

WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8 March 2016 in Gayton Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

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

6 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mrs. A Martin, Councillor C Critchlow (Chairman), Councillor L Bloomer

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 9 FEBRUARY 2016 – MINUTES

1226. RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held on Tuesday 9th February 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Tams and Griffiths.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1227. There were no declarations of interest.

UPDATE ON PARISH PLAN

1228. An update on the progress of action 2.1 in the Parish Plan was provided. The latest version of the plan including progress against actions can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1229. A member of the public representing the Heart of Weston charity attended to request the Parish Council consider providing signage for the Defibrillator. This was discussed as a full agenda item at item 1241 below.

1230. A member of the public representing the Football Club was in attendance to discuss the proposed increase in fees. This was discussed in agenda item 1245 below.

1231. Two members of the public representing the Woolpack pub were in attendance to discuss the proposed charging for use of the Village Green. This was discussed as a full agenda item at item 1238 below. The Parish Council wished to express their appreciation for the activities and events provided over the year by the Woolpack pub and the valuable contribution the pub makes to the village.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

1232. Councillor L Bloomer was not in attendance to provide a report.

REPORT FROM STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

1233. Councillor Mrs F Beatty was not in attendance to provide a report.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

1234. Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee David Ulke informed the meeting that the majority of the Village Hall Executive Committee planned to tender their resignation at the AGM in April. They are actively looking to recruit new members to take over the management of the village hall, however if they are unsuccessful the Village Hall Executive Committee will be forced to dissolve and responsibility will transfer to the Parish Council.

DEVELOPMENTS

1235. Planning application reference 15/23478/HOU at Lynsheen Green Road Weston was considered. The Parish Council have no objection to this application.

TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

1236. Emergency repair work to the slide should be completed shortly. The Parish Council's successful application to Tesco Groundwork for funding to replace the slide was subject to a public vote between 29th February and 6th March. The results will be available by the end of March. Weston will receive a minimum of £8000.00 towards the purchase of a new item of play equipment.

TERMS OF USE FOR THE VILLAGE GREEN

1237. The Parish Council considered the proposed Terms of Use for the Village Green. **RESOLVED** – that the Terms of Use be adopted by the Parish Council by unanimous agreement. A discussion was held regarding the proposed charging structure for use of the Village Green. **RESOLVED** – That a flat rate charge of £75 per use be required and paid 28 days prior to the event, with the agreement that the cost is fully refundable should the event be cancelled due to inclement weather. Adopted by unanimous agreement.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC CONCERNS

1238. Concerns were raised regarding the parking of some individuals following the previous weeks football match. The Football Club agreed to remind players and away teams of the importance of parking responsibly following matches.

CONDITION OF CHERRY LANE - GAYTON

1239. Cherry Lane in Gayton is an un-adopted road, and as such there is no overall responsibility for general upkeep and maintenance. Concerns regarding the condition of the road have been raised in the past, but as private land owners were not willing to pay their share of the repair costs this went no further. **RESOLVED** – Councillor Gilbert to re-visit issue with both the private residents living in Cherry Lane and SARH to see if there is now the collective will to move forwards with repairs and maintenance to the road surface.

REQUEST FROM THE HEART OF WESTON TO PROVIDE SIGNAGE

1240. The Parish Council expressed their concern regarding the provision of signage following anti-theft advice from the company that installed the Defibrillator. **RESOLVED** – The Parish Council to consider the request at a future meeting, once further information is provided by the Heart of Weston Charity. The further information to include an investigation of the implications of the provision of additional signage with neighbouring villages with a Defibrillator and with other providers of the equipment. The Heart of Weston to also establish if Staffordshire County Council Highways Department would be willing to approve the provision of additional signage. **RESOLVED** – That the Parish Council are in favour of the provision of additional signage in principle and will discuss as a future agenda item once a strong evidence base is in place.

QUEENS 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

1241. A discussion was held regarding a potential celebration event the day after the Weston Village Fete on the 12th June. **RESOLVED** – Councillor Hopkin to obtain costings for the provision of children's entertainment.

FINANCES

1242. **RESOLVED** – that the PC approve the monthly statement of accounts, receipts and payments

1243. **RESOLVED** – that the PC approve the payments listed on the statement of accounts, receipts and payments.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1244.** The Parish Council discussed a letter received from the Football Club regarding the increase in fees for the 2016/17 season. **RESOLVED** – by unanimous agreement to increase the fees for the 2016/17 season to £400 not £450 as previously stated.
- 1245.** The Parish Council noted the invitation from the Mayor and Mayoress to the Final Countdown Dinner.
- 1246.** The Parish Council discussed the Community Paths initiative from Staffordshire Rights of Way. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to submit an application for funding and invite the Staffordshire Rights of Way Officer to attend the meeting of the Parish Council in April.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

- 1247.** The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th April 2016 at 7:30pm in Weston Village Hall.

**HILARY HART
VICE CHAIR**