

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 7.30pm in Gayton 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, Councillor M Hardenberg, Councillor G Church
Parish Clerk DW Croxford
Three members of the public were present.

APOLOGIES

None

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

3223 MEETING 8th FEBRUARY 2022 – RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 8th of February 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Hart and Church

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3224 None declared.

PARISH PLAN

3225 There were no updates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

3226 There were no announcements or notices

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

3227 A member of the public from Gayton thanked Councillor Hardenberg for all his hard work in reporting potholes and highways issues to the County Council.

REPORT FROM STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

3228 Staffordshire County Councillor John Francis was not in attendance to present a report.

REPORT FROM STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

3229 Councillor Frances Beatty reported at the preceding Gayton Annual Parish Meeting. Her subsequently received detailed written report has now been circulated.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (VHMC) REPRESENTATIVE

3230 Councillor Wray advised the Village Hall AGM will take place in the Village Hall on 26th May 2022 at 7 p.m. The usual VH Management Committee meeting will follow. The regime of fire alarm and water testing has now been reinstated, quotations to repair the car park entrance are awaited, Wi-Fi installation is proceeding and the fans in the sports changing rooms are still awaiting repair.

QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE

3231 The tree and commemorative plaque were purchased. The tree was planted with the commemorative plaque installed on 1st March. Thanks to Dave Bill, and some schoolchildren with the Head of St Andrew's school, for planting.

3232 Clerk asked to arrange with SBC for part of Ferrers road to be closed (adjacent to Woolpack and between the two village greens) on Sunday 5th June during the celebrations.

DEVELOPMENTS

3233 22/35667/TWT Beech Tree, Jubilee Cottage, Boat Lane. TPO 15 1974 and Trent & Mersey Canal Conservation Area.

Clerk was asked to enquire of SBC whether a professional assessment of the tree had been obtained for the application.

TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

3234 The small child swing seats are not yet replaced. *Councillor Griffiths to progress.*

HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

3235 Brown signs advising School location – *Clerk to proceed with establishing the exact cost and process for installation via Highways.*

3236 Welcome Village Signage to be considered at a later meeting in the light of Brown signs findings.

HS2 PHASE 2a

3237 Community Funding Application Update

Councillor Hart advised she is still endeavouring, with the Enterprise Manager from the Canal & River Trust to find a work around on the question of eligibility to apply. Eligibility to apply is contingent upon the applicant owning, or leasing, the land the funds are to be spent on.

Best Kept Village Community Competition 2022

3238 Despite publicity, in the absence of any volunteers, no entry into the competition will be made.

CLERK REPORT

3239 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 February £539.36
- HMRC PAYE Clerks February £135.00
- Clerks Expenses February £43.00
- Boultons Nurseries Commemorative Tree £142.44 + VAT £28.49 = £170.93

Payments to be made.

- WGM Ground Maintenance work February (including Dog Bin Maintenance £72) - £600.00 +£120.00 VAT = £720.00
- The earmarked reserves will be reviewed before the next meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

Circulated at the meeting

3240 Civic Amenity Visits 2022 – Weston 25th June and 3rd December. Gayton 16th July. Clerk advised receipt from SBC of Agreement form, risk assessment, and publicity items. *Clerk to progress.*

3241 Draft e mail by Clerk to support the installation by Highways of a dropped kerb on Ferrers Road, near the school, to improve access for a disabled pupil at St Andrews School, was approved. *Clerk to send e mail in support*

3242 Mayoress Ladies Charity Lunch 31 March 2022

3243 A518 Amerton Farm Proposed Speed Limit Reduction

3244 Planning Application 21/35252/FUL at Kents Farm Barn, Church Lane, Gayton.

3245 The resignation of Councillor Ken Barber had been received. The Council wished to thank him for all his hard work in the past and offer him their best wishes for the future. The vacant position is being advertised until 29th March 2022.

3246 National Salary Award for Clerks 2021-22 – for consideration at next meeting.

DATE, TIME, AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

3247 Parish Council meeting at Weston Village Hall Tuesday 12th April 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

**JAN GRIFFITHS
CHAIR**