

MINUTES OF WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12 MAY 2009 IN WESTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: D. Kirby (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs. A. Brook
Councillor D. Bowers
Councillor Dr. K. Evans
Councillor A. Hopkin
Councillor Mrs. A. Martin
Councillor R. Tonge
Borough Councillor Mrs. F. Beatty

Parish Clerk Mrs. C. L. Hawley

Also in Attendance: Four Parishioners.

Apologies: Parish Councillors C. Critchlow and C. Gilbert and County Councillor L. Bloomer and PC M.Napier.

Elections

208. The Clerk stated that Parish Councillor Critchlow had advised that he was willing to stand again as the Chairman. The Clerk asked if there was a proposer and seconder for Councillor Critchlow as Chairman, or any other nominations for Chairman.

Parish Councillor Hopkin proposed Parish Councillor Critchlow as Chairman and this was seconded by Parish Councillor Mrs. Martin.

Parish Councillor Mrs. Brook proposed Parish Councillor Kirby as Chairman. This was seconded by Parish Councillor Dr. Evans.

Due to the two nominations an open vote was agreed. Five Parish Councillors voted in favour of Parish Councillor Kirby being appointed as Chairman. This decision was therefore carried.

209. **RESOLVED** – That (a) Councillor Kirby be elected Chairman, as proposed and seconded by Councillors Mrs. Brook and Dr. Evans respectively, and following a vote with five Parish Councillors being in favour, (b) That Councillor Hopkin be elected Vice-Chairman, as proposed and seconded by Councillors Mrs. Brook and Kirby respectively, (c) That Councillor Hopkin be appointed as Parish Council representative on the Weston Village Hall Committee, as proposed and seconded by Councillors Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Brook respectively, and (d) That Councillor Dr. K. Evans be appointed Internal Auditor as proposed and seconded by Councillors Hopkin and Mrs Martin respectively.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 April 2009

210. **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 April 2009 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Brook respectively.

Matters Arising from Parish Council Meeting held on 14 April 2009

211. The following matters arising were discussed:

- At minute number 194, sixth bullet point it was noted that the green space referred to was that included in the Salt Works Lane development. It did not include current green space within the Village.

- At minute number 198, in relation to correspondence received suggesting a path across Weston Village Green, it was agreed that the Deeds needed to be viewed following which an informed discussion and decision could be made and a response then forwarded to the Parishioner. **RESOLVED** – That Councillor Critchlow be asked if he had access to the Deeds to Weston Village Green.

Declaration of Interest

212. The following declarations of interest were recorded:

- Parish Councillors Kirby and Hopkin declared an interest in Planning Application 09/12049/FUL – Abbeylands, Weston. Individual mews style development consisting of 10 two and three bedroom dwellings, at minute number 216 below as they had received neighbour consultations in relation to this planning application.

Announcements and Notices

213. The following were noted:

- The Clerk advised that the next visit of the Civic Amenity vehicle would be on 6 June 2009 at Weston Village Hall car park between 10.00 – 11.00am.
- Weston Village Fete was to take place on Saturday 13 June 2009.
- There would be an Open Garden Event on 11 and 12 July 2009.

Public Participation

214. The following additional matter was raised:

- Discussion took place regarding the footpath on the A518. Gravel and grit was accumulating on this footpath and needed to be removed as it was causing a slip hazard on the footpath. **RESOLVED** – That the Clerk report this and request the footpath be cleared.

Reports

215. Borough Councillor Mrs. Beatty reported that the Elections were taking place on Thursday 4 June 2009.

Developments

216. The following planning applications had been received for the Parish Council to comment on.

- Planning Application No. 09/11969/PAGR – Land to the left of Moorleys Lane, Gayton. Prior approval application for a portal framed shed. **RESOLVED** – That the Parish Council had no comments.
- Planning Application 09/12049/FUL – Abbeylands, Weston. Individual mews style development consisting of 10 two and three bedroom dwellings. Parish Councillors Kirby and Hopkin declared an interest in this planning application as they had received neighbour consultations in relation to this planning application. Discussion took place in relation to this planning application. It was noted that the application still included the height issue. **RESOLVED** – (a) That the Parish Councillors circulate the planning application as soon as possible, (b) That the Clerk email a circulation sheet to Parish Councillor Mrs. Martin, (c) That comments are forwarded to Borough Councillor Mrs. Beatty, and (d) That Parish Councillor Mrs. Brook be the Parish Council contact for Borough Councillor Mrs. Beatty in relation to this planning application.

Salt Works Lane

217. The following discussion took place regarding Salt Works Lane:

- Borough Councillor Mrs. Beatty reported that she had called in this planning application due to a number of issues, including the removal of affordable housing and the loss of proposed green space and walkway which had been included with the previous application.
- A meeting had taken place with the developers on 9 May 2009.

