

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 9th February 2021 at 7.30pm over the virtual platform Zoom.

PRESENT

Councillor J Griffiths (Chairman), Councillor Mrs H Hart (Vice Chair), Councillor Mrs G Wray, Councillor D Leake, Councillor D Icke, Councillor M Hardenberg, Councillor G Church, Councillor K Barber and Parish Clerk DW Croxford

2 members of the public

APOLOGIES

None

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

2883 MEETING 12th JANUARY 2021 – RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 12th January 2021 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Hart and Leake.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2884 Councillor Hardenberg declared an interest in item 2886 Parish Council Vacancy.

REPORT FROM CENSUS ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

2885 The CEM did not attend the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

2886 Two eligible members of the public followed their written applications, circulated to all prior to the meeting, by respectively introducing themselves with a short presentation, followed by answering questions. Both candidates were warmly thanked for their interest.

2887 Both members of the public received a Proposer and a Secunder, and a vote was held. James A Tallentire was co-opted onto the Council with a vote of 5 votes in support to 2 votes. Councillor Hardenberg did not vote for either candidate.

PARISH PLAN

2888 There were no updates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

2889 Staffordshire Parish Council Association's training courses for March are published on their website.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2890 None

REPORT FROM STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

2891 Staffordshire County Councillor John Francis was not in attendance to present a report.

REPORT FROM STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

2892 Councillor Mrs. F Beatty was not in attendance, but her written report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (VHMC) REPRESENTATIVE

2893 The Wombats Group and the Post Office are using the VH. The Fruit and Veg stall on Fridays is proving popular and additional types of stallholders are being sought accompany him. The improved acoustics in the VH are now complete. The VHMC are considering fundraising in the face of reduced income from hire during the pandemic.

DEVELOPMENTS

2894 No Planning Applications to consider.

TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

2895 WGM has planted an Oak tree sapling near the War Memorial and a contractor has ground out a Tulip tree stump on the Village Green.

HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

2896 The Clerk provided an update on reported highways faults. Most are awaiting works. Reported item 4214068 is now considered urgent and Clerk will update Highways.

2897 A discussion was led by Councillor Hardenberg regarding the speed limit on the road between Gayton to Fradswell, and on the poor condition of the unadopted Cherry Lane in Gayton. Clerk to liaise with Councillors Hardenberg and Hart regarding actions.

STAFFING COMMITTEE

2898 Following a successful recruitment process this need not be a future Agenda item.

CLERK REPORT

2899 RESOLVED that the PC approve payments listed below and included on the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments.

- Ground Maintenance work for January including Dog Bin Maintenance - £720
- Zoom subscription for December (shared with Salt and Enson PC) - £7.19
- SWB Rural Services – Tree stump grind out - £360.
- Screw fix / Cllr Church MUGA tape - £13
- MUGA Cable ties / pouches - £13.34

2900 An overpayment of £36 to WGM has come to light and WGM have agreed to refund the same.

2901 RESOLVED to remove ex Councillor Hopkin and ex Clerk Amanda Kingston as signatories on Bank, Building Society, and NP Investment account.

2902 RESOLVED to close the Building Society account, and NPI account, and transfer all funds to the NatWest Reserve account

2903 RESOLVED that new Clerk David Croxford to have online internet access to NatWest Bank accounts and receipt of statements.

CORRESPONDENCE

2904 None

DATE, TIME, AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

2905 Parish Council meeting Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7:30pm using the virtual platform Zoom.

**JAN GRIFFITHS
CHAIRMAN**