

**MINUTES OF THE WESTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2024 HELD IN WESTON VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 14th MAY 2024 AT 7.15PM**

Present:

Councillor H Hart (Vice Chair), J Gair, Councillor D Leake, Councillor A Massey, and Councillor R Garner, Councillor J Tallentire and Councillor G Wray.
Stafford Borough Councillor F Beatty.

Beth Nicholls, Parish Clerk

Three members of the public

Apologies: received from Councillor M Hardenberg

Welcome

Councillor Hart welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of the Weston Annual Parish meeting of 11th May 2023 were approved and signed by the Vice Chair of the Parish Council.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Report of Weston Parish Council

Councillor Hart presented the Weston Annual Report of the council, highlighting key activities and achievements during 2023/24.

The Council has held eleven full Parish Council meetings this year. Parish Councillors and the Clerk have also represented the Parish Council at other meetings including the Trent Valley Collaboration Group and Weston Village Hall Committee meetings.

During 2023/2024 one new Councillor Rebecca Garner was welcomed onto the Parish Council, along with Beth Nicholls as a new Clerk and RFO.

During 2023/24 the Parish Council have:

Renewed an ongoing substantial Grounds Maintenance contract to provide grounds maintenance for all the grassed public areas and other facilities owned by Weston with Gayton Parish Council. Grants have been made to the Churches in Weston and Gayton, and Gayton Village Hall for maintenance of their grassed areas.

Worked closely with both the Borough and County Councils on a range of issues from reviewing and commenting on planning applications, footpath maintenance, and flooding issues. Such dialogue and liaison with key officers at both Councils accounts for a significant proportion of the work of the Parish Council and ensures issues of concern in both Weston and Gayton are addressed as swiftly as possible.

The Parish Council have arranged for the Civic Amenity/Refuse and Recycling Wagon to return to Weston and Gayton this year. Another visit to Weston will be requested in January, once booking is available.

- 15th June 2024 10:30am - 12:30pm at Weston Village Hall Car Park.

- 27th July 10:00am -12:00pm at Cherry Lane, Gayton

The Parish Council Continue to rotate the Speed Indicator Device between the two locations. Data continues to be collected regularly.

In February the Parish Council approved resurfacing of the footpath of the Village Green. Unfortunately, due to prolonged heavy rainfall at the beginning of the year, work has not yet commenced but work is imminent.

Looking forward to 2024-25

The Parish Council agreed the annual budget in January 2024 and the annual precept for Weston was a zero percent increase on the previous year.

We will continue to monitor the roads, footpaths, rights of way and gullies in the area to ensure all remain functional and that the risk of flooding is minimised.

We will continue to maintain the pleasant environment of the Village public areas.

Any Other Business (Public Participation)

None discussed.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 11th June 2024, 7.30 pm in Weston Village Hall

Hilary Hart