

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT

Councillor J Griffiths (Chairman), Councillor Mrs H Hart (Vice Chair), Councillor D Icke, Councillor M Hardenberg, Councillor G Church, Councillor K Barber, Councillor J Tallentire
Councillor D Leake (joined at Agenda item 4 / 2908) and Parish Clerk DW Croxford

1 member of the public

APOLOGIES

Councillor Mrs G Wray

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

2906 MEETING 9th FEBRUARY 2021 – RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 9th February 2021 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Hart and Hardenberg

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2907 None declared.

PARISH PLAN

2908 Councillor Leake is to investigate community support for bulb planting in the Autumn under 3.5.2 of the Plan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

2909 Staffordshire Parish Council Association's training courses for March are published on their website.

2910 The next National Census will take place on 21st March 2021 was decided to publish guidance information provided by the Census Office on Parish Website and Social media.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2911 None

REPORT FROM STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

2912 Staffordshire County Councillor John Francis was not in attendance to present a report.

REPORT FROM STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

2913 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

2914 Councillor Wray reported by e mail that there are approx. six produce stall holders on the VH car park on Friday's from 10 a.m. until noon. The plan is to retain an outside event during the pandemic and review later. It had been previously advised that all stallholders have been registered with SBC's Environmental Dept, providing a data collection sheet and evidence of insurance cover.

2915 Several people have come forward to join the VHMC and their appointment will be confirmed at the AGM on 27th April 2021 (7.30 p.m.)

2916 Clerk to seek indication of requirements of VHMC upon expiry of current lease.

DEVELOPMENTS

Upgrade of existing Vodafone mast and base station adjacent to London Road (A51), Weston, ST19 0JW (NGR:387708/327155)

2917 Noting existing permission extant, Clerk to write to GallifordTry expressing concern at height of new mast (20m) and requesting effort made to minimise visual impact.

TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

2918 Satisfactory inspection reports dd 16th February 2021 received on Village Hall Skate Park and MUGA and Village Green Play Area from The Play Inspection Company. Content of reports noted and will be delivered to WGM to work through the maintenance required.

HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

2919 The Clerk provided an update on reported highways faults. Reported urgent item 4214068 has been attended to. Councillor Hardenberg had reported four potholes in Gayton, of which two have been repaired.

2920 Grateful thanks were expressed re recent litter picking on Weston Bank by volunteers.

CLERK REPORT

2921 RESOLVED that the PC approve payments listed below and included on the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments.

- Clerks Net Salary £571.30
- Clerks PAYE to HMRC £142.60
- The Play Inspection Company £180
- SPCA Clerks training course "Year end Audit" (shared equally with Salt) £15.
- SPCA Councillors Training Course "Procurement" £30
- Ground Maintenance work for January including Dog Bin Maintenance - £720
- Clerks Expenses inc 50% Zoom sub shared with Salt £28.59.

2922 Clerk reported closure of the Building Society account and all funds received to the NatWest Reserve account.

2923 RESOLVED that new Clerk David Croxford to have online internet access to NatWest Bank accounts and receipt of statements.

CORRESPONDENCE

2924 HS2 Consultation Letter – the extensive and detailed response authored by a Weston resident, and adopted as a collaborative response from several Parish Council's in the Trent Valley Collaboration Group, including Weston with Gayton, had been circulated before the meeting. Clerk to write to the author expressing our considerable gratitude for his efforts.

DATE, TIME, AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

2925 Parish Council meeting Tuesday 13th April 2021 at 7:30pm using the virtual platform Zoom.

2926 Government Guidance for the conduct (virtual or otherwise) of meetings post 7th May 2021 awaited. Implications for the Annual Meeting of the Council, and the Annual Parish (Public) Meetings for Weston and for Gayton will need to be considered in light of this.

**JAN GRIFFITHS
CHAIRMAN**