

# WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.30pm  
in Weston Village Hall.

## PRESENT

Councillor J Griffiths (Chairman), Councillor Mrs H Hart (Vice Chair), Councillor D Icke, Councillor G Church, Councillor J Tallentire, Councillor Mrs G Wray  
Parish Clerk DW Croxford  
One member of the public

## APOLOGIES

Councillor M Hardenberg, Councillor D Leake, Councillor K Barber

## PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**3024 MEETING 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021 – RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2021 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Hart and Church.

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**3025** None declared.

## PARISH PLAN

**3026** Areas of Responsibility were updated reflecting changes of Councillors.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

Circulated before the meeting.

**3027** The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022

**3028** Stafford Borough Council Annual Community Awards

**3029** Staffordshire Ironman 70.3 event 18<sup>th</sup> July

**3030** HS2 Phase 2A Community Funds Webinar 14<sup>th</sup> July

**3031** The Henry Angell-James Memorial Trust

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**3032** A member of the public asked for an update in respect of the request for a fence on top of the Woolpack car park wall and planting of shrubs adjacent. A draft letter to the Brewery is being considered.

## REPORT FROM STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

**3033** Staffordshire County Councillor John Francis was not in attendance to present a report. *Clerk to invite him to September meeting to review Highways matters and actions in Parish Plan.*

## REPORT FROM STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

**3034** 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

**3035** Councillor Wray reported that all the smoke alarms in the VH are now fully functional, correctly wired and tested. This maintenance proved expensive.

**3036** The proposed installation of Wi-Fi is proceeding with quotes for installation being sought.

**3037** Repairs to the VH car park and footpath used to access the Post Office are required.

**3038** It was confirmed that the PC Chair, PC Vice Chair, and the Clerk have keys to the VH including the storeroom.

## DEVELOPMENTS

### 3039 20/33592/HOU The Croft, Church Lane, Gayton

Advised as an appeal and no comments can be submitted.

## TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

**3040 Inspection Reports June** - Received and noted, copies given to the GM Contractor to attend to the routine maintenance advised.

**3041** Councillor Hart advised that following the repair on the small climbing frame, an inspection of the bolts at the centre of the roundabout was undertaken and found to be safe. Thanks were offered to Colin Critchlow and a friend for their prompt and helpful assistance.

## HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

**3042 Speed Restriction in Gayton** – Councillor Hart spoke of the desire to reduce the speed limit in Gayton from 60 mph to 40/30 mph. She recalled this was rejected by Highways approx. 8 years ago and outlined the reasons why. Given the passage of time, the meeting unanimously supported Councillor Hardenberg's proposal to revisit this matter and reapply for a reduction.

**3043 Civic Refuse Collection** – *Clerk to continue to monitor the of reinstatement of service by SBC.*

**3044 Litter Signage** – Councillor Hart had sourced a supply of approved free signs from SBC and proposed the purchase of 6 signs from a supplier (2 large, 4 small) at a total cost of £108.72.

**RESOLVED unanimously to make the purchase.**

**3045 Footpath at rear of St Andrews Church / Railway line** – now cleared by WGM but the maintenance will need to be considered next year as the path is not Parish responsibility.

**3046 Footpath at rear of Weston Methodist Church to Hixon Airfield** – as for minute **3045**

## CLERK REPORT

**3047 RESOLVED** that the PC approve payments listed below and included on the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments.

### Payments Approved and made before the meeting.

- ICO Renewal Direct Debit £35
- Clerks Net Salary June £488.06
- HMRC PAYE Clerks June £122.00
- Clerks Expenses June £21.85

### Payments to be made.

- SLCC Clerks Annual Sub (Shared with Salt and Enson PC) £115
- Play Inspection Co Reports £150 + VAT £30 = £180
- WGM Ground Maintenance work June including Dog Bin Maintenance - £1987 + £397.40 VAT = £2384.40
- SC GM Ltd Ground Maintenance work June St Andrews - £240 + £48 VAT = £288
- SC GM Ltd Ground Maintenance work June Gayton VH and Church-£180 + £36 VAT = £216

**3048** Financial Regulations will be reviewed in September meeting.

## CORRESPONDENCE

**3049** E mail request from The Woolpack seeking to hire the Village Green on Saturday 31st July for a family event to include a Bouncy Castle supplied by a third-party operator. After advice **RESOLVED** to agree subject to prior receipt of

- Sight of the relevant insurance policies for the Woolpack and the Bouncy Castle operator
- A risk assessment
- A reduced hire payment of £75 in recognition of the efforts to support the community of Weston.

*Clerk to advise The Woolpack and inform also willing to consider this as an "in principle" agreement for any similar event to be held in August.*

**3050** Further reports received of bad language and anti-social behaviour by footballers before and during matches on the VG football pitch. *Clerk to write to the Football Club* accordingly to prevent more of this.

**DATE, TIME, AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

**3051** Parish Council Meeting at Weston Village Hall Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7:30pm

**JAN GRIFFITHS  
CHAIRMAN**