

## WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm  
in Weston Village Hall.

**Present** Councillor J Griffiths (Chair), Councillor H Hart, Councillor J Gair, Councillor M Hardenberg, Councillor, Councillor D Leake, A Massey, Councillor J Tallentire, Councillor G Wray.

Stafford Borough Councillor K. Aspin

Parish Clerk B. Nicholls

4 members of the public present.

### **24/032: To Receive any Apologies and Record any Absences.**

Councillor R. Garner

Stafford Borough Councillor Frances Beatty and Staffordshire County Councillor John Francis.

### **24/033: Parish Council Meeting – Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 13th of February 2024 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

### **24/034: To Note any Declarations of Interest.**

Councillor Hardenberg declared Declaration of Interest in item 24/045.

### **24/035: To Review the Parish Plan**

There were no updates.

### **24/036: To Receive Announcements and Notices**

Woolpack request use of green – Discussed at item 24/042.

### **24/037: Public Participation**

Members of public invited to speak. No members of public wished to speak.

### **24/038: To receive reports from the Borough Councillor**

Clerk distributed March Newsletter from Stafford Borough Council Councillor F. Beatty prior to the meeting.

Councillor Aspin updated Councillors:

- i) Boundary Changes - SBC New constituency includes Stone, Great Wyrley and Penkridge. Brocton to no longer be part of Stafford Trent Valley SCC.
- ii) Stafford Borough Council Tax rise of 2.99% and Staffordshire County Council increase of 4.99%.
- iii) Serco, Beaconside Asylum Seeker accommodation – all meetings cancelled as there is no update.

### **24/039: To receive reports from the County Councillor**

None received.

### **24/040: To receive a report from the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC).**

Village Hall representative gave an update following meeting that took place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

- i) Meeting held seeking volunteers for Village Fete. 14 members of public attended the meeting.
- ii) Next meeting to take place Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 7:30pm.
- iii) Weston Village Hall will be closed for resurfacing of main hall floor 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> April.
- iv) VHMC to look at setting up a separate phone for Village Hall bookings.

**24/041: To Discuss Refurbishment of the Changing Area at Weston Village Hall.**

Councillor Wray reported on behalf of the VHMC that they have been exploring possible refurbishment of the changing area at Weston Village Hall. Football Foundation have grants available for £25,000 for 75% of the cost.

Representative from VHMC asked if the Parish Council could request the grant on their behalf to fund the refurbishment of the changing area at Weston Village Hall.

Councillors agreed to support the VHMC and apply for funding for the refurbishment of the changing area on their behalf.

**24/042: To Discuss and Consider Woolpack use of the Village Green for 2024.**

Woolpack emailed request for use of the Village Green for:

- 5<sup>th</sup> May and 21<sup>st</sup> July 1:00pm – 6:00pm for inflatables and possible music.
- 25<sup>th</sup> August 12:00pm – 9:00pm Stan Robinson Truck to act as a stage for live music. Truck to act as stage facing the Woolpack. Other activities to include inflatables, rodeo bull, face painter and homemade dog treats.

**Resolved** Councillors agreed for use of the Green. Insurance/public liability to be provided along with terms of use for the Village Green and a contribution of £75.00 for each use.

**24/043: To Receive an Update on Planning Applications.**

23/38154/HOU – No objections.

24/38602/PAR Barn A, 24/38617/PAR Barn B and 24/38613/PAR Barn C -Moat Farm, Church Lane, Gayton. Planning refused for previous applications for Barn A, B and C Moat Farm Church Lane, Gayton which were discussed at the Weston with Gayton Parish Council meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**24/044: To Discuss Trees and Children's Play Area issues.**

Chair gave an update regarding possible re-surface of the skate ramps. To be re-visited once quotes received to decide whether viable to repair.

**24/045: To Discuss Highways and Rights of Way issues.**

**a) To receive an update on Cherry Lane, Gayton.**

Councillor M. Hardenberg gave an update and reported that he had spoken to all stakeholders including Seven Trent Water and Homes Plus. All parties are on board and in agreement. Councillor M. Hardenberg has arranged to meet with a road specialist to look at moving forward with repairs.

**b) To discuss Weston Bank ongoing water flow issue.**

Awaiting update from SCC following inspection which took place upon completion of Seven Trent works.

**c) To receive an update on Old School Close, Weston.**

Highways suggested member of public and Parish Council log a report on Staffordshire County Councils 'report it' website if they believe encroachment has taken place.

**24/046: To Consider Finance Matters**

**a) To approve the monthly Statement of Accounts, Receipts and Payments**

Clerk presented monthly statement of accounts which had been distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting, this was approved and signed by the Chair.

**b) To approve the payments listed on the Statement of Accounts, Receipts, and Payments**  
**RESOLVED** that the PC approve payments listed below and included on the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments.

- Clerks Gross Salary January **£727.03**
- Clerks Expenses January **£28.50**
- Ground Maintenance January - **£780** + VAT £156.00 = **£936.00** (includes £72 Dog Bin Maintenance £72.00).

**24/047: To Consider Items of Correspondence Received During the Previous Month.**

Gayton flooding, as discussed at the Gayton Annual Parish Meeting. Highways are aware of the situation and blocked gullies have been reported and logged on SCC Highways. Highways drainage engineer is aware of the issues and Gayton has been put forward for funding in 24/25 capital funding budget.

D-day 80 years flag of peace – available to purchase for £28.50.

King Charles III Portrait – Clerk informed Councillors, portrait of the King is available to order at no cost for display in public spaces.

**Action:** Clerk to order portrait of the King for Weston Village Hall.

**24/048: To Request Items for the Next Meeting Agenda**

**24/049: To Confirm the Date, Time, and Venue of next meeting.**

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.30 p.m. at Weston Village Hall.

***N.B – Error noticed following approval of 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 minutes. Corrections are underlined (incorrect months) for payments as detailed below. Amendment to be approved at 14th May 2024 meeting.***

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