

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 12th March 2019 in
Gayton Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

4 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Councillor C Critchlow (Chairman)

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 12TH FEBRUARY 2019 - MINUTES

2232 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 12th February 2019 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Icke and Wray.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2233 None

The agenda was amended as follows to bring the report of the Stafford Borough Councillor forward.

REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

2234 Councillor Beatty advised the Parish Council take note of the Local Plan review. SBC will need to provide between 11k and 13k additional housing over the next few years and will be considering how best to achieve this. They are considering whether that growth should come from expanding villages, adding to Stafford town or possibly by creating a new village on former MOD land near Stone.

2235 The SBC Corporate Business Plan outlines the planned work of the council over the next three years. The 2019/20 budget has been agreed and will see no cut to front line services, and there will only be a small increase in council tax.

2236 Construction of the Western Access Road will begin in June and should be completed in 2021. Major redevelopment of Eastgate is planned and consultation will be launched to decide how best to redevelop the northern end of Stafford town centre.

PARISH PLAN

2237 Data inputting is complete. Analysis is underway. Clerk to forward database to Councillor Leake.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

2238 The Civic Amenity Dates for 2019/20 have been agreed. The refuse wagon will be parked on Weston Village Hall car park 10am to 11am on the 15th June 2019 and 20th January 2020. It will be parked in Cherry Lane Gayton on the 13th July 2019.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2239 A resident expressed how much better Weston village looks after the recent road sweeping.

2240 A resident expressed their disappointment regarding a planning decision by the Borough Council relating to a property discussed at the previous meeting.

2241 Concern was raised regarding pot holes in the pavement near the School in Weston. Clerk to report to SCC.

REPORT FROM STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

2242 Staffordshire County Councillor J Francis was not in attendance to provide a report.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (VHMC) REPRESENTATIVE

- 2243** An informal joint meeting with the PC and VHMC was helpful and legal advice regarding the lease document has been sought from the community council.
- 2244** SBC have agreed to use the Bar area of Weston Village Hall for the polling station, which will enable continued use of the hall during the day.
- 2245** The VHMC are planning some internal redevelopment of the bar area to enable separate use of the facility during the day, without having an impact on the play group.
- 2246** The PC have received a formal letter from the VHMC requesting use of the Village Green for the Village Fete on Saturday 8th June. **RESOLVED** by unanimous agreement to permit use of the Village Green from 9am to 6pm on the 8th June 2018.

DEVELOPMENTS

- 2247** 19/30082/HOU at The Old Vicarage, Stafford Road, Weston. **RESOLVED** Clerk to feedback that the Parish Council have no objections to the application, subject to approval from the conservation officer.

TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

- 2248** There have been reports of smashed beer bottles near the MUGA. Whilst the glass has been removed, the issue remains cause for concern.

HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

- 2249** Although the initial application for Gateway Signage was approved by SCC Highways, a recent meeting to confirm locations identified some concerns with siting. SCC Highways have recommended alternative traffic calming measures are sought. The Clerk has liaised with the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership to determine if the funding could be used for alternative measures, which may be possible so long as formal costings are provided swiftly and timeframes for delivery are in line with those previously agreed.
- 2250** A proposal was put forward to establish a working group to explore the possibility of obtaining funding to provide a hard surface for the Trent & Mersey Canal towpath between Weston and Sandon. **RESOLVED** The PC are in support of Councillor Leake taking this forward. Clerk to contact Stone Town Clerk and find out how their recent towpath improvements were funded.

WESTON CLEAN UP CREW

- 2251** The Weston Clean up crew have organised two clean-up/litter picking events in line with the Great British Spring Clean on Sunday 7th and 14th April. The Weston path clearance working party is also scheduled for Saturday 13th April. The Parish Council and Weston Clean up Crew would like to encourage anyone willing to give up their time on either of the three days to come along and help improve our local environment.

CLERK REPORT

- 2252 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 - £456
 - Clerk Expenses, admin and office costs- £160.65
 - Printer – 193.00

- 2253 RESOLVED** that the PC approve the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments

- 2254** The Standing Order form for the Clerk's Salary from 1st April 2019 was signed by two signatories.

- 2255** It was previously agreed that the topic of a switch on ceremony for the Christmas lights be discussed at the March meeting, but unfortunately this was missed at the time of issuing the Agenda. It was agreed this will now be added to the agenda of the June meeting.

2256 The Clerk reminded councillors that the period of Purdah begins on the 26th March.

CORRESPONDENCE

2257 Email relating to Stafford Borough Council's planning decision regarding the planning application submitted by Tamarind, The Green, Weston. This had already been raised during the public participation section above.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

2258. Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 7:30 in Weston Village Hall.

**JAN GRIFFITHS
VICE CHAIRMAN**