

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 11th April 2023 at 7.30pm
in Weston Village Hall.

PRESENT

Councillor J Griffiths (Chair), Councillor Mrs H Hart, Councillor D Leake, Councillor J Tallentire, Councillor Mrs J Gair, Councillor D Icke, Councillor Mrs G Wray
Parish Clerk DW Croxford

One member of the public was present.

APOLOGIES

Councillor A Massey, Councillor M Hardenberg

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

3775 MEETING 14th March 2023 – RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 14th of March 2023 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Icke and Gair.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3776 None declared.

PARISH PLAN

3777 There were no updates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

3778 There were no announcements or notices that had not been circulated prior to the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

3779 No matters were raised.

REPORT FROM STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

3780 Staffordshire County Councillor John Francis was not in attendance to present a report.

REPORT FROM STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

3781 Stafford Borough Councillor Frances Beatty was not in attendance to present a report.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (VHMC) REPRESENTATIVE

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Councillor Wray advised.

Professional fire safety training was being arranged for regular Village Hall users, it being a general requirement for all Village Halls. The VHMC are considering offering the training more widely to other village organisations.

There have been issues with the guttering and downpipes following trespassing onto the VH roof. The gutters and downpipes have had to be cleared of litter.

On the 29th of April, a work party is to inspect the gazebos in the VH store and dispose of unserviceable ones. Help would be appreciated.

The Rev Viv Starkey has been asked to open the Summer Fete.

The last Coffee morning of 3rd April 2023 was successful with approximately thirty attendees. The next scheduled ones will be on 1st May and 5th June.

A meeting with the Parish Council to consider the VHMC request for a new lease has been scheduled for Monday 17th July at 7.30 p.m. at Weston Village Hall.

DEVELOPMENTS

3783 23/37126/HOU - Cherry Croft London Road Weston Stafford Staffordshire ST18 0JS – Erection of a detached triple garage in the front curtilage.

Noting the concerns of neighbouring properties logged on the SBC planning portal, it was decided to submit the comment to SBC Planning that a site visit by planners would be helpful to consider the concerns and ensure the planning application was proceeding within regulations.

TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

3784 Condition of the Village Green. It was decided to monitor the condition of the VG over the next month to see if the worn areas recover naturally.

HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

3785 Weston Flooding, 23rd October 2022 / gully, and the brook – clearance and maintenance.

Councillor Hart advised she completing the required response sought by the Flood Risk Management team re the flooding incident on the Weston (Green Road / A518) October 2022. To review draft response at next PC meeting. The amended letters drafted by Councillor Hart to be sent to the occupants of properties adjoining the brook, reminding them of their possible Riparian Responsibilities to pass on waterflow without obstruction, pollution, or diversion are still being finalised. To be considered at next PC meeting when, if ready, the letters will be sent out to the selected properties under the signature of the Parish Clerk.

3786 Drop Kerb at Weston School.

Clerk confirmed he had e mailed County Councillor John Francis and had yet to receive a reply. *Was agreed that the Clerk should write again to other members of Staffordshire CC to try and obtain a response to this long outstanding matter.*

3787 Road signage in Gayton

Clerk advised he had received an acknowledgement from Stafford Borough Councillor Frances Beatty who undertook to continue to investigate the issue that the road name either up to Wadden Lane or Cherry Lane seems incorrect and should be changed to Gayton Lane.

Clerk to monitor response.

CLERK REPORT

3788 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 £523.06
- HMRC PAYE Clerks March £130.60
- Clerks Expenses March £33.00
- WGM Ground Maintenance work March (including Dog Bin Maintenance £72) - £1115.50 + £223.10 VAT = £1338.60

Payments to be made.

- SPCA Annual Sub / NALC Affiliation £309.40

WESTON WAR MEMORIAL

3789 The 100-year anniversary of Weston War Memorial is on 24th May 2023. After discussion was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to purchase two Unknown Tommy statues from the British Legion (a male and female) of aluminium composite at £350 inc VAT to be sited near the Weston War Memorial.

CORRESPONDENCE

3790 No correspondence required discussing.

Councillor David Icke

3791 Councillor Icke has decided to stand down as a Parish Councillor at the forthcoming May elections. He was warmly thanked for his contributions since he joined the Parish Council in April 2018.

DATE, TIME, and VENUE OF NEXT MEETING.

3792 Annual Parish (Public) Meeting **Thursday** 11th May 2023 at 7.00 p.m. at Weston Village Hall

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**JAN GRIFFITHS
CHAIR**