

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 12th April 2022 at 7.30pm
in Weston Village Hall.

PRESENT

Councillor J Griffiths (Chair), Councillor Mrs H Hart (Vice Chair), Councillor J Tallentire, Councillor Mrs G Wray, Councillor M Hardenberg,
Parish Clerk DW Croxford
Two members of the public were present.

APOLOGIES

Councillor D Icke, Councillor D Leake

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

3248 MEETING 4th MARCH 2022 – RESOLVED that the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council (PC) Meeting held at 7:00pm on the 4th of March 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Hart and Tallentire.

3249 MEETING 8th MARCH 2022 – RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 8th of March 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Hardenberg and Tallentire

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3250 None declared.

PARISH PLAN

3251 There were no updates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

3252 There were no announcements or notices.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

3253 None.

REPORT FROM STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

3254 Staffordshire County Councillor John Francis was not in attendance to present a report.

REPORT FROM STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

3255 Councillor Frances Beatty was not in attendance, but her detailed written report had been circulated beforehand, and will be posted on the Council's Website. Councillor Beatty will be invited to report at the May meetings on the recent SERCO planning application for asylum seekers accommodation in Stafford.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (VHMC) REPRESENTATIVE

3256 Councillor Wray advised the Village Hall AGM will take place in the Village Hall on 26th April 2022 at 7 p.m. The Wi-Fi will be connected on the 21st April, three HS2 grant applications are being prepared (solar panels / soft play area / main hall floor), the car park entrance is to be repaired with patches and a soakaway, the folding doors are being serviced and the regime of minor routine maintenance has been reinstated. There is a good take up of stalls for the fete on Saturday 4th June and a parishioner has been approached to open the event. *Agreement in principle had already been given for the use of the Village Green for the fete, and a formal letter seeking permission from the VHMC has been received. UNANIMOUS agreement to consent to this request. Clerk to confirm to VHMC.*

QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE

3257 A village community group has been established to organise and manage the event on the Village Green on Sunday 5th June. The group comprises representatives from the Churches, the Woolpack, and other parishioners. A detailed provisional day of activities has been worked out, be printed as a poster, and advertised nearer the time, including leaflet delivery of the poster to doorsteps.

UNANIMOUS agreement to a donation of £75 (ex VAT) towards the organisation of the event.

DEVELOPMENTS

3258 No Planning Applications received at the date of posting the agenda.

TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

3259 The painter has completed a single coat on the items requiring painting, and they look much refreshed. He will call again to complete a second final coat when weather conditions permit.

3260 Thanks to Weston Grounds Maintenance for repairing the damaged swing seat which is now back in situ.

HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

3261 Brown signs advising School location – *Clerk to write to County Councillor John Francis for help in funding these signs.*

3262 It was reported an accident involving a pedestrian and a car was narrowly averted close to the bridge into the village from the A518, where there is no footpath alongside the road.

3263 It was reported that some parishioners have asked for the Council to consider a Duck Crossing sign in the village.

HS2 PHASE 2a

3264 Community Funding Application Update

Councillor Hart advised she has still not been able to engage with the Enterprise Manager from the Canal & River Trust to establish definitively we have eligibility to apply. Noting eligibility to apply is contingent upon the applicant owning, or leasing, the land the funds are to be spent on, an alternative application may focus on additional play equipment on the VG, or a bus shelter on the A518 where the landowner consents.

CLERK REPORT

3265 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 March £616.62
- HMRC PAYE Clerks March £153.20
- Clerks Expenses March £33.00
- WGM Ground Maintenance work March (including Dog Bin Maintenance £72) - £983.00 +£196.60 VAT = £1179.60

Payments to be made.

- SPCA Annual Sub / Annual NALC Affiliation £309.45
- Queens Green Canopy Plaque – reimbursement Cllr Hart £44.28
- Cupboard Radiator Keys – reimbursement Cllr Griffiths £7.98
- Topliss Associates Year End Audit £170.00 + VAT +£34.00 = £204.00

National Salary Award for Clerks 2021-22

- The Council takes note of the NJC National Salary Award and authorises its implementation. The Council authorises the element of back pay from the date of implementation of the award.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 3266** The resignation of Councillor Graham Church 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 13th April 2022.
- 3267** Father Jason from St Andrew's has requested the PC website to be updated with amended information in respect of the Church. *Cllr Griffiths to update.*
- 3268** Confirmation has been received from the SPCA that a single grant can be awarded to Gayton VH to administer the grounds maintenance of both Gayton VH grounds and Gayton Church burial ground.
- 3269** A letter from NALC was circulated asking PCs to consider any issues specific to local councils that should be considered, or services that should be offered, by NALC.

The following items of correspondence received will be discussed at an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting on Monday 25th April at 7.00 p.m. in Weston Village Hall.

3270 (Retrospective) Planning Application Ref 21/34350/FUL at 1 Boat House, Boat Lane, Weston

3271 A request from the Woolpack to use the Village Green between approx. Noon to 6 p.m. for the siting of Bouncy Castles on the following dates – All Sundays – 1st May 29th May 26th June 31st July, and 28th August.

DATE, TIME, AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

3272 Annual Parish (Public) Meeting at Weston Village Hall Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 7 p.m.

3273 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at Weston Village Hall Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

**JAN GRIFFITHS
CHAIR**