

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 14th January 2020 in Weston Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

3 members of the public

APOLOGIES:) Councillor A Hopkin (late arrival), Councillor C Gilbert, Staffordshire County Councillor J Francis.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

2542 MEETING 10th DECEMBER 2019 – RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 10th December 2019 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Church and Barber.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2543 There were no declarations of interest.

PARISH PLAN

2544 The Parish Council will hold a working group meeting on the 28th January to suggest actions for inclusion in the new Parish Plan. The proposals will be considered and the plan formally agreed at the Parish Council meeting on the 11th February. The Parish Plan will commence on the 1st April 2020 and will inform the work of the Parish Council over the next five years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

2545 The new Register of Electors has been published. The Clerk has obtained a copy.

2546 Stafford Borough Council will be holding a literary event called LifFest on the 18th April 2020.

2547 The new dates for Civic Amenity visits are required. The PC will request similar dates to previous years, 20th June 2020 and 23rd January 2021 for Weston and 11th July 2020 for Gayton.

2548 SPCA will be holding a Local Councillor training course on Wednesday 12th February 2020.

2549 There will be a temporary road closure of the B5027 over night from 9pm till 7am in Bramshall from 28th January 2020. It is hoped the works will be completed by the 31st January 2020.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2550 A resident asked when the Speed Indicator Device that has recently been installed on the A518 will be moved to the A51. It is hoped to move the Device monthly. It was also asked if the feasibility for the pedestrian crossing point had been agreed. This is covered in item 2554 below.

2551 It was asked if the PC could be notified of roadsweeping dates in advance. Clerk to contact Stafford Borough Council.

2552 It was asked when the new Staffordshire flag would be flying on the flagpole. The Clerk is in the process of confirming the size and fixings required before placing the order. It is hoped this will be completed in the next month.

2553 During the recent high winds a trampoline was blown from a residents garden on to the railway line causing damage to the line and disrupting train services. It was asked if a formal reminder could be included in the Compass magazine to firmly secure garden furniture in the event of high winds.

REPORT FROM STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

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2554 Staffordshire County Councillor J Francis was not in attendance to provide a report, but informed the Clerk in advance of the meeting that he will be discussing the feasibility studies on the A51 (both to reduce the two lanes to one at the traffic lights and the crossing point by the Methodist church) at a meeting next week. It is not yet known if the feasibility study into the crossing point will be approved but the feasibility study into the lane reduction has been agreed. Councillor Francis will also discuss the issue of flooding in Gayton Lane at this meeting and feedback to the Parish Council.

REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

2555 Stafford Borough Councillor Mrs. F Beatty was not in attendance to provide a report.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (VHMC) REPRESENTATIVE

2556 There was no meeting of the VHMC in December. They are currently updating their policies.

DEVELOPMENTS

2557 None

TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

2558 The Clerk provided an update of routine playground maintenance that has been completed over the past month.

HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

2559 The Clerk provided an update on the Speed Indicator Device. There were two days when the device was deactivated at the beginning of the year as the solar panels were unable to provide enough charge for the batteries. This was over the shortest day of the year and a prolonged period of dense cloud cover. It is hoped this will not be an issue in the future. The first statistical report has been produced and will be made available via the website.

2560 It was noted that the path from the top of Green Road to Great Haywood has been cleared as has the road from Sandy Lane to Salt. It is believed SCC Highways have completed this work. Concern was raised over the condition of the path from Green Road to the traffic lights at the junction with the A518 and the question raised as to why this was not completed at the same time. Clerk to follow up with SCC Highways.

2561 The contractors undertaking the Gas works have made a mess of the verge in Manor Close. There is also a stack of fencing on the Village Green. As these works are ongoing it was agreed to monitor the situation and see if there are any issues following completion.

VILLAGE HALL LEASE

2562 The draft amendments to the lease proposal document were circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed the amendments be submitted to the VHMC in advance of the joint meeting on the 23rd January 2020.

2563 The Clerk provided three quotes from legal firms for the re-writing of the lease document. These were not accurate costings as much depends on the content of the lease and length of negotiations. Costs are likely to be between £1000 and £3000.

Councillor Leake arrived at 8:21pm

CLERK REPORT

2564 RESOLVED that the PC approve payments listed below and included on the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments.

- Clerk expenses and admin - £34.45
- Ground Maintenance work for December including Dog Bin Maintenance - £871.20
- J Griffiths – reimbursement for Webhosting 34SP - £95.40

2565 RESOLVED that the PC approve the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments

2566 The quarterly budget report was received and noted.

CORRESPONDENCE

2567 Letter regarding mess left by Ducks, Geese and Swans in Spencer Close. The Parish Council discussed the letter but are unable to respond as no contact details were provided.

2568 Letter from Stone Parish Liaison Group asking if the Parish Council would consider joining. It was agreed that as Weston with Gayton Parish Council are already members of the Trent Valley Collaboration Group, they will decline the offer at this time.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

2569 Weston with Gayton Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday 11th February 2020, 7:30pm in Weston Village Hall.

**JAN GRIFFITHS
CHAIRMAN**