

MINUTES OF THE WESTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN WESTON VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 19 MAY 2010 AT 7.30 PM

Present:

Councillors D Kirby (Chairman)
Councillor A Hopkin
Councillor Mrs. A. Martin
Councillor R Tonge

Borough Councillor F Beatty (part)

M Boothby MBE, Chair of St Andrew's School Governors,
J Egginton, Scouts and Cubs
A Donaldson (Methodist Church)
C Fuller (Guides)
J Hodgson, St Andrew's Church,
T Jeffries, Weston Methodist Church
J Munden, Table Tennis and Badminton Clubs
D Platts, Chairman, Village Hall Committee
2 Parishioners

J Gilbert, Parish Clerk

Apologies: Councillor Mrs A Brook, Councillor D Bowers, Councillor K Evans, Councillor C Gilbert, D Redman (See a Show), R Allen (WI)

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of the Weston Annual Parish Council meeting of 2009 were **NOTED**.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Report of the Parish Council

Councillor Kirby reported that he had been elected as Chairman of the Parish Council in May and was pleased to provide the report on the work of the Council during 2009/10. He stated that Councillor Hopkin had been elected as Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Kirby reported on the following matters:

- That Parish Councillors had met with Planning Officers at the Salt Works Lane development, to discuss concerns regarding changes to planning permission that had been approved without consultation and regarding conditions that were not being met. He said that the Parish Council would remain vigilant in monitoring the development to ensure that key aspects of the original design were maintained.
- The support given by the Parish Council to Hixon's successful campaign against the planning application for a composting facility.
- That the Parish Council and Borough Councillor Beatty would continue to monitor the planning application for the Abbeylands Orchard
- The recruitment of two Parish Council employed staff: the Handyperson and the Clerk, both of whom had commenced in 2010.
- The creation of the Games Area and the alterations and extension to the Village Hall, after many years in the pipeline, and the hard work that Councillor Critchlow had put into both of these developments

- Weston's entry into the Best Kept Village Competition and thanks to Mavis Willing for all she had contributed to Weston's success in previous years. Councillor Kirby encouraged all villagers to become involved in the efforts to keep Weston in the running for BKV.
- Continued improvements to the Village Website. Councillor Kirby asked for contributions from everyone who wanted to promote village events.
- That the Parish Council were again funding a number of additional refuse vehicle visits

Councillor Kirby closed by thanking all Parish Councillors for their contribution, the previous Clerk for her hard work and all parishioners for supporting the Annual Parish Meeting.

Report of Borough Councillor

Councillor Beatty took the opportunity to remind village organisations of the 'Leader' funding initiative, under the Communities Mean Business initiative, aiming to give financial support to schemes for vulnerable people. She said that she would be happy to provide further information to anyone considering making a bid for these funds.

Councillor Beatty also said that she was also keeping a watching brief on the Salt Works Lane development and the closure of Weston Post Office.

Reports of Parish Organisations

Reports were received in person from the following Village Organisations:

St Andrew's School Governors

St Andrew's Church

Weston Methodist Church

7th Stafford Group of Cubs, Beavers and Scouts

Weston Brownies and Guides

Table Tennis Club

Badminton Club

All of the organisations reported successful events and most were well supported. Attention was brought to the small number of Cubs and Beavers going on to become Scouts, and of Brownies going on to become Guides. It is also of concern that these organisations are not attracting sufficient numbers of new leaders to take them into the future. The Table Tennis and Badminton Clubs were oversubscribed for certain sessions, but would welcome new members for others.

A full programme of future events was planned by each of the organisations.

Reports had been received from the following organisations and Councillor Kirby read these out:

Weston Wombats Pre-school Playgroup

Neighbourhood Watch

Senior Citizen's Committee

Weston Village Hall Management Committee

A report was presented on behalf of Weston Village Hall Management Committee that included details of its activities and the developments with the building and the opportunities for its future use that this would offer.

CHAIRMAN