

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting that took place on Tuesday 13th December 2011
in Weston Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Councillor A Hopkin (Chairman), Councillor Mrs A Martin, Councillor D Kirby, Councillor R Norman, Councillor Mrs H Hart, Councillor C Gilbert, Councillor Mrs C Thorpe
Parish Clerk Mrs S Tunnicliffe

APOLOGIES: Councillor C Critchlow, Staffordshire County Councillor L Bloomer, Stafford Borough Councillor Mrs F Beatty

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8 NOVEMBER 2011 – MINUTES

191. RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 November 2011 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Hart and Gilbert.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

UPDATE ON ACTION LIST

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

194. There were no announcements and notices

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

195. There was no public participation

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

196. Councillor Bloomer was not in attendance to present a report.

REPORT FROM STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

197. Councillor Beatty was not in attendance to present a report.

DEVELOPMENTS

198. Planning application no: 11/16170/HOU The Old Vicarage, Vicarage Bank, Gayton: RESOLVED - that the Parish Council did not object to the application.

199. Planning application no: 11/16368/HOU 21 Castlemill Close, Weston: RESOLVED - that the Parish Council did not object to the application.

SMARTWATER UPDATE

200. The clerk reported that she had spoken to the SmartWater representative to confirm that the parish would like to proceed with an order and to confirm with him the process that we need to follow. **RESOLVED** – that the clerk will contact the SmartWater representative again to get a definitive price so that all of the interested households can be contacted **RESOLVED** – that this item will be put on to the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting so that a final decision can be made on numbers required and an order can then be placed.

NEW POST BOX IN WESTON

201. The clerk reported that she is having some difficulty making progress with the contact at Royal Mail regarding the need for a new post box in Weston. **RESOLVED** – that the clerk will contact Councillor Beatty regarding the situation to see if there is anything that she can do to help.

EMERGENCY TREE WORKS ON WESTON VILLAGE GREEN

202. Councillor Hopkin reported that he had spoken to the tree surgeon who informed him that there are two trees on The Green in need of attention. One needs the crown removing at a cost of £200 and the other has a fungal infection at the root so the tree needs to be removed at a cost of £280. **RESOLVED** – that the Parish Council agree that the work should go ahead.

203. The tree surgeon also gave Councillor Hopkin some advice on a long term plan for tree replanting on The Green. The Council will need to look at possible ways to fund this. **RESOLVED** – that Councillor Thorpe will look in to possible grants for this.

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

204. The Parish Council discussed possible ideas for the Jubilee celebrations. Councillor Norman presented a list that he had compiled of local organisations that could be contacted to see if they would like to be involved **RESOLVED** – that Councillor Hopkin will contact some local organisations to see if anyone would be interested in organising or helping to organise an event. He will also speak to a contact regarding availability and pricing for hiring a marquee for that weekend. **RESOLVED** – that the clerk will ask the Village Hall Management Committee if they would be able to discuss this issue at their next meeting and also to contact Councillor Beatty to find out if there are any funding opportunities available for events. **RESOLVED** – that this item will be discussed again at next month's Parish Council meeting.

TEMPORARY STREET LIGHTING

205. RESOLVED – that the clerk will contact Highways department to get an update on the lighting situation.

FINANCES

206. RESOLVED – that the January Parish Council meeting will start at the earlier time of 7pm so that the precept for 2012/13 can be discussed

207. RESOLVED – that the Parish Council approve the transfer of £9000 from the savings account to the current account

208. 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

Clerk's mileage November	30.14
Remembrance Day Wreath	18.00
Grounds Maintenance contract November 2011	478.75
Emergency Tree Works on The Green (approx)	500.00
MEB Total - Fire Precautions Work at Weston Village Hall	3,452.53
Petty Cash top up	75.00

CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

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

- SPCA/NALC updates – November 2011
- SPCA December Newsletter

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

210. Tuesday 10th January 2012, 7.00pm at Weston Village Hall.

**ALAN HOPKIN
CHAIRMAN**