

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Gayton Annual Parish Meeting held in Gayton Village Hall on Tuesday 11 March 2008 at 8.30 pm.

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Present: Councillor A. Hopkin (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. A. Brook, D. Bowers, Dr. K. Evans, D. Kirby, Mrs. A. Martin, B. Orgill, R. Tonge, and Clerk Mrs. C. Hawley. Parishioners Mrs. L Bailey and Mrs. A. Mancell.

3. Apologies: Parish Councillor C. Critchlow County Councillor L. Bloomer, Borough Councillor Mrs. F. Beatty, PC O. Blewitt and PC M. Napier.

4. Minutes

NOTED - That the minutes of the Gayton Annual Parish Council meeting of 13 March 2007 were approved.

5. Matters Arising from the minutes of 13 March 2007

The Clerk reported on the following:

5.1 The Harley Green Loop. The required maintenance to the Hartley Green Loop had been carried out during the last year, however, it was in a poor state of repair again. **NOTED** – That the Clerk request the necessary repairs once again.

5.2 Mud on Gayton Lane. Discussion took place regarding the amount of mud on Gayton Lane. **NOTED** – That the Clerk report this to Stafford Borough Council's Streetscene for clearing.

5.3 Dog Fouling. Discussion took place regarding dog fouling in Gayton and the Dog Control Order which made this an offence. It was agreed that, unfortunately, it was often difficult to locate the dog owner to enforce the Dog Control Order. **NOTED** – (a) That Councillor Hopkin place and advert in the April Compass regarding the Dog Control Order and requesting all dog owners to abide by the Order and to clean up after their dog(s), (b) That the Clerk place a copy of the Order on the Parish Notice Boards, and (c) That the Gayton Parish Councillors ascertain whether the Gayton Parishioners would like bins for dog fouling to be placed in, and if so, where these should be located.

6. Report of the Parish Council

Cllr Orgill reported on the following matters:

6.1 Gayton Planning Applications. Councillor Orgill updated those present on the number of Gayton Planning Applications received during the last 12 months.

6.2 Civic Amenity Visits 2008/09. The Parish Council had agreed that Weston have 7 visits from the Refuse Vehicle, at Weston Village Hall on 7 occasions during 2008/09. It had also been agreed that Gayton would have 2 visits during 2008/09. Details and dates, once received from Stafford Borough Council, would be placed on the Parish notice boards.

6.3 Discussion took place in relation to Bus Passes, and the complaint made regarding the operation of the passes from 9.30am. As the bus travelled through Gayton at 9.00am, the Bus Passes could not be used. This situation had now been rectified and the Bus Passes could be used from 9.00am.

6.4 The Parish Council had agreed that a new Parish Notice Board be purchased to replace the one in the Gayton Bus Shelter.

6.5 Councillor Orgill advised the meeting that the Gayton Precept for 2008/09 would be £11.31, an increase of £1.19 on the previous year. This would result in a Council Tax of £913.64 per annum for a Band A property; £1,370.47 per annum for a Band D property, and £2,740.93 per annum for a Band H property.

- 6.8 The Parish Council had yet to confirm any balance on the Concurrent Function money for Gayton.
- 6.9 Councillor Bowers advised that there had been one meeting of the Gayton Village Hall new build Committee. New boards were to be fitted inside the Village Hall in order to reduce the echo. Those present were in agreement regarding the excellent design of and work involved in constructing and completing the new Gayton Village Hall.
- 6.10 The old Gayton Village Hall would be opened during Easter 2008 at Marquis Drive, Cannock Chase.

7. Reports of Parish Organisations

7.2 Residents of Waddings Lane, Gayton had requested another passing place on the road, located towards the Gayton Lane end beyond the triangle. **NOTED** – (a) That Councillors Bowers and Orgill identify the best location for this additional passing place, (between the junction and Waddens Farm), and (b) The Clerk request the same from the County Council.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 There was no other business for discussion

**ALAN HOPKIN
VICE-CHAIRMAN**