

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting that took place on Tuesday 8 November 2011
in Weston Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Councillor C Critchlow (Vice Chairman), Councillor R Norman, Councillor Mrs H Hart, Councillor C Gilbert,
Councillor Mrs C Thorpe
Parish Clerk Mrs S Tunnicliffe
Stafford Borough Councillor Mrs F Beatty (part of meeting)

APOLOGIES: Councillor A Hopkin (Chairman), Councillor Mrs A Martin, Councillor D Kirby, Staffordshire
County Councillor L Bloomer

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 11 OCTOBER 2011 – MINUTES

174. RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 October 2011 be confirmed and signed by the Vice Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Hart and Gilbert.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

UPDATE ON ACTION LIST

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

177. Councillor Thorpe announced that the Parish Clerk from Stowe by Chartley Parish Council had informed her that they had some places available for a Parish Councillor Training session to be held on Wednesday 23rd November **RESOLVED** – that Councillor Thorpe and Councillor Hart would like to attend

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

178. There was no public participation

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

179. Councillor Bloomer was not present to present a report.

REPORT FROM STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

180. Councillor Beatty explained that there was a meeting planned to decide on proposals to temporarily close the A&E department at Stafford General Hospital at night time due to staff shortages. She also discussed the announcement of the Olympic torch route and confirmed that it will be coming through Stafford, Gnosall and Haughton and that there are plans to invite local school children to line the route.

DEVELOPMENTS

181. Planning application no: 11/16164/FUL, Spring Farm, Amerton Lane, Shirleywich: RESOLVED - that the Parish Council did not object to the application.

182. Planning application no: 11/16108/HOU, Field View, Gayton: RESOLVED - that the Parish Council did not object to the application.

POLICY

UPDATE ON SMARTWATER

183. It was decided that enough interest had been shown in the scheme by residents of both Weston and Gayton to proceed. **RESOLVED** – that the Parish Clerk will contact Smartwater to find out the procedure that we need to follow and discuss this at the next Parish Council meeting.

NEW POST BOX IN WESTON

184. It was suggested that somewhere around the Village Hall grounds may be a suitable site for a replacement post box to be situated **RESOLVED** – that the Parish Clerk will speak to Royal Mail to ask for their opinion on the suitability of suggested sites taking in to account the access that they will need to the box.
185. The Parish Clerk reported that she had managed to make contact with Royal Mail to discuss the status of the application for a replacement box and is still awaiting a further response **RESOLVED** – that the Parish Clerk will make contact with the Stafford office directly to try and get an update.

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

186. The Parish Council discussed a couple of initial ideas to celebrate the Jubilee and all agreed that it would be a good idea to get other local organisations involved and try and set up a separate group to organise an event **RESOLVED** – that the Parish Clerk will write to local organisations to find out if people would be interested in forming a group to arrange an event. This item will be put on to the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting to discuss in more depth.

TEMPORARY STREET LIGHTING

187. Councillor Critchlow will take a look at the street lighting and will report back at the next meeting.

FINANCES

188. **RESOLVED** - that the Parish Council note the contents of the Financial Statement for November 2011
RESOLVED – that the Parish council approve the payments listed below
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| Clerk's mileage October | 17.99 |
| Stafford BC - Civic Amenity Visit | 52.50 |
| Grounds Maintenance contract October 2011 | 1003.00 |
| Broxap - Replacement Bins | 95.98 |
| MEB Total - Fire Precautions Work at Weston Village Hall | 7293.35 |

CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

189. **RESOLVED** - that the Parish Council noted and considered the following items of correspondence:
- Correspondence from Staffordshire County Council regarding Winter Maintenance Assistance **RESOLVED** – Parish Clerk to contact Councillor Len Bloomer for more information
 - Invitation to the quarterly meeting of the SPCA Stafford Area Committee **RESOLVED** – Councillor Critchlow would like to attend
 - Response from Stafford Borough Council regarding donation of old benches from Stafford town centre
 - Minutes of the Parish Forum held on 29th September 2011
 - Electoral Review of Staffordshire – Final Recommendations
 - SPCA Newsletter – October 2011

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

190. Tuesday 13th December 2011, 7.30pm at Weston Village Hall.

COLIN CRITCHLOW
VICE-CHAIRMAN