

# WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 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, Councillor M Hardenberg, Councillor D Leake, Councillor K Barber.  
Parish Clerk DW Croxford  
One member of the public

## APOLOGIES

None

## PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**3052 MEETING 13<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021 – RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July 2021 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Hart and Icke.

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**3053** None declared.

## PARISH PLAN

**3054** The Clerk had updated the plan with the changed areas of responsibility.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

Circulated before the meeting.

**3055** SPCA Training Course dates for September

**3056** Temporary Traffic Regulation Order A51 Pasturefields 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**3057** 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

**3058** Staffordshire County Councillor John Francis was not in attendance to present a report.

## REPORT FROM STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

**3059** Councillor Mrs. F Beatty was not in attendance, and no written report had been received.

## REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (VHMC) REPRESENTATIVE

**3060** Councillor Wray reported that the last meeting of the VHMC agreed a permitted re opening procedure

**3061** Table tennis has returned to the main hall.

**3062** The new acoustics are an improvement.

**3063** Enquiries are ongoing re Broadband Wi-Fi installation.

## DEVELOPMENTS

**3064 21/34358/HOU at 20 Old Road Weston Stafford**

Advised in August. Circulated to Councillors. Comments sought by 13<sup>th</sup> August. Request to comment post 14<sup>th</sup> September not responded to by SBC.

## TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

- 3065** The painting of the playground equipment will commence within the next three weeks.
- 3066 Christmas Tree lights** – WGM will take down the damaged lights in situ under winter hours. The lights will be overhauled, repaired, tested and re installed.
- 3067** Was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to purchase and install a **wooden picket fence**, of permitted regulatory height, around the tree. Cost of purchase and installation by WGM to be c £800. Last year WGM underspend to budget was £800 and total budget underspend c £400.
- 3068** Potential installation of Christmas tree in Gayton to be considered at October meeting and a possible combined Weston and Gayton switch on 27<sup>th</sup> November.
- 3069** Councillor Hart reported a kind business donation of funds from a local Weston resident that will enable the planting, in the next few weeks, of **perennial wildflowers and 500 spring bulbs** in two newly created beds on the corner of Old Road / A518 and on the A518 verge / Green Road junction. Additionally, a Parish Councillor has kindly offered to personally donate an additional c. 400 spring bulbs to create a new bed at the A51 end of Green Road. All wished to convey thanks to the donors.

## HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

### Grounds Maintenance Contracts 2022-23

Next year quotations for the three GM Contracts undertaken by WGM and SCGM were received and discussed.

- 3070** UNANIMOUSLY **RESOLVED** to roll-over existing Weston contract with WGM for 2022-23 at the unchanged price currently charged. *Clerk to prepare 2022-23 contract.*
- 3071** UNANIMOUSLY agreed not to renew the existing GM contracts with SCGM for St Andrews Church Weston and St Peters Church Gayton / Gayton Village Hall.
- 3072** UNANIMOUSLY **RESOLVED** to move from a managed grounds maintenance contract, to providing the three organisations a Grant from 2022/23 (St Andrew's Church Graveyard, St Peter's Church Graveyard and Gayton Village Hall). Levels of Grant payments to be made at current levels initially, and subject future to budget constraints / considerations. Timing of the Grants to be similarly subject and agreed with the three recipient organisations. The Grant payments will be subject to the condition that the Grant is used solely for grounds maintenance. Full handover support will be offered to the two Churches, and Gayton VH, by introduction to current, and other known, contractors. *Chair / Clerk to communicate changes accordingly.*
- 3073 Speed Restriction in Gayton** – *Clerk to progress via Highways and update in October.*
- 3074 Gayton Bus Shelter** – UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED for Councillor Hardenberg to purchase paint £50 to facilitate refurbishment.
- 3075 Village Green** – the two community Bouncy Castle events led by The Woolpack in July and August took place on the VG as permitted.
- 3076 Civic Refuse Collection** – *Clerk to continue to monitor the of reinstatement of service by SBC.*

## HS2 Phase 2a COMMUNITY FUNDING

**3077** Councillors Hart and Wray outlined the Community Grant Funds schemes available and the procedure for application. Several options were discussed as suitable projects to apply for. UNANIMOUSLY agreed it would be worthwhile to apply if eligibility can be confirmed. *Councillor Hart to investigate and update in October.*

## CLERK REPORT

**3078 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.

- Clerks Net Salary July £467.30
- HMRC PAYE Clerks July £85.99
- Clerks Expenses July £116.80
- WGM Ground Maintenance work July including Dog Bin Maintenance - £1924.80 incl VAT
- SC GM Ltd Ground Maintenance work July St Andrews - £288.00 incl VAT

- SC GM Ltd Ground Maintenance work June Gayton VH and Church-£288.00 incl VAT
- Clerks Net Salary August £456.92
- HMRC PAYE Clerks August £114.20
- Clerks Expenses August £16.00

**Payments to be made.**

- Mazars External Auditor £200 + £40 VAT = £240
- WGM Ground Maintenance work August including Dog Bin Maintenance - £1813.50 + £362.70 VAT = £2176.20
- SC GM Ltd Ground Maintenance work August St Andrews - £240 + £48 VAT = £288
- SC GM Ltd Ground Maintenance work August Gayton VH and Church -£180 + £36 VAT = £216

**3079** Financial Regulations will be reviewed in October meeting.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

**3080** Several village organisations will collaborate on the day as usual supported by the Councillors as required. **RESOLVED to purchase wreath £20.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**3081** Trent Valley Collaboration Group Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 at Tixall Village Hall

**3082** Parish Forum Meeting via Zoom 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 CANCELLED

**3083** Police Attendance at Parish Council Meetings

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

**3084** Parish Council Meeting at Weston Village Hall Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7:30pm

**JAN GRIFFITHS  
CHAIRMAN**