- The developers had made a statement that there was no need for affordable housing and had made references to the current economic market. However, there were some concerns regarding the issues stated.
- Discussions were planned between the Stafford Borough Council Planning Officers and Wimpey in relation to the current planning application.
- It was noted that Inland and British Waterways had submitted very strong letters of objection to the planning application. These letters would be taken into account by the Borough Council.
- Discussion took place regarding the Section 106 money. It was noted that some of this had been paid and could not be clawed back.
- In relation to timescales, it was noted that Borough Councillor Mrs Beatty was to speak to the Planning Officer before 15 May and the consideration period would be until 2 June 2009.
- It was agreed that there was a need to ensure the Parishioners were kept informed as to what was happening regarding the Salt Work Lane planning application. Discussions had taken place with the Newsletter, Sentinel and Stafford Post.
- Borough Councillor Mrs. Beatty advised that Leader Funding might be accessible for a walkway or footbridge.

218. **RESOLVED** –That Parish Councillor Mrs. Brook continue discussions with Borough Councillor Mrs. Beatty regarding Salt Works Lane.

Policy

219. There were no additional matters to report.

Property

220. The following matters were discussed:

- Weston Village Hall.
 - It was noted that the planning application had been submitted to Stafford Borough Council and would be considered by their Planning Committee in June 2009.
 - Parish Councillor Critchlow was awaiting quotations for the required work. It was hoped that the work would be completed in August 2009.
- Spencer Close, Weston.
 - Parish Councillor Mrs. Brook had spoken to BT regarding the hedge which had been in need of cutting. This hedge had now been cut along the top and BT side, however they had not cut the other side. Arrangements had been made for this side to be maintained.
 - The bushes had now been removed and the residents were pleased.
 - Parish Councillor Mrs. Brook was to speak to SARH in relation to the footpath being resurfaced.
 - Discussion took place regarding the grass cutting. It was noted that SARH were behind with this although it was believed that the work had now been completed.
- Multi Use Games Area (MUGA).
 - It was noted that the planning application had been submitted to Stafford Borough Council and would be considered by their Planning Committee in June 2009.
 - Parish Councillor Critchlow had applied for a grant towards the cost.
- Memorial Sign for Tom Tavernor.
 - Parish Councillor Critchlow was continuing to action this matter.
- Notice Boards.
 - Parish Councillor Critchlow had received the planters which were to be fixed to the notice board near to the Village Green. **RESOLVED** – Parish Councillor Critchlow to arrange the fixing of the planters.

Public Rights of Way

221. Discussion took place relation to the following:

- In relation to the signs on Weston Village Green, it was **RESOLVED** - (a) That the Clerk ask John Hicks for appropriate wording, and (b) ascertain if Highways would fit the sign.
- That the Clerk ask the County Council if Weston could have new Village signs stating, in keeping with the area, possibly part funded by the Parish Council and stating 'Welcome to Weston, winner of the Best Kept Village competition'.
- Discussion took place regarding dog fouling signs. **RESOLVED** – That this be considered further at the next meeting and the templates emailed by Parish Councillor Gilbert viewed.

Parish Plan

222. Discussion took place regarding the previous presentation to the Parish Council on Parish Plans. It was agreed that, to move this matter forward a separate meeting be arranged to discuss the Parish Plan in more detail.

223. **RESOLVED** – That the Parish Councillors meet in Weston Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 1 June 2009 to discuss the Parish Plan, and (b) That the Clerk circulate details and arrange the venue.

Best Kept Village

224. Discussion took place regarding arrangement for the 2009 Best Kept Village Competition.

- A letter was received from Mrs. Willing regarding Weston Village Green and other BKV matters. The Chairman read the letter to the Parish Council and discussion took place regarding the issues raised therein.
- Mrs. Willing advised that the local school children were completing their annual posters and that she would be requesting a Parish Councillor to judge them.
- Discussion took place regarding bins being located by the children's play area. **RESOLVED** - That the Clerk speak to Street Scene.

Finance

225. The Clerk reported on the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments and record of Clerks hours worked. The Current Account balance of £10,079.79 and the Reserve Account balance of £2,453.93 were noted, and the following accounts presented for payment:

Clerk's salary May 2009	307.71
Clerks travel	77.52
Clerks phone calls, emails, etc	4.80
Broadband connection May	7.66
SLCC Subscriptions 2009/10	44.34
Petty Cash	35.00
Pickering Plant Ltd	46.00
Allianz Insurance	1606.17

The Following additional accounts were also presented for payment:

- Mr. J. Donaldson, grass cutting 271.00
- Mr. John Donaldson, planting, additional labour 161.06
- Mr. C. Critchlow, timber planters 80.00
- Mr. C. Critchlow, plastic troughs 11.98
- Mr. A. Hopkin, plants etc 71.50
- Mrs. A. Brook, stamps 5.85
- Mrs. A. Brook roses 31.85
- S.L. Servicing, mower repairs 126.05

226. **RESOLVED** – That the monthly Statement of Accounts, Receipts and Payments, additional accounts presented as above and record of Clerks hours worked be approved.

Correspondence and Other Matters

227. The Clerk reported on the following correspondence:

- Staffordshire County Council Strategic Plan.
- Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Archive - Time-to-Time publication.
- Campaign to Protect Rural England – accounts and news.

Items for the next Parish Council meeting

228. No additional items were raised for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting.

Date of the next meeting

229. The next Parish Council Meeting was the Weston Annual Meeting to take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20 May 2009 in Weston Village Hall.

**DAVID KIRBY
CHAIRMAN**