

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 10th September 2019 in Weston Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

8 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mrs G Wray.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

2405 MEETING 9th JULY 2019 – RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 9th July 2019 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Hart and Hopkin.

2406 EXTRAORDINARY MEETING 16TH JULY 2019 – RESOLVED That the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council (PC) Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 16th July 2019 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Icke and Hopkin.

2407 EXTRAORDINARY MEETING 20TH AUGUST 2019 – RESOLVED That the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council (PC) Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 20th August 2019 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Icke and Leake.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

2408 Gayton Councillor Cliff Gilbert informed the council of his intention to resign in March, thus allowing a good amount of time to inform Gayton residents and encourage applicants to come forward. It was agreed a letter be sent to all homes in Gayton notifying them of the forthcoming vacancy.

PARISH PLAN

2409 The Clerk circulated a summary of the notes section. It was agreed the Clerk could reduce this further for printing and circulation with the Compass Magazine. A link to the full table of results will be provided on the website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

2410 The Parish Forum will be held on Thursday 26th September 2019. It was agreed the Clerk submit the following item for inclusion on the Agenda 'The Parish Council are concerned with cutbacks in Council services particularly in relation to rural communities – how do we move forward?'

2411 Trent Valley Collaboration Group – Friday 4th October 2019

2412 The next SLCC Staffordshire branch meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th September. It was agreed the Clerk will attend.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2413 A local resident raised concerns regarding barbed wire on a fence by the stile on the footpath from St. Andrew's Church. Clerk to report the issue to Staffordshire Rights of Way.

2414 Several residents raised concern regarding traffic and safe crossing of the A51. It was agreed to add to the Agenda of the next meeting. Clerk to invite a representative from SCC Highways to attend.

REPORT FROM STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

2415 Staffordshire County Councillor J Francis was not in attendance to provide a report.

REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

2416 Councillor Mrs. F Beatty was not in attendance to provide a report.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (VHMC) REPRESENTATIVE

2417 The Village Hall Management Committee representative was not in attendance to provide a report.

2418 The Parish Council representatives who will hold keys to the Village Hall were agreed as follows, Parish Council Chairman Councillor Griffiths, Vice Chair Councillor Mrs. H Hart and the Parish Clerk.

DEVELOPMENTS

2419 There were no new developments. The Clerk provided an update on planning application 19/30773/OUT at Land between Old School Close and A518, Weston, Staffordshire. The decision date has been deferred to the 16th September pending review by the Tree Officer.

TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

2420 Repairs to the slide have been completed. The Clerk will review possible funding sources for a replacement slide and feed back to the October meeting.

HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

2421 The Clerk informed the meeting of concerns with data readings if a SID is installed on Green Road due to its proximity to the Junction. **RESOLVED** to go ahead with two locations, A51 and A518.

2422 Revised quotations were considered for the solar panels and single unit, as well as provision of the pole and installation costs by Amey on behalf of SCC Highways. **RESOLVED** to purchase the Evolis Unit from Elan City and confirm Amey for installation. Clerk to take forward.

2423 The blocked drain on Vicarage Bank in Gayton has been repaired.

GROUND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FROM APRIL 2020

2424 Following the resolution at the July meeting to extend the current contract for Grounds Maintenance for an additional year, the Ground Maintenance Contractor has requested the PC seek quotes for coming year rather than extend the contract. Therefore, the PC will be reviewing the contract with a view to seeking quotations from Grounds Maintenance companies over the next few weeks. These quotes will be duly considered prior to agreeing the precept request in January.

FOOTPATHS

2425 Councillor Gilbert will be looking for volunteers to form a working party to undertake some footpath maintenance in Gayton. Confirmation was given that adequate insurance is in place.

2426 Councillor Gilbert requested a letter be sent from the PC to the new estate manager at Sandon to try and resolve the issue of erosion and damage to Gayton footpath 3. **RESOLVED** Clerk to write to the Estate Manager.

2427 Thanks were formally extended to the Saracen's Head Angling Group for the recent footpath clearance work, particularly in light of the scale of growth in vegetation.

CLERK REPORT

2428 RESOLVED that the PC approve payments listed below and included on the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments.

- Ground Maintenance work for August including Dog Bin Maintenance - £2217.36
- Clerk Expenses, admin and office costs- £64.41

The PC also noted the following payments made in August.

- Ground Maintenance work for July including Dog Bin Maintenance – £2351.75
- Mazars fee for External Audit - £240.00

2429 RESOLVED that the PC approve the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments

- 2430** The PC received the report of the External Auditors Mazars. There were no issues or concerns to bring to the attention of the council.
- 2431** The Clerk informed the meeting that Hartlands Health and Fitness have made a donation of £5 to the Parish Council following their use of the village green for a fitness activity during the summer holiday.
- 2432** The Clerk informed the PC of the publication of a Village Survival Guide, produced by the Prince's Countryside Fund. A digital copy can be found at https://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/research/read-vsg?utm_source=Members&utm_campaign=ece6906546-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_06_08_03_15_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_206970988f-ece6906546-323671269

CORRESPONDENCE

- 2433** Email notifying the PC that the fumes from CLM Manufacturing are once again causing concern. Clerk to add to the Agenda of the next meeting.
- 2434** The Annual Cannock Chase AONB Conference takes place on Friday 4th October 2019 (9.30 - 14.30, including lunch) at Brocton Hall Golf Club, Sawpit Lane, Brocton. The theme for this year's Conference is: "Changing views – heathland management on Cannock Chase" To book a place email cannockchase@staffordshire.gov.uk.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

- 2433** Weston with Gayton Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday 8th October, 7:30pm in Weston Village Hall.

**JAN GRIFFITHS
CHAIRMAN**