

# WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April  
2015 in Weston Village Hall at 7.30pm

## PRESENT:

Councillor C Critchlow (Chair) Councillor Mrs H Hart (Vice-Chair), Councillor R Norman,  
Councillor Mrs A Martin, Councillor A Hopkin, Councillor J Griffiths, Parish Clerk Mrs A  
Kingston

5 members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor C Gilbert, Staffordshire County Councillor L Bloomer, Stafford  
Borough Councillor Mrs. F Beatty.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015 – MINUTES

**958. RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March  
2015 be confirmed and signed by the Vice Chair as proposed and seconded by Parish  
Councillors Hart and Martin.

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**959.** There were no declarations of interest

## UPDATE ON ACTION LIST

**960.** The action list has now been combined with the key actions identified in the Parish  
Plan. There were no further developments to discuss and it has been agreed that  
responsibility for delivery of the actions will be allocated to Councillors after the  
Elections in May.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

**961.** The PC have received a request from the Moira Fund to use the Village Green.  
**RESOLVED** – Clerk to write to the organisers to agree to the request on the  
understanding they have appropriate insurance in place.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**962.** Following reports of suspicious activity elsewhere in the Borough, the PC were  
informed of one known incident in Weston of a man, approximately 40 years of age,  
visiting properties selling fish. This incident was reported to the police.

## REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

**963.** Councillor Bloomer was not in attendance to present a report.

## REPORT FROM STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

**964.** Councillor Mrs. F Beatty was not in attendance to present a report

## REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

**965.** There was no report from the Village Hall Management Committee as the AGM will  
take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

## DEVELOPMENTS

**966.** A letter of objection has been received regarding the proposed development of a Skate  
Park at Weston Village Hall. **RESOLVED** - Clerk to forward the letter to Stafford  
Borough Council Planning Department.

967. The proposed start date for highway works at Green Road/Saltworks Lane junction is mid May. This will include formalised crossing points to the village green. **RESOLVED** – Councillor Critchlow to produce an agreement for the contractor to access PC land for the purpose of creating an improved visibility splay on the corner of Saltworks Lane. Councillor Martin to speak to the school as the works will affect the starting point of the walking bus. A notice will also be published in Compass to make people aware of the road disruption
968. Amendments had been received regarding the planning application at the London Road end of Green Road. There were no formal objections raised regarding the amendments.

#### **TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA**

969. Following the next formal inspection of the play equipment, the PC will consider whether items need replacing or if an additional item can be provided. The form the new item of play equipment will take will be considered at a later meeting.

#### **VILLAGE HALL DEFIBRILLATOR**

970. The Defibrillator is established and all training courses are full. The Hart of Weston Charity should be in a position to reimburse the PC for the purchase of the Defibrillator box and training course in the next few weeks.

#### **DOG FOULING**

971. The PC received an update on the work with the Stafford Borough Council Dog Warden. A six month campaign aimed at praising responsible dog owners is planned to go ahead from the 1<sup>st</sup> June and will include posters, flyers and an article in Compass. Other options for raising awareness are being explored including the use of social media. Hotspots have been identified where the worst offences occur. **RESOLVED** – Councillors Hart and Martin to take this forward.

#### **VILLAGE SOS**

972. The PC have been notified of a scheme aimed at rural community projects funded by the Big Lottery Fund and led by rural network Action with Communities in Rural England. The PC are exploring the possibility of accessing this scheme to enable the provision of a village shop to run from Weston Village Hall. This will be discussed further with the VHMC. **RESOLVED** – Councillor Hopkin to take this forward. Clerk to organise a meeting between representatives of the VHMC and the PC. Councillors Hopkin, Hart and Critchlow to attend for the PC.

#### **DOCTORS SURGERY**

973. Nothing new to report.

#### **LOCAL PLAN**

974. Councillor Mrs H Hart and the Parish Clerk attended a meeting with Stafford Borough Council on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015 regarding the production of the Local Plan phase 2 which focuses on Key Service Villages including Weston. The initial meeting was to inform the PC of the process of the development of the plan and to ensure the map produced was accurate. The draft plan should go to Cabinet in June and there will then be a formal six week public consultation period before the plan is finalised. The PC are encouraged to submit a formal response at this time.

#### **ELECTIONS**

975. The period for nominations for the forthcoming Elections in May is now closed. Five nominations have been received for Weston and one for Gayton. Further information on the process will be provided by Stafford Borough Council Elections team and should

be with the Clerk shortly.

### **STANDING ORDERS**

**976.** The Clerk provided an amended version of the PC Standing Orders for consideration. Two areas require amendment following recent changes in guidance governing the operation of Parish Councils. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to provide Councillor Hopkin with the amended version of the Standing Orders to produce booklets for all Councillors following the election.

### **FINANCES**

**977. RESOLVED** – that the PC approve payments listed on the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments

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**979. RESOLVED** – that the PC received the quarterly budget update for January 2015 to March 2015 from the Clerk.

**980. RESOLVED** – that the PC approve the subscription to Staffordshire Parish Councils Association for 2016

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**981.** The PC noted and considered the following items of correspondence

- Invitation for the Chair to Stafford Borough Council Annual Council and Mayor Making Ceremony
- Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service Public Consultation
- Amerton Railway – Stafford and Uttoxeter Railway event
- Mayor's Charity Appeal 2014/15 – Finale Dinner at the Post House.

### **DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

**982.** Parish Council meeting, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at Weston Village Hall at 7:30pm

**COLIN CRITCHLOW  
CHAIRMAN**