

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 7.30pm in Weston Village Hall.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Councillor M Hardenberg Councillor K Barber, Councillor G Church

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

3192 MEETING 11th JANUARY 2022 – RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 11th of January 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Vice Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Icke and Hart

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3193 None declared.

PARISH PLAN

3194 There were no updates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

Circulated at the meeting

3195 Best Kept Village Community Competition 2022

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

3196 None

REPORT FROM STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

3197 Staffordshire County Councillor John Francis was not in attendance to present a report.

REPORT FROM STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

3198 Councillor Frances Beatty was not in attendance, but her detailed written report had been circulated beforehand.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (VHMC) REPRESENTATIVE

3199 Councillor Wray advised car park and car park entrance repairs are being considered, the Wi-Fi will be installed but there is no firm timeframe for installation, the HS2 Grant application is progressing, and the Village Fete is planned for Saturday 4th June. Some obsolete decorative outside lights have been disposed of.

QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE

3200 Unanimously **RESOLVED** to purchase a tree and commemorative plaque at a total sum not exceeding £400 plus VAT. Species of tree, location, and planting arrangements to be decided. Advice will be taken on the most favourable time to plant the tree, and if considered suitable, and subject to supply, the desire is to have the tree to be in situ by end of March.

DEVELOPMENTS

3201 No Planning Applications received at the date of posting the agenda.

TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

- 3202** Comments on non-compliance of some of the equipment in the December Annual reports have been clarified by the inspecting company. The inspecting company advise "*Legislation has not changed however compliance is not a legal requirement. The item(s) have been risk assessed as fit for use by us. No action is required*"
- 3203** **Operational Inspection Reports January 2022** - Received and noted, copies given to the GM Contractor to attend to the routine maintenance advised.
- 3204** The small child swing seats are not yet replaced. *Councillor Griffiths to progress.*
- 3205** The painter has agreed to complete the painting of the play equipment during the last week of March and first week of April.
- 3206** A member of the public had written to the Clerk volunteering to repair and paint an item of the play equipment. He has been thanked, asked to proceed, and help offered.

HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

- 3207** Welcome Village Signage was considered, as at Hixon and Sandon. *Clerk to seek views / sanction of Highways and enquire of Hixon and Sandon how funded.*
- 3208** Brown signs advising School location – *Clerk to chase response from Highways following request of December 2012.*
- 3209** Village Notice board adjacent to Woolpack – *Cllr Griffiths to enquire, via the headmaster, if the school wishes to adopt half of the notice board.*
- 3210** Gulley's – whilst acknowledging the recent visit by Highways, a gulley remains blocked on Green Road near the BT building / opposite Furlong Close entrance. *Clerk to report.*
- 3211** Footpath sign on A51 opposite the Methodist Chapel leading to Manor Close – has snapped off. *Clerk to report.*
- 3212** A518 Brook – garden debris damming the brook opposite Church Cottage, Bridge Close reported as potential flood risk around the back of the Church. *Clerk to report.*
- 3213** Cllr Hardenberg seeking a time frame for road repairs to Hartley Loop, Gayton. *Clerk to enquire.*
- 3214** An increase of dog mess noted around the village, especially near the school. *Cllr Hart to advise Clerk of Dog Warden contact details for Clerk to report.*

HS2 PHASE 2a

3215 Community Funding Application Update

Councillor Hart advised she had met with the Enterprise Manager from the Canal & River Trust. Eligibility to apply is contingent upon the applicant owning, or leasing, the land the funds are to be spent on. This anomaly is now trying to be worked around with CRT. The separate Village Hall application is eligible and proceeding.

CLERK REPORT

- 3216 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 January £539.36
- HMRC PAYE Clerks January £135.00
- Clerks Expenses January £24.00

Payments to be made.

- WGM Ground Maintenance work January (including Dog Bin Maintenance £90) - £618 +£123.60 VAT = £741.60
- 34SP.com – Annual internet hosting fee - £79.50 + VAT £15.90 = £95.40
- Play Inspection Company Operational Reports - £150+VAT £30=£180

CORRESPONDENCE

Circulated at the meeting

3217 Stafford in the World Festival 2nd June 2022

3218 Nominations for Baton Bearers for Queens Baton Relay (QBR)

3219 Request to support the installation by Highways of a dropped kerb on Ferrers Road, near the school, to improve access for a disabled pupil from the Headmaster of St Andrews School. *Clerk to send e mail in support*

3220 Civic Amenity Visits 2022 – Weston 25th June and 3rd December. Gayton 16th July.

DATE, TIME, AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

3221 The Parish Council meeting of Tuesday 8th March 2022 will be at Gayton Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

3222 The Annual Gayton Parish (Public) meeting will also take place on that evening at 7.00 p.m.

**JAN GRIFFITHS
CHAIR**