

# WESTON WITH GAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in Weston Village Hall at 7.30pm

**PRESENT:** Councillor J Griffiths (chair), Councillor Mrs G Wray, Councillor A Hopkin, Councillor Mrs H Hart, Councillor D Tams, Councillor D Leake, Parish Clerk Mrs A Kingston

2 Members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor C Critchlow, Councillor C Gilberts, Councillor K Barber, Staffordshire County Councillor L Bloomer, Stafford Borough Councillor Mrs. F Beatty and Stafford Borough Councillor A Harp.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8 NOVEMBER 2016 - MINUTES

**1436.RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as proposed and seconded by Parish Councillors Hart and Hopkin.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**1437.**None

### UPDATE ON ACTION LIST

**1438.**The Parish Council are pleased to announce their recent funding application to the Police and Crime Commissioners People Power fund has been successful. This will enable the purchase of equipment to allow the establishment of a Community Speedwatch programme in Weston. Anyone concerned with the speed of traffic in and around the village, who may be able to spare a few hours each month and would like to get involved, please contact the Parish Clerk [parishclerk@westonstaffs.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@westonstaffs.org.uk) **RESOLVED** – Councillor Tams to attend the next regional Community Speedwatch meeting.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

**1439.**The next branch meeting of the Society of Local Council Clerks is to be held in Lichfield on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to attend

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**1440.**A member of the public expressed concern regarding a vehicle that has been parked at the end of Old Road for a number of weeks. The Parish Council can confirm that they have already reported the presence of the vehicle to the police and the police have spoken to the owner and are aware. **RESOLVED** – Parish Clerk to contact Staffordshire County Council Highways department to raise concern regarding the parking of school busses as a result of the location of the parked car.

**1441.**A member of the public was in attendance to discuss the progress of the application to list the Woolpack Pub as an asset of Community Value. This is discussed in detail in item 1450 below.

### REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

**1442.** County Councillor Len Bloomer was not in attendance.

### REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

**1443.**Councillor Mrs F Beatty and Councillor A Harp were not in attendance.

### REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

**1444.**The Village Hall Committee expressed some concern with the use of a meeting room by the Parish Council to store some equipment during the work to the children's play area on The Green. The Parish Council confirmed this was an emergency situation and all effort had been made to acquire the key to the

Parish Council store. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to ensure contact details of Councillors and Village Hall Committee members are shared between both groups. **RESOLVED** – Councillor Wray to request the Village Hall Committee consider the provision of a key safe to ensure all keys are accessible when required.

**1445.** The Village Hall Committee have arranged for the NHS to remove the filing cabinet left in the Village Hall from the old doctors surgery.

## **DEVELOPMENTS**

**1446.** Planning application reference 16/25116/HOU at Kyne View, Moorleys Lane, Amerton was considered, the Parish Council have no objection to this application.

**1447.** Planning application reference 16/25203/FUL at Saracens Head, Weston was considered. Concerns were raised regarding access to the D333 road which provides access to the neighbouring cottages, and with the safety of traffic exiting onto the A518. The Parish Council were broadly in favour of the development providing the traffic concerns were addressed and that the recommendations in the Conservation Officer's report were adhered to. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to submit a formal response on behalf of the Parish Council.

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

**1448.** The Parish Council are delighted that the new item of play equipment has been installed and the repairs to the flooring are now complete. They would like to extend particular thanks to Weston Ground Maintenance for their support in preparing the ground for the repairs and to the Chair Colin Critchlow for his personal hard work in the removal of the existing flooring, and old items of equipment. The Parish Council also extended thanks to the Clerk for the initial application for funding and instigation of the project.

**1449.** Initial costings for the new signage for the Skate park were discussed. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to obtain additional quotes for comparison and decision in the new year.

## **ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE**

**1450.** The application to list the Woolpack Pub as an Asset of Community Value has been completed and will be submitted to Stafford Borough Council.

## **DOG FOULING**

**1451.** The Stafford Borough Council Dog warden is looking to undertake some evening and early morning checks in and around the village to try to identify offenders. Further leafleting to all households in the village is planned for early in the new year.

## **PARKING ISSUES IN WESTON**

**1452.** Concern has been raised regarding parking in and around The Green, particularly during the football on a Sunday. The issue has been reported to the local PCSO with the hope that a visit at key times may help to deter people from parking irresponsibly. **RESOLVED** – Clerk to write to the football club highlighting concerns and requesting players and supporters are reminded of the need to be considerate with their parking when attending matches.

## **FINANCES**

**1453. RESOLVED** – that the PC approve payments listed on the monthly Statement of Accounts/Receipts and Payments.

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**1455.** The proposed budget for 2017-18 was considered and each budget line reviewed. The budget line for Clerk Salary and hours were discussed and increased in line with NALC national guidance and

requirements of the Parish Council. The final budget was proposed by Councillor Hopkin and Seconded by Councillor Hart. **RESOLVED** – by unanimous vote to adopt the proposed budget for 2017-18 and to request a total precept amount of £30,964.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**1456.** There were no items of correspondence to consider.

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

**1457.** Parish Council meeting, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7:30pm at Weston Village Hall

**JAN GRIFITHS  
VICE CHAIRMAN**