

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 14th July 2020 at 7.30pm over the virtual platform Zoom.

PRESENT

Councillor J Griffiths (Chairman), Councillor Mrs H Hart (Vice Chair), Councillor A Hopkin, Councillor Mrs G Wray, Councillor G Church, Councillor K Barber, Councillor D Leake, Councillor D Icke, Parish Clerk Mrs A Kingston and Marc Hardenberg.

1 member of the public

APOLOGIES

None

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

2699 MEETING 9th JUNE 2020 – RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 9th June 2020 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Hart and Church.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2700 Councillor Hardenberg declared an interest in Agenda point 8 Planning, as this refers to a neighbouring property.

PARISH PLAN

2701 The Parish Plan will be updated to show Councillor Hardenberg as the lead for Gayton actions.

2702 Concern was raised regarding the condition of a stile on a Gayton footpath. Councillor Hart to provide details and Clerk to report to Rights of Way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

2703 The Government are urging people to ensure they answer any calls from the NHS Test and Trace number 0300 013 5000.

2704 SPCA are offering a range of virtual training courses. Clerk to forward on details.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2705 Concern regarding the footpath stile in Gayton was noted.

REPORT FROM STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

2706 Staffordshire County Councillor John Francis was not in attendance to provide a report. Correspondence regarding the potholes on the A51 had been received and Highways were looking into the repair but they may be too large to patch and therefore need a road re-build.

REPORT FROM STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

2707 Stafford Borough Councillor Francis Beatty was not in attendance to provide a report.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

2708 Regular checking and supervision of the village hall is being undertaken by the VHMC.

2709 A joint meeting between the VHMC and the Parish Council is required. Clerk to liaise with VHMC to set a date.

DEVELOPMENTS

2710 Planning application 20/32570/LDC. To confirm the dwelling and associated curtilage as residential, it has been occupied as residential for over 10 years (in breach of condition 2 on 92/28035/OUT).

Cherry Lane Stables, Cherry Lane, Gayton, Stafford ST18 0HH. The PC have no objection to the application.

TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

2711 The play area and skate park were re-opened on the 4th July following Government guidance. Posters stating new covid safety rules have been displayed in prominent places around the play area and skate park and the risk assessment is accessible on the website at www.westonstaffs.org.uk. The three swings that have been removed will only be replaced once social distancing rules allow. Replacement parts for general maintenance will be ordered shortly. The swing replacement parts should cost approximately £70+VAT and the replacement tool for the roundabout no more than £12.

2712 Five quotes for the replacement slide on the Village Green were considered along with various options for flooring. A replacement slide of a similar height was the preferred option which allowed quotes to be narrowed down to two possible providers. Further breakdown of costings and options for flooring were requested. Clerk to follow up and bring to an extra ordinary meeting on the 28th July for final decision.

2713 It was proposed the PC consider implementing a rolling programme of tree maintenance for all trees on PC owned land. Councillor Griffiths to map all trees on the village green. Clerk to research tree maintenance contracts and programmes of work undertaken in other areas. Clerk to bring costings for an independent tree inspection/assessment to the next meeting.

2714 Two manhole covers on the village green have been replaced as they were in a poor state of repair and there were safety concerns with works vans from the Gas company driving over the area.

HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

2715 Concern was raised regarding the stability of the wall along the boundary of the woolpack pub in Old Road. **RESOLVED** Councillor Barber to visit the pub and inform them of the concerns of the PC as soon as possible. Clerk to write to Marston's Brewery outlining the concerns of the PC and send a copy to the Woolpack pub. Clerk to contact SCC Highways and inform them of the concern.

TO CONSIDER BYLAWS FOR THE VILLAGE GREEN

2716 The Clerk has not been able to establish what Bylaws currently apply to the Village Green in Weston. A discussion was held regarding the writing of new Bylaws. Clerk to find out the process for the creation of bylaws and add to the agenda of the next meeting.

CLERK REPORT

2717 RESOLVED that the PC approve payments listed below and included on the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments.

- Clerk expenses and admin - £16
- Ground Maintenance work for June including Dog Bin Maintenance - £2277.60
- SLCC Subs - £110.69
- Zoom subscription - £7.20 (shared with Hilderstone PC)
- Microsoft 365 Annual Subscription - £59.99
- SLCC Accessibility Webinar - £36
- ICO Annual Registration - £35

2718 RESOLVED that the PC approve the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments

2719 The quarterly budget update was received and noted.

2720 The annual leave dates for the Clerk were noted.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

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2721 Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting Tuesday 28th July 2020 at 7:30pm. Next Parish Council meeting Tuesday 8th September 2020 at 7:30pm. Both will be held over the virtual meeting platform zoom.

**JAN GRIFFITHS
CHAIRMAN**

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