

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th December 2015 in Weston Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

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

2 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Councillor C Gilbert

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 10 NOVEMBER 2015 – MINUTES

1148. RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held on Tuesday 10th November 2015 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Hart and Tams.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1149. There were no declarations of interest

UPDATE ON PARISH PLAN

1150. There were no updates on the Parish Plan that are not included as individual agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

1151. The Parish Council were notified that The Plan for Stafford Borough Part 2 publication will be available to view and comment on until midday on the 25th January 2016. The plan can be accessed at the following web address http://staffordbc-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/planning/cs/part2_publication/the_plan_for_stafford_borough_part_2_publication

1152. The Parish Council were made aware of the Tesco Local Community Grant Scheme. This scheme can be used fund improvements to parks and play areas. An expression of interest has been logged and the Parish Council are waiting to hear if they have been selected to submit a full application for grant funding.

1153. Concern was raised regarding a programme of roadworks on the A518 in that are believed to begin in January. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to obtain full details from Staffordshire County Council.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1154. A member of the public was in attendance to provide an update on the issue of bus routes discussed at the previous parish council meeting on the 10th November 2015. A formal request was made for the Parish Council write to the bus service provider requesting an alteration to the current route, enabling access to the County Hospital.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

1155. Councillor L Bloomer was not in attendance to provide a report.

REPORT FROM STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

1156. Councillor Mrs F Beatty was not in attendance to provide a report.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

1157. Chairman of Weston Village Hall Management Committee David Ulke was not in attendance to provide report. Councillor Norman updated the PC regarding the agreed change in fees and charges.

DEVELOPMENTS

1158. There are no new developments to consider.

TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

1159. The slide in the Children's play area remains in need of repair or replacement. **RESOLVED** – Councillor Critchlow to pursue further quotations for repairs. Clerk to contact other local parish councils with responsibility for play areas to gain details of local contractors. Clerk to approach a local company to ask if they would like to sponsor a replacement slide.

PARISH PLAN

1160. The Parish Plan was distributed to every household at the end of November along with the latest publication of Compass Magazine

DOG FOULING

1161. Unfortunately incidents of dog fouling have increased over the past month, and some of the signage has been removed or damaged. The Camera which was installed at one particular hotspot has recorded no further incidents, and the Parish Council are looking to move the camera to the Green. The campaign officially runs to the end of December.

MATTERS FOR ACTION BY STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

1162. A number of drop kerbs have been installed and the school crossing signage will be moved closer to the school crossing point at Weston Village Hall.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

1163. In light of budget pressures the Parish Council have agreed not to fund the Community Speedwatch Programme, but will continue to work with local councils and police to make roads in the area safer. **RESOLVED** – Councillor Tams to draft a letter on behalf of the Parish Council requesting a reduction in the speed limit on a stretch of the A51 from 40mph to 30mph. Clerk to contact Staffordshire County Council Highways regarding the issue of overgrown hedges in the area.

BUDGET SETTING

1164. The draft budget for 2016-17 was considered, and a number of points raised for further investigation. The final budget will be agreed at the meeting of the Parish Council in January.

FINANCES

1165. RESOLVED – that the PC approve the monthly statement of accounts, receipts and payments

1166. RESOLVED – that the PC approve the payments listed on the statement of accounts, receipts and payments.

CORRESPONDENCE

1167. The Parish Council were informed of an invitation received for the Mayors Charity Appeal Evening on the 28th January 2016.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

1168. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th January 2016 at 7:30pm in Weston Village Hall.

**COLIN CRITCHLOW
CHAIRMAN**