

**Minutes of the Weston with Gayton Parish Council Meeting that took place on
Tuesday 11th June 2024 at 7.30pm in Weston Village Hall.**

Present Councillor A Massey (Chair), Councillor J Gair, Councillor D Leake and Councillor J Tallentire

Parish Clerk B Nicholls.

Two members of the public present.

24/087 To Receive any Apologies and Record any Absences

Councillor M Hardenberg, Councillor H Hart, Councillor Garner, Councillor Wray and Stafford Borough Councillor K Aspin.

24/088: Parish Council Meeting – Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at 7:30pm on the 14th May 2024 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

24/089: To Note any Declarations of Interest

None declared.

24/090: To Receive Announcements and Notice

On behalf of the Parish Council, Clerk gave acknowledgement and thanks to resigned Councillor/Chairman J Griffiths, who had been a Councillor for 10 years for Weston with Gayton Parish Council.

Clerk informed Councillors and members of the public that the next Weston Civic Amenity Visit will take place on Saturday 15th June at Weston Village Hall Car Park 10:30am - 12:30pm.

24/091: Public Participation

Member of public asked for the Parish Council to contact the Canal and River Trust to request cutting back the overgrown vegetation on the tow path.

24/092: To Receive a Report from Borough Councillor

None submitted.

24/093: To Receive a Report from County Council Councillor

None submitted.

24/094: To Receive a Report from the Village Hall Management Committee

- Councillor Gair gave an update following the Summer Fate and reported that it had been successful raising over £4000.
- Rodger Parks Production Event to be held at Weston Village Hall 5th October 2024.

24/095: To Receive an update on Village Hall Grant Application

Councillor Gair updated Councillors on the application for the Acre Grant for the Village project. Councillor Gair confirmed the application had now been submitted for £2000 and that other grants towards the same project were being considered. Councillor Gair reported that the project cost must amount to £10,000 to qualify for the Acre grant. Councillors informed that 3 quotes have been sought for electrics, flooring and doors to ensure this amount has been reached. Quotes to be considered and agreed at a later date.

24/096: To Receive an Update on Planning Applications

24/39109/FUL Barn A-C Moat Farm Lane Gayton – Change of use of redundant agricultural land to provide amenity land to barn conversions, including and access works.

24/39115/FUL – Moat Farm, Church Lane, Gayton – Conversion of redundant agricultural building to dwellinghouse. Change of use of redundant agricultural land to provide amenity land for the dwellinghouse, including landscaping.

Resolved: Clerk to re-submit Objection and comments made on previous applications of Moat Farm Lane, Gayton.

Action: Clerk to submit comments.

24/097: To Discuss Village Green, Trees and Children's Play Area issues

- a) Clerk reported that Street Scene had replaced two of the waste bins on the Village Green and one by the Woolpack with full pedestal bins. Street Scene also removed the bin from outside of a residents' property due to it being too close in proximity. Street Scene removed the bin rather than re-locating to a nearby position to avoid similar issues with odour.
- b) Councillors discussed the request for Stafford Rangers Juniors use of the football pitch with considerations for the integrity of the pitch and accessibility to the Village Green by residents due to the number of football games postponed and re-arranged due to bad weather in the last season.

Resolved – Councillors agreed that at this present time the Parish Council could not support another team using the pitch.

Action: Clerk to email Stafford Rangers Juniors

24/098: To Discuss Highways and Rights of Way issues

- a) The Green (Private Rd) – Councillors **agreed** that the Clerk contacts the Community Fire Service to seek advice on whether vehicles parking in the turning circle on The Green private road is likely to affect emergency services access. Councillors also **agreed** following this, that the Clerk writes a letter to Green Rd residents reminding residents not to park on the turning circle.
- b) Weston Bank, water flow ongoing issue – Clerk informed Councillors that Staffordshire County Council Highways are aware of the ongoing situation and Clerk had once again emailed Highways.

24/099: To Consider Finance Matters

- a) Clerk presented monthly statement of accounts which the Clerk had distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting, this was approved and signed by the Chair.
- b) **RESOLVED** that the PC approve payments listed below and included on the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments.

Clerk's Gross Salary 47.8 hrs x £15.21 per hr (payable 25th June	£727.03
Clerks Basic Expenses (Home Allce 4 x £6 / Mileage £4.50)	£28.50
Ground Maintenance May - £1986.67 + VAT £397.33 = £2384.00 (inc £75.60 for emptying dog waste bins)	£2384.00

- c) **RESOLVED** that Councillor J Tallentire is added as a bank signatory.
- d) **RESOLVED** to appoint K Squires as internal auditor for financial year 2024/25.
- e) Councillors **Agreed** for renewal of Microsoft package for £59.99
- f) Clerk informed Councillors of SPCA course bookings made: Planning, Clerks in the Knowledge and Chairmans course. SPCA will invoice Parish Council following the courses.

24/100: To Consider Items of Correspondence Received During the Previous Month

None discussed.

24/101: To Request Items for the Next Meeting Agenda

- i) Vacancy/ Co-Option - Clerk reported that there had been no election called for the Weston Vacancy and Co-option can take place at Julys meeting.
- ii) Compass grant

24/102: To Confirm the Date, Time, and Venue of next meeting

Tuesday 9th July 2024, 7:30pm at **Gayton** Village Hall.