

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 9th April 2019 in Weston Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

2 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mrs H Hart

COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

2259 The formal notification of the resignation of Councillor Colin Critchlow, Chairman of the Parish Council was received. The Parish Council wish to convey their unanimous vote of thanks to Mr. Critchlow for his many years of active service and support to the Parish Council. They would like to wish him all the best for the future.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 12TH MARCH 2019 - MINUTES

2260 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 12th March 2019 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Leake and Gilberts

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2261 None

PARISH PLAN

2262 Initial results will be available for display at the Summer Fete.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

2263 Merchant Navy Day will be held on the 3rd September. Councillor Barber will ensure the flag is raised on the flagpole for the day.

2264 An improved bus service 841 Stafford to Uttoxeter via Tixall Road, Weston & Hixon will launch providing a half hourly service Stafford to St. Mary's Gate. One service each hour extends to cover the full route to Uttoxeter. Busses will be of a higher specification and will all provide contactless payment facilities. The 841 service to Tixall village and Great Haywood has been withdrawn, as has the 842 bus service to Rugeley.

2265 SPCA will be providing their Local Councillor Training Course – 14th May, 29th May, 18th June 2019

2266 SPCA will be providing their Chairmanship Skills Training Course – Wednesday 12th June 2019

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2267 Two residents expressed their appreciation to the Weston Clean Up Crew for their efforts on Sunday 7th April and extended thanks to Clive O'Donnell for organising such a successful event.

REPORT FROM STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

2268 Staffordshire County Councillor J Francis was not in attendance to provide a report.

REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

2269 Councillor Mrs. F Beatty was not in attendance to provide a report.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (VHMC) REPRESENTATIVE

2270 The VHMC would like to know if the bunting can be attached to the new flagpole. The Clerk informed the meeting that the flagpole provider had assured her this would be possible with the new flagpole. Clerk to forward a copy of the email to Councillor Wray.

2271 Talking Newspapers will be using the little room at the Village Hall on a weekly basis to record their newspapers.

2272 Work is underway to prepare for the summer fete on the 8th June 2019.

DEVELOPMENTS

2273 None

TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

2274 The Clerk requested the PC consider changing the contractor for Playground Inspections due to reliability issues with the current contractor. The Clerk provided two quotes and is awaiting a third. **RESOLVED** by unanimous agreement to allow the Clerk to appoint a new contractor up to a maximum cost of £450 excluding VAT.

2275 The clerk read out a request from Councillor Hart to use the football pitch for the annual Scarecrow Fest, to enable the display of scarecrows from various local groups. Clerk to request further information including length of display and feedback.

2276 Councillor Hart has taken delivery of 10 free trees which will be planted temporarily at St. Andrew's Church to enable replanting on the Village Green when required. The PC expressed thanks to Councillor Hart for her work on this.

HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

2277 The Community Speedwatch Group have undertaken some research of Speed Indicator Devices and provided a breakdown of costs to submit to the Staffordshire Road Safety Partnership as an alternative use for the previous grant funding obtained for the Village Gateway project. The Clerk is awaiting formal approval of sites by SCC Highways. **RESOLVED** Clerk to submit costings and request change of use for the funding once SCC Highways approve the primary location outside the Church on the A518.

2278 Some discussion was held regarding the verbal feedback from SCC Highways that Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) cannot be used on a 40mph road such as the A51. The Clerk to contact highways and request the policy document that outlines their policy with regard to the siting of SIDS.

2279 Concern has been raised again regarding the lack of 'no parking' road markings at the Saracens Head to enable ease of access to the cottages. **RESOLVED** Clerk to write to the landlord.

CLERK REPORT

2280 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 - £993.95
- Clerk Expenses, admin and office costs- £35.58
- SPCA Annual Subscription - £302.00

2281 RESOLVED that the PC approve the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments

2282 The end of year budget statement for 2018/19 was received and noted.

2283 RESOLVED that Christine Heelis be appointed as internal auditor for 2019.

2284 RESOLVED unanimously to adopt the amended Safeguarding Policy. Councillors Hopkin, Wray and Leake have received safeguarding training.

WESTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

2285 RESOLVED To hold the Weston Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 14th May 2019 at 7pm and to request the Weston Clean Up crew have a slot on the Agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

2286 A discussion was held regarding a request to use the PC notice boards to advertise by a local company. The Clerk will feedback that the PC noticeboards can not be used to advertise businesses.

2287 A request by the Saracen's Head Angling Group for a donation towards the cost of prizes for the Junior Angling Group was discussed. **RESOLVED** by unanimous agreement to donate £100, on the understanding the funds will be used to support the Junior Angling Group only.

2288 A request from a local personal fitness trainer to use the MUGA or Village Green was discussed. The clerk will request further information and bring back to the May meeting for a decision.

2289 A request from the Guides to plant a tree with a plaque at the Village Hall was discussed. This would be a decision for the VHMC. Clerk to pass details to the VHMC.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

2290 Weston Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 14th May 2019 at 7pm followed directly by the Parish Council Meeting in Weston Village Hall.

**JAN GRIFFITHS
VICE CHAIRMAN**