enable all information to be entered and stored in one place.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

**2175.** Rural Parish Collaboration Group meeting will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 10.30am – the Clerk will attend.

**2176** A free SLCC Resilience Training course will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Clerk to attend.

**2177** The fixed signage for Community Speedwatch is now in place.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**2178.** A member of the public raised concerns regarding a planning application at Tamarind in Weston. To be discussed formally at item 2183 below. His formal response had been submitted to the planning department and Stafford Borough Councillor Mrs F Beatty. He wished to draw the Parish Councils attention to the following concerns;

- That the two-storey double garage will be built a metre from the boundary of his property and will dominate the skyline.
- That the double garage will be clearly visible from the Village Green and Ferrers road  
He provided the Parish Council with a copy of his formal response to planning which identified further issues including concerns with the timescale for consultation.

**2179.** A member of the public informed the meeting that the footpath at the rear of the Church had a fence erected to mark the boundary of the footpath.

### REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

**2180.**Stafford Borough Councillor Mrs F Beatty was not in attendance to provide a report.

### REPORT FROM STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

**2181.**Staffordshire County Councillor J Francis was not in attendance to provide a report.

## **REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (VHMC) REPRESENTATIVE**

**2182.** The gates to the village hall are closed each evening but not locked. It has been noted that several cars have been using the car park late in the evening. The PC suggested the VHMC report the incidents to the Police and explore the option of locking the car park at night. Clerk to include details in the Compass summary and request people call the police non-emergency number 101 to report any incidents.

## **DEVELOPMENTS**

**2183.** 18/29742/HOU at Tamarind, The Green, Weston described as a single-story rear extension and double garage. The following concerns will be fed back to Stafford Borough Council Planning Department.

- The massing/size of the extension plus double garage would appear to exceed what could be considered proportional development, significantly increasing the footprint of the property.
- The application states that no trees/bushes will be removed as part of the development and yet there would appear to be trees within the area planned for development.
- There are concerns regarding the negative visual impact of the development, as the height of the double garage will result in it being clearly visible from the village Green and Ferrers road.
- The building materials identified for the double garage do not appear to be in keeping with the original property or character of the building.

In addition to the above concerns regarding the development, the PC express concern over the notice period and timescale for comments. Whilst the Parish Council were grateful to be granted an extension to the 9th January 2019, the timescale for neighbouring properties to respond did appear short considering that it encompassed the Christmas period. Letters were dated 10th December and whilst there were the stipulated 21 days to the 31st deadline they were not delivered to properties on that day. Christmas is a time where many people are away from home and planning offices are closed or not staffed to full capacity. It would have been helpful if a longer consultation period could have been granted in this instance.

## **TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA**

**2184.** Three semi mature oak trees and a silver birch tree have been planted on the Village Green to replace those recently removed. Another semi mature silver birch will be planted in the coming months. Three small oak saplings have been donated to the Parish Council and have been temporarily planted in the church yard to enable them to mature to a size suitable for replanting on the Village Green.

## **HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY**

**2185.** No further quotes have been received for gully emptying.

**2186.** The next community path clearance working party will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 10:30am.

**2187.** Councillor Hart and Councillor Leake to identify possible locations for gateway signage. Clerk to liaise with SCC Highways to establish the process for approval and installation.

## **2019-20 BUDGET**

**2188.** The Clerk circulated the proposed budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year. **RESOLVED** by unanimous agreement to approve the proposed budget for 2019-20 and submit a total precept request of £33213.00 plus £1010.00 Concurrent Function allowance.

## **CLERK REPORT**

**2189. RESOLVED** that the PC approve payments listed below and included on the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments.

- Ground Maintenance work for November including Dog Bin Maintenance - £466
- Additional Keys for the flagpole - £16.00
- Clerk Expenses and additional hours – £147.24
- 34SP Annual Web Hosting Fee - £95.40

**2190. RESOLVED** that the PC approve the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments

**2191.** The Quarterly budget statement was reviewed and noted.

**2192.** The last Civic Amenity visit of the 2018-19 fiscal year will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019. The refuse and recycling wagon will be parked on the village hall car park between 10am and 11am.

**2193.** The proposed dates for the Civic Amenity visits for 2019-20 were agreed as the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020 for Weston and the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019 for Gayton. **RESOLVED** Parish Clerk to submit a formal request for the above dates.

**2194.** The annual contribution to the Compass Magazine was discussed. **RESOLVED** by unanimous agreement to contribute £150.00 towards the annual costs of producing and distributing the magazine.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**2195.** Request from a local resident to advertise an upcoming theatre production at Lichfield on the Parish noticeboard by the Village Green. It was agreed the flyer could be displayed.

**2196.** Email from a Saltworks Lane resident regarding parking concerns at the end of Saltworks Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk inform the resident that any concerns be submitted to the Management Company as the roads within the development are not yet adopted by SCC Highways.

#### **DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

**2197.** Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7:30pm in Weston Village Hall.

**COLIN CRITCHLOW  
CHAIRMAN**