

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 10th March 2020 in Gayton Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

8 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Stafford Borough Councillor Francis Beatty.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

2610 MEETING 11th FEBRUARY 2020 – RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 11th February 2020 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Church and Hopkins.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2611 There were no declarations of interest.

In accordance with Standing Orders the order of the Agenda was changed as follows.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

2612 SLCC branch meeting – Stone 12th March 10:30am to 12:30

2613 Civic Amenity dates have been agreed as Saturday 20th June 2020 and 23rd January 2021 for Weston and 11th July 2020 for Gayton.

2614 Grass cutting/weed control information from Staffordshire County Council
<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Highways/Weeds-Grass-Trees-Hedges/Grass.aspx>

2615 Stafford Borough Council doorstep recycling changes www.stafford.gov.uk/bluebag

2616 Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Consultation on draft safety plan 2020-2024
<https://www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk/media/2567/draft-safety-plan-2020-2024.pdf>

2617 The Best Kept Village Competition 2020 has changed the format to enable evidence to be submitted throughout the year. The closing date for entries will be mid April.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2618 Councillor McKeown Chairman of Hixon Parish Council gave a presentation on the Stafford Local Plan Issues and Options consultation, providing a detailed overview of the potential impact on Weston and Hixon. Details can be found at www.staffordbc.gov.uk/new-local-plan Thanks were extended to Councillor McKeown.

2619 A local resident raised a planning concern. Clerk to speak with Councillor Beatty.

PARISH PLAN

2620 The Parish Plan and accompanying action plan were considered. **RESOLVED** by unanimous agreement to approve the Parish Plan and accompanying action plan to run from 2020 to 2025. It is noted the action plan will be a working document and therefore evolve over the term of the plan.

REPORT FROM STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

2621 Staffordshire County Councillor J Francis was not in attendance to provide a report.

REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

2622 Stafford Borough Councillor Mrs. F Beatty was not in attendance to provide a report.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (VHMC) REPRESENTATIVE

2623 The VHMC Annual General Meeting will be held on the 28th April at 7:30pm.

2624 A new gas boiler will cost between £6000 to £7000 because of the extent of the pipework required.

2625 Concerns were raised following some disruption and anti-social behaviour as a result of two recent teenage parties.

DEVELOPMENTS

2626 Planning Application reference 20/32003/POTH Yew Tree Farm, London Road, Shirleywich, Stafford, ST18 0PN. **RESOLVED** Clerk to respond that the PC echo the response of the Environmental Health Officer and request the opinion of SCC Highways regarding both access and potential volume of traffic.

2627 Planning Application reference 20/31977/HOU The Croft, Church Lane, Gayton, Stafford, ST180HL. **RESOLVED** The PC have no objection to this application.

TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

2628 It was noted the tape closing the slide is repeatedly being removed. Clerk to arrange for the removal of the slide as soon as possible.

HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

2629 The Speed Indicator Device has been moved back to the A518. When the data was downloaded from the A51 it became evident the width of the road is too wide to collect data accurately in the opposite direction. Data of traffic approaching the sign (travelling from the traffic lights towards Hixon) is complete but comparable data of traffic travelling in the opposite direction was not collected.

2630 The gullies and drains in Weston are scheduled for cleaning in September/October 2020.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

2631 The Christmas Lights switch on event will take place on Saturday 28th November 2020. **RESOLVED** to allocate a maximum £100 from the Section 137 budget for refreshments to support the event.

NEW STAFFORD BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN

2632 Following a short discussion regarding the Issues and Options consultation for the Local Plan, it was agreed to finalise the PC response at an Extra Ordinary meeting to be held on Tuesday 17th March 2020 at 7pm in Weston Village Hall. Clerk to issue the agenda.

GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

2633 The Weston Clean Up Crew will be supporting the Great British Spring Clean with a local litter pick on the 21st and 22nd March between 10am and 12pm.

CLERK REPORT

2634 RESOLVED that the PC approve payments listed below and included on the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments.

- Clerk expenses and admin - £114.18
- Ground Maintenance work for January including Dog Bin Maintenance - £547.20
- Planning Training - £25
- Staffordshire Flag - £62.72
- SBC Election Recharge Weston - £117.58
- SBC Election Recharge Gayton - £66.02

2635 RESOLVED that the PC approve the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments

CORRESPONDENCE

2636 Email from the Woolpack Public House requesting the use of the Village Green on Sunday 9th May for the VE Day celebrations. The Parish Council have no objections to the use of the Village Green for

this event and request the usual donation of £75 towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Green.

2637 Email from a local business requesting PC approval to bring a mobile food van to the village. The PC are not the licencing authority and if the van has the necessary licence to trade from SBC and is to be parked on the highway, no approval from the PC is required. Clerk to feedback.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

2638 Extra Ordinary meeting Tuesday 17th March 2020 at 7pm in Weston Village Hall. The next standard Parish Council meeting will be held on 14th April 2020 at 7:30pm in Weston Village Hall.

**JAN GRIFFITHS
CHAIRMAN**