

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 13th October 2015 in Weston Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Councillor C Critchlow(Chair), Councillor Mrs H Hart (Vice Chair), Councillor R Norman, Councillor C Gilbert, Councillor D Tams, Parish Clerk Mrs A Kingston

2 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Councillor J Griffiths, Councillor A Hopkin, Councillor Mrs A Martin, Chairman of Weston Village Hall Management Committee David Ulke.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8 SEPTEMBER 2015 – MINUTES

1095. RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held on 8th September 2015 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Norman and Tams.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1096. There were no declarations of interest

UPDATE ON PARISH PLAN

1097. There were no updates on the Parish Plan that are not included as individual agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

1098. The Parish Council were notified of an invite to the Mayor's Winter Wonderland Charity Ball

1099. Colwich Parish Council have submitted their Neighbourhood Plan to the Borough Council for independent examination. To view the submitted Colwich Neighbourhood Plan and accompanying documents please visit <http://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/colwich-neighbourhood-plan1> Hard copies are available for viewing in a number of venues. Please contact the Clerk for more details.

1100. The Clerk informed the meeting of information received regarding Severn Trent Water's new water mains work currently underway on the A34 Lichfield Road and planned works for Riverway.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1101. A member of the public who recently attended the Staffordshire Parish Forum reported the high praise expressed for the work of Weston with Gayton Parish Council in relation to the recent campaign against dog fouling.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

1102. Councillor L Bloomer was not in attendance to provide a report.

REPORT FROM STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

1103. Councillor Mrs F Beatty was not in attendance to provide a report.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

1104. Chairman of Weston Village Hall Management Committee David Ulke was not in attendance to provide report

DEVELOPMENTS

1105. Weston Village Hall Skate Park is now installed and being well used. The parish council are looking to provide some extra signage.

1106. Progress on the Salt Works Lane/Green Road junction works is awaiting the lowering of the cable before the final works can be completed. This should be completed shortly. Staffordshire County Council Highways department have been contacted regarding the provision of new signage.

1107. The Parish Council considered Planning Application reference 15/23008/HOU regarding the erection of new fencing in Netherton Close Weston. **RESOLVED** – the Parish Council have no objections to the application.

RISK ASSESSMENT

1108. The proposed risk assessment was considered. **RESOLVED** – that the Risk Assessment be adopted by the Parish Council and be reviewed regularly as a working document. The document will be formally reviewed at least annually.

TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

1109. Following the most recent playground inspection report a working group assessed the condition of the play area. Quotes are being obtained for the resurfacing work and repairs required to the slide. This will be brought to the next meeting.

PARISH PLAN

1110. All documentation has now been provided. **RESOLVED** – Councillor Critchlow to liaise with Councillor Hopkin and agree a date for distribution to feed back to the Parish Council.

DOG FOULING

1111. There has been a notable improvement in the level of dog fouling in Weston. It is recognised that there are a few regular offenders, and Stafford Borough Council has provided a camera to cover one spot that is regularly subjected to dog fouling. The new dog bins are being well used, and Weston Ground's Maintenance have been contracted to take on the emptying of bins.

MATTERS FOR ACTION BY STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

1112. A map of Weston will be marked up with key areas of action in relation to issues such as blocked gullies and drop kerbs, to be used as the basis for discussions with Staffordshire County Council. **RESOLVED** – Councillor Critchlow to take this forward.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

1113. The police mobile camera has had two sessions on the A518 and recorded a total of 21 speeding offences averaging at approximately one speeding offence every 12 minutes. A survey has also been completed on the A51. The cost of Weston with Gayton Parish Council establishing its own Community Speedwatch programme will be in the region of £1000, and the council are confident there are enough volunteers to make the programme viable. **RESOLVED** – by unanimous agreement the Community Speedwatch programme be taken forward. Councillor Tams to lead the project.

AUDIT

1114. The final verdict on the external audit of Weston with Gayton Parish Council accounts for the 2014-15 fiscal year has been received from the auditors Grant Thornton. There were no issues arising from the statement of accounts. The auditors did recommend the adoption of a formal risk assessment document for the Parish Council, which has now been completed, see item 1108.

FINANCES

1115. **RESOLVED** – that the PC approve the monthly statement of accounts, receipts and payments

1116. **RESOLVED** – that the PC approve the payments listed on the statement of accounts, receipts and payments, and that they approve the following two invoices received after the publication of the monthly statement of accounts.

- £17,670 to Rampmental Ltd for the development and installation of the Skate Park (£14,725 plus £2,945 VAT).
- £150 for the transportation of the Skate Ramps (£125 plus £25 VAT)

1117. The PC received a quarterly budget update from the Clerk.

1118. Initial work has begun on the budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year. The first draft of the budget will be

brought to the meeting on the 10th November.

CORRESPONDENCE

1119. There were no items of correspondence to consider.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

1120. Parish Council meeting, Tuesday 10th November 2015 at 7:30pm Weston Village Hall

**COLIN CRITCHLOW
CHAIRMAN**