

# WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.30pm in Weston Village Hall.

## PRESENT

Councillor Mrs H Hart (Vice Chair), Councillor D Icke, Councillor G Church, Councillor J Tallentire, Councillor M Hardenberg, Councillor D Leake.

Parish Clerk DW Croxford

No members of the public were present.

## APOLOGIES

Councillor J Griffiths (Chairman), Councillor K Barber, Councillor Mrs G Wray

## PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

**3085 MEETING 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 – RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 14th of September 2021 be confirmed and signed by the Vice Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Church and Hardenberg.

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**3086** None declared.

## PARISH PLAN

**3084** There were no updates.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

Circulated before the meeting

**3085** Public Sector Network Special Announcement for the Queens Jubilee Beacons.

**3086** SPCA Training Course dates for October and November

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**3087** None

## REPORT FROM STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

**3088** Staffordshire County Councillor John Francis was not in attendance to present a report.

## REPORT FROM STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

**3089** Councillor Mrs. F Beatty was not in attendance, and no written report had been received.

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

**3090** Councillor Hart advised the VH will be holding a Christmas Fayre on 27<sup>th</sup> November 4 – 7 p.m.

**3091** VHMC requested the Christmas Tree lights be switched on that day at 6 p.m. *Clerk to advise WGM.*

**3092 RESOLVED** that PC provide and serve pulled pork baps, with apple sauce as well as soft drinks, with any profits retained for Christmas Tree light maintenance.

## DEVELOPMENTS

### **3093 21/34962/FUL at Willowbrook Stafford Road Weston**

Circulated to Councillors beforehand. Comments sought by 15<sup>th</sup> October. **RESOLVED** Clerk to respond on issues of access to the road, sufficiency of parking, footpath, and boundary issues.

## TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

**3094** Councillor Hardenberg advised it is proving difficult for Gayton to select an appropriate focal point for a village Christmas Tree.

**3095** One of the small child swing seats has been badly bent. Unanimously **RESOLVED** to remove it from the frame and purchase a new matching pair of Single Tier Black Rubber Cradle seats. Pricing to be sought direct from Wicksteed and other providers. Estimated cost, approx. £210 incl. VAT each.

## **HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY**

**3096** Proposed Grounds Maintenance grant letter from Clerk approved subject to a minor extra inclusion.  
*Clerk to write to proposed Grant beneficiaries.*

**3097 Speed Restriction in Gayton** – Clerk advised by SCC that a preliminary survey by an independent appointed contactor at c £1000 is required before matters could be considered. Clerk has established there are no central funds available to pay for this. *Clerk to discuss appropriate signage with Highways and update in November.*

**3098 Road signs Gayton** – Councillor Hardenberg advised he will investigate with Highways a report from a parishioner that the road signs for Vicarage Bank are incorrect and should be Gayton Lane.

**3099 Civic Refuse Collection** – Clerk has written to SBC regarding reinstatement of the service by SBC.

## **HS2 Phase 2a COMMUNITY FUNDING**

**3100** Councillor Hart reported she is to engage with CRT, and others, to scope and estimate approximate project costs. *Councillor Hart to provide further update in November.*

## **CLERK REPORT**

**3101 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 September £498.44
- HMRC PAYE Clerks September £124.60
- Clerks Expenses September £16.00

### **Payments to be made.**

- WGM Ground Maintenance work September including Dog Bin Maintenance - £1795.50 + £359.10 VAT = £2154.60
- SC GM Ltd Ground Maintenance work September St Andrews - £240 + £48 VAT = £288
- SC GM Ltd Ground Maintenance work September Gayton VH and Church -£180 + £36 VAT = £216

**3102** The report of the External Auditors Mazars had been received with no concerns and posted on the Website.

**3103** The latest NALC Financial Regulations (2019) template had been circulated beforehand alongside the Financial Regulations currently adopted. Clerk had highlighted areas in the new document that could be tailored accordingly. Clerk to review with Chair / Vice Chair and present tailored 2019 document at November meeting.

**3104** Clerk circulated at the meeting draft budget for 2022-23. Copies will be emailed to all Councillors. To be considered further / finalised at November meeting.

## **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

**3105** Unanimously approved siting a Poppy Stall on the Village Green by the Flagpole on Saturdays 30<sup>th</sup> October and 6<sup>th</sup> November.

**3106** The presentation / laying of the PC wreath was agreed, and Councillors were reminded of the normal arrangements for support on Remembrance Day.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**3107** Difficulty of access with Gayton 7 footpath had been reported by a member of the public. Clerk has logged the problem on the SBC portal and the member of the public thanked.

**3108** Moira's Run – Running for Moira – Virtually everywhere. 23<sup>rd</sup>/ 24<sup>th</sup> October. Registration via <https://www.entrycentral.com/MoirasRun>

**3109** TVCG correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

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

**3110** Parish Council Meeting at Weston Village Hall Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7:30pm

**JAN GRIFFITHS  
CHAIRMAN**