

# WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 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, Councillor Mrs. A Martin, Councillor J Griffiths, Councillor A Hopkin, Parish Clerk Mrs A Kingston

4 members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Mrs F Beatty, Chairman of Weston Village Hall Management Committee David Ulke.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 13 OCTOBER 2015 – MINUTES

1121. **RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Hart and Tams.

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1122. There were no declarations of interest

## UPDATE ON PARISH PLAN

1123. There were no updates on the Parish Plan that are not included as individual agenda items.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

1124. The Parish Council were notified of the consultation regarding the future management of Staffordshire's countryside parks and green spaces.

1125. SPCA are offering a course for Councillors on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December, the Parish Council have one place reserved.

1126. The update from Staffordshire County Council on Highway Winter Operations was noted.

1127. Staffordshire County Council provided feedback following the consultation on changes to the Mobile and Travelling Library Service.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1128. A number of members of the public attended to raise their concerns regarding the recent changes to bus routes and services in the area. This issue is covered in more detail in item 1136 below.

## REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

1129. Councillor L Bloomer provided an update regarding the recent meeting with Staffordshire County Council's Community Traffic Management Officer, Councillor Critchlow and Councillor Hart about the ongoing dialogue regarding additional signage for the new crossing point from the Village Hall car park to the Village Green. SCC are not able to fund the cost of a flashing school crossing signal but will move the existing crossing signs nearer to the crossing point and put up a formal post with a children crossing sign. **RESOLVED** – Councillor Bloomer to confirm this with Highways and feed back to the Parish Council

1130. With regard to the local concern over bus services and routes, Staffordshire County Council have recently entered into an agreement with a bus company based in Birmingham to provide services in Walton and Brocton. If this proves successful the company may be willing to consider other routes around Stafford.

1131. Taylor Wimpey require permission from SCC to install the agreed speed restrictor in Green Road. Councillor Bloomer will follow this up with Highways.

## **REPORT FROM STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

1132. Councillor Mrs F Beatty was not in attendance to provide a report.

## **REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE**

1133. Chairman of Weston Village Hall Management Committee David Ulke was not in attendance to provide report. Councillor Norman updated the PC regarding the recent meeting to discuss fees and charges.

## **DEVELOPMENTS**

1134. The signage for Weston Village Hall Skate Park is now in place.

1135. There was some discussion regarding the speed restrictor to be provided by Taylor Wimpey on Green Road. The preference would be for a chicane, however when explored previously SCC were not in favour of this type of traffic calming measure on Green Road. **RESOLVED** – Councillor Critchlow to submit a formal request to Highways regarding the provision of a chicane.

## **CHANGES TO BUS ROUTES**

1136. There is currently no direct bus service from Weston to the Hospital or doctors at Beaconside. The Parish Council have received copies of a letters of concern from local residents regarding the lack of suitable bus service in the area. **RESOLVED** – Councillor Critchlow to write to the bus company to request redirection of the current service.

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

1137. The slide in the Children's play area is in need of repair or replacement. The Parish Council are currently not in a position to meet the cost of replacement. One quote for repair has been received at a cost of £2000. Other quotations are being sought, however, it may prove necessary to close the slide until the Parish Council are in a position to move this forward. This action is to be reviewed.

## **PARISH PLAN**

1138. Councillor Hopkin circulated the first draft of the Parish Plan. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to email Councillor Hopkin Appendix 2. All Councillors to proof read and feed back any changes or amendments to Councillor Hopkin by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

1139. The cost of printing and publication will be in the region of £100.

## **DOG FOULING**

1140. The monthly flyers will be sent out shortly. There has been a slight increase in the number of incidents, which may be a result of the darker evenings. The persistent incident of dog fouling on the footpath has stopped following the installation of the camera. The project will continue until Christmas.

## **MATTERS FOR ACTION BY STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

1141. A list of incidents and areas for action are being drawn up and mapped. **RESOLVED** – Councillor Critchlow to take this forward.

## **BUDGET SETTING**

1142. The first draft of the proposed budget for 2016-17 was discussed. **RESOLVED** – Councillor Critchlow to seek legal advice regarding the funding of repairs and maintenance to the private road. All Councillors to consider the budget and identify any areas of concern or items of expenditure for the coming year that has not been accounted for.

## **FINANCES**

1143. **RESOLVED** – that the PC approve the monthly statement of accounts, receipts and payments

1144. **RESOLVED** – that the PC approve the payments listed on the statement of accounts, receipts and payments and also agree to pay £33.00 for refreshments and £10.64 for plastic glasses for the Remembrance Day Service, and £30.00 for a DVD with historical footage of Weston.

**1145. RESOLVED** – Councillor Martin to be updated as a signatory on both the Nat West and Stafford Railway Building Society Accounts this week.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**1146.** An invitation had been received regarding an Antiques Quiz and Valuation meeting.

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

**1147.** The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 7:30pm in Weston Village Hall.

**COLIN CRITCHLOW  
CHAIRMAN**