

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting that took place on Tuesday 11 October 2011
in Weston Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Councillor A Hopkin (Chairman), Councillor C Critchlow, Councillor Mrs A Martin, Councillor R Norman,
Councillor Mrs H Hart, Councillor C Gilbert, Councillor Mrs C Thorpe
Parish Clerk Mrs S Tunnicliffe
Staffordshire County Councillor L Bloomer (part of meeting)
Stafford Borough Councillor Mrs F Beatty (part of meeting)

APOLOGIES: Councillor D Kirby

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 13 SEPTEMBER 2011 – MINUTES

153. RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 September 2011 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Critchlow and Gilbert.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

154. There were no declarations of interest in any of the matters on the agenda.

UPDATE ON ACTION LIST

155. Outstanding actions contained in the list were discussed and further action agreed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

156. The Gayton Heritage Walk is now open and will be having a formal opening on Friday 21st October 2011 at 2pm.

Weston Village Market will be held every Friday, 3-6pm.

Gayton Local Produce Sale will be held on the third Saturday of every month, 10am-2pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

157. There was no public participation

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

158. Councillor Bloomer reported that he is now receiving a monthly Members Information Bulletin and suggested that he could forward this on to the Parish Councillors if they thought that it may be of interest
RESOLVED – that the Parish Clerk will send Councillor Bloomer the email addresses of the Parish Councillors so that he can forward the information on to them.

Councillor Critchlow raised the issue of the changes to the roads and signage that were on the original plans for the Salt Works Lane development that have not been followed through making the area dangerous. Councillor Bloomer and Stafford Borough Councillor Frances Beatty agreed to look in to this and liaise with the Highways department.

REPORT FROM STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

159. Councillor Beatty presented some information regarding the Local Development Framework and what implications developments may have for the area. She also explained the reasons and timescales for the Local Development Framework and also discussed the upcoming Parish Planning forum meeting. Councillor Hopkin also asked Councillor Beatty to look into an ongoing issue with Stafford and Rural Homes regarding Spencer Close.

DEVELOPMENTS

160. RESOLVED – that there were no applications, decisions or appeals for the Council to consider.

POLICY**UPDATE ON SMARTWATER**

161. Councillor Hopkin reported that he had placed a flyer in to the Compass magazine and has received a few replies so far. It was agreed that it needed a little further advertising before a decision is made **RESOLVED** – that further flyers will be distributed to remind people about Smartwater. Leaflets will be handed out in the pub, school and at the weekly produce sale. This item will then be discussed again at the November Parish Council meeting.

PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE

162. Councillors held a separate meeting earlier in the month to discuss this issue and have now agreed the format for the questionnaire, however, it was noted that some information regarding disabilities still needed to be included. **RESOLVED** – Councillor Hopkin to make a few amendments to the front page and circulate to all councillors. Hopefully the front cover will be completed and this item will go on to the agenda for the December Parish Council meeting.

161. **RESOLVED** – that the Parish Council note correspondence from SCC Highways Department confirming formal approval for pedestrian and bus stop improvements to the A518 in Weston

LETTER TO LOCAL OMBUDSMAN

163. The issue of the ongoing complaints regarding the changes made to the plans for the Salt Works Lane development were discussed and it was agreed that this can be taken no further by the Parish Council as a letter had been written to the local ombudsman who have stated that the Parish Council cannot make a complaint to them, only individuals can. **RESOLVED** – Councillor Critchlow to meet with someone at the development to get assurances that all works will be finished off at the site.

SHOP GROUP UPDATE

164. Councillor Hopkin announced that Post Office Counters Ltd have approved a Hosted Post Office solution in Weston. **RESOLVED** – that this item be put on to the agenda for next month's Parish Council meeting for an update

Councillor Critchlow also stated that he had received quotes from two architects for the shop extension **RESOLVED** – that the Parish Council agreed to go with Croft Architects.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

165. Councillor Hopkin has sent a letter to the Staff Sergeant inviting him and as many officers as possible to the service, with refreshments afterwards in the Woolpack. There will be a service and then a wreath laid on behalf of the Parish Council. Weston Ground Maintenance will ensure that the area is ready for the service. **RESOLVED** – that the Parish Councillors agreed to doing street collections for poppies starting two weeks before Remembrance Sunday

PROPERTY**ASSET REGISTER**

166. The updated asset register was agreed and accepted. Councillor Gilbert pointed out that any depreciation of assets needed to be taken in to account when looking at the precept for next year.

REQUEST FOR A NEW POST BOX FOR WESTON

167. The Parish Clerk reported that there has been no further response from Royal Mail regarding this issue so Councillor Gilbert suggested making contact with a different department **RESOLVED** – that Councillor Gilbert forward contact details for Royal Mail on to the Clerk who will make contact with them. **RESOLVED** – that Councillors have decided that a good site for a new post box would be on the edge of the Green next to the notice board.

FINANCES

168. **RESOLVED** - that the Parish Council note the contents of the Financial Statement for September 2011
RESOLVED – that the Parish council approve the payments listed below

Clerk's mileage August	29.46
Clerk's additional hours August	29.82
Pat Hodson Builders - Drains/soakaway work at WVH	756.00
Loan to Gayton Heritage Group as agreed	1000.00
Petty Cash top up	70.00
Grounds Maintenance Contract for September 2011	1253.75

169. RESOLVED – that the Parish Clerk confirmed that the bank signatories are as follows: Councillor Alan Hopkin, Councillor Colin Critchlow, Councillor David Kirby and Councillor Angela Martin.

CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

170. RESOLVED - that the Parish Council noted and considered the following items of correspondence:

- Invitation to attend Staffordshire Parish Council Association AGM on 5th November 2011
- Correspondence from Boundary Commission for England regarding 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England
- Invitation to purchase tickets for The Mayor's Christmas Snow-Ball on 2nd December 2011
- Invitation to purchase tickets for the Gala Performance of this year's Stafford Gatehouse Theatre pantomime, Dick Whittington
- Correspondence from Stafford Borough Council regarding 'Love Where You Live Day of Action'
- Cheque for £81 received from the Weston Village Hall Committee as a donation for the Best Kept Village children's poster competition

171. RESOLVED – that the Parish Council would like to express their thanks for an anonymous donation of £30 that was made to the Parish Council

172. RESOLVED – that planning for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations be put on to the agenda for next month's Parish Council meeting

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

173. Tuesday 8 November 2011, 7.30pm at Weston Village Hall.

**ALAN HOPKIN
CHAIRMAN**