

# WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016 in Gayton Village Hall at 7.30pm

## PRESENT:

Councillor J Griffiths (Chair), Councillor C Gilbert, Councillor D Tams, Councillor Mrs. A Martin, Councillor Mrs. G Wray, Councillor K Barber, Staffordshire County Councillor L Bloomer, Stafford Borough Councillor A Harp, Parish Clerk Mrs A Kingston

5 members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Mrs H Hart, Councillor C Critchlow, Stafford Borough Councillor Mrs. F Beatty

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016 - MINUTES

**1341.RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Barber and Wray.

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**1342.**None

## UPDATE ON ACTION LIST

**1343.**A formal request has been made to Staffordshire County Councillor L Bloomer to support an application for a new 30mph speed limit on the A51. **RESOLVED** Councillor Tams to send the data from the last two speed surveys and questions to Councillor Bloomer. **RESOLVED** Clerk to follow up with Councillor Bloomer in light of the recent application for a speed limit reduction in Adbaston.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

**1344.**The Clerk informed the PC of a number of public information sessions about the M6 J13-15 Smart Motorways scheme.

**1345.**The Clerk informed the PC of the new Staffordshire Smart Alert App which has been developed by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and aims to improve engagement between Staffordshire Police and the public. The free app can be downloaded from the Apple and Android App stores or you can sign up to receive email invites on the website at [www.staffordshiresmartalert.uk](http://www.staffordshiresmartalert.uk)

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**1346.**A local resident requested the Parish Council consider more tree planting in the village. It was also requested the Parish Council obtain a list of all the trees in the parish with a tree preservation order.

**1347.**A representative in attendance from Weston Wombats requested that the Parish Council where possible provide 24hrs notice if access to the Village Hall is required while the Wombats pre-school is in session. This enables a member of staff to be available to act as chaperone to ensure safeguarding standards are maintained.

**1348.**A local resident wished to raise concern that booking times at the village hall area not consistently being adhered to. Some individuals are arriving before their allocated time, causing disruption to existing groups that are still running. A request was made to reiterate to those booking the hall, at the time of booking, that they must not arrive before their allocated time unless this has been agreed in advance and the groups in session have been made aware.

**1349.**A request for feedback on the status of the adoption of Saltworks Lane was requested. Parish Clerk to add to the agenda for the September meeting.

## REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

**1350.** Councillor Bloomer was in attendance from Staffordshire County Council. He informed the meeting that the news from the County Council was not good. Funding at the County Council remains a serious concern.

## REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

**1351.** Councillor Harp was in attendance from Stafford Borough Council. He informed the meeting that the running and management of all Sports and Leisure facilities in the Borough will be going out to a private trust. The Borough Council are in the process of reorganising their grass cutting and street scene services, and have launched a new app to enable the public to easily report issues. The app can be downloaded by following the link on the Stafford Borough Council website at <http://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/report>

## DEVELOPMENTS

**1352.** Planning application 16/24371/HOU at 7 Netherton Close, Weston was considered. The PC had no concerns regarding the application.

**1353.** Planning application 16/24349/FUL at land adjacent Four Winds, Stafford Road was considered. The Parish Council expressed their concern regarding the existing issues with poor parking and the need to improve road markings. **RESOLVED** – Parish Clerk to feedback concerns to Stafford Borough Council.

## TREES AND CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

**1354.** The meeting with Sovereign Playgrounds is being re-scheduled. Meetings have been held with Wicksteed and a meeting is planned for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July with HAGS. £6k of the £8k from Tesco Groundwork is now in the Parish Council bank account. The final £2k will be provided once the development is complete.

## WESTON VILLAGE HALL

**1355.** A public meeting will be called in early September to reinstate the Village Hall Committee. The Village Hall Charity will be looking for volunteers to help form the committee and appoint a Chairman. The Parish Council are pleased to be able to support the Charity in organising and facilitating the public meeting. Further details including how to get involved will be published on village noticeboards and on the website at [www.westonstaffs.org.uk](http://www.westonstaffs.org.uk)

## FINANCES

**1356. RESOLVED** – that the PC approve payments listed on the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments.

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**1358.** The quarterly budget update for April – June 2016 was received and noted.

## CORRESPONDENCE

**1359.** The PC noted and considered the following items of correspondence

- Request from the Woolpack Public House for the use of the Green on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2016. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to write to the Woolpack providing formal approval and invoice for the cost of hire for the day.
- Councillor Mrs A Martin tendered her resignation. The Chair thanked Angela for her contribution to the Parish Council over the years.

## DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

**1360.** Parish Council meeting, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at Weston Village Hall at 7:30pm

**JAN GRIFFITHS  
VICE CHAIRMAN**