

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 11th June 2019 in Weston Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillor J Griffiths (Chair), Councillor Mrs H Hart (Vice Chair), Councillor A Hopkin, Councillor Mrs G Wray, Councillor D Icke, Councillor D Leake, Councillor K Barber, Councillor G Church, Parish Clerk Mrs A Kingston

1 member of the public

APOLOGIES: Councillor C Gilbert, Stafford Borough Councillor Mrs. F Beatty

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14TH MAY 2019 - MINUTES

2337 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 14th May 2019 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Hart and Hopkin.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2338 None

PARISH PLAN

2339 Councillor Leake circulated the first draft of the results and findings from the community consultation exercise. Thanks, were formally extended to Pam Leake for the extensive work undertaken in designing the consultation data base and in providing the tools to extract the findings. Thanks, were also extended to Councillor Leake for all his work on the design of the questionnaire and analysis of the findings. All Councillors to consider the findings and comments provided in the draft of results. Key findings and the production of a summary document to added to the agenda of the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

2340 None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2341 None

REPORT FROM STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

2342 Staffordshire County Councillor J Francis was not in attendance to provide a report.

REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

2343 Councillor Mrs. F Beatty was not in attendance to provide a report.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (VHMC) REPRESENTATIVE

2344 The Village fete made approximately £3k, which although less than in 2018 was extremely successful considering the awful weather. The next VHMC meeting will review the successes and consider recommendations for future years.

2345 The next Joint meeting with the VHMC and the PC will be held on Tuesday 3rd September. Clerk to co-ordinate items for the Agenda. Clerk to ensure the various lease documents have been circulated to everyone in advance of the meeting.

DEVELOPMENTS

2346 19/30616/HOU Chartley, London Road, Weston, Stafford, ST18 0JS. The PC have no objections to this application.

2347 19/30571/HOU 1 Furlong Close, Weston, Stafford, ST18 0JU. The PC have no objections to this application.

2348 19/30516/FUL The Orchard, Abbeylands, Weston, Stafford, ST18 0DF. **RESOLVED** Clerk to feedback the concerns of the PC regarding safety of residents, in particular children, walking to and from School. Should condition 11 be enforced an alternative safe route avoiding the narrow pavement along the A518 Stafford Road must be available. If the footpath from the Orchard to Furlong Close is open and accessible prior to the closure of the footpath accessing Green Road, the Parish Council would support of the enforcement of condition 11. The PC are keen to stress the importance that the enforced closure of the Footpath to Green Road only take place once an alternative safe route to Furlong close is made available.

2349 19/30460/COU Lower Hartley Green Farm Barns, Hartley Green Loop Road, Gayton, Stafford, ST18 0HJ. **RESOLVED** Clerk to feed back the concerns of the PC regarding drainage with relation to the soakaway and septic tank system as well as the driveway. They request that the opinion of the Environmental Officer is sought regarding the drainage concerns.

TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

2350 The playground inspection reports for the beginning of June were considered. There were no issues requiring urgent or immediate action. **RESOLVED** Councillor Hopkin to liaise with Weston Ground Maintenance and others to assess what work can be undertaken locally. Clerk will obtain costings for work requiring external contractors and bring back to the next meeting.

2351 Clerk to explore available grant funding schemes with a view to considering the replacement of the slide.

2352 The two silver birch trees planted on the Green in March do not appear to have survived. If necessary, these will have to be removed and replacements considered.

2353 Thanks were extended to local volunteer Joyce for the recent cleaning and painting of the park benches in the village. Joyce has undertaken this work voluntarily for several years and the PC wish to formally thank her for all the work she has done for the village.

2354 A volunteer has also planted flowers and plants in a couple of planters including the one by the Noticeboard on the Village Green in Weston. The PC wish to extend their thanks.

2355 It was noted that another of the planters with an established Cordyline, has become damaged. Clerk to organise repair or replacement. Two benches also require some repair. Clerk to follow up.

HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

2356 The PC wish to formally thank the Saracens Head Angling group for the footpath clearance work recently undertaken. It was also noted that the footpath by the railway line and the footpath to Amerton are virtually impassable. Councillor Icke to report the railway footpath to Network Rail, Clerk to report the Amerton footpath to SCC Rights of Way.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

2357 The suggestion of holding a Christmas Lights switch on event at the Village Hall was considered. The PC were in favour of holding an event and will explore the possibility of a joint event with the VHMC. To be added to the Agenda of the July Meeting. It was noted that one of the strings of new lights on the Christmas tree appears to have been cut and will require replacement.

CLERK REPORT

2358 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 - £1365.84
- Clerk Expenses, admin and office costs- £35.58
- Play Inspection Company - £180.00

2359 RESOLVED that the PC approve the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments

2360 RESOLVED to approve attendance of Councillor Church on the SPCA Local Councillor Training and Councillor Mrs H Hart on the SPCA Chairmanship Skills Training at a cost of £20 per course.

2361 The PC considered a revised risk assessment circulated by the Clerk in advance of the meeting. **RESOLVED** by unanimous agreement to adopt the revised risk assessment. This will be reviewed in May 2020.

2362 The PC agreed to hold a working party of Councillors in August review some historic filing and identify information to be sent to archives. Clerk to co-ordinate a date.

2363 Natwest Bank have stated that they would not be able to impose the safeguards the PC require regarding online banking. Clerk to explore further and report back.

2364 RESOLVED The current mandate for Weston with Gayton Parish Council for both the Natwest current and reserve accounts, be changed to include Councillor David Icke as signatory. The Clerk to provide Councillor Icke with relevant paperwork.

2365 The Clerk provided feedback regarding the Trent Valley Collaboration Group meeting attended by herself and Councillors Hopkin, Church and Hart. It was agreed to add the topic of joint working with other parishes to the agenda of the July meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

2366 Invitation to afternoon tea from the Mayor and Mayoress.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

2367 Weston with Gayton Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday 9th July in Gayton Village Hall.

**JAN GRIFFITHS
VICE CHAIRMAN**