

## Weston Under Wetherley Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7:30pm,  
12<sup>th</sup> July 2017, St Michael's Church

**Present:**

Councillor Jeff Arnold (Vice Chairman)

Councillor Pam Redford (Chairman)

Councillor Jenny Arnold

Councillor Wallace Redford

Councillor John Hammon

**In Attendance:**

Jane Chatterton Clerk & RFO

**Villagers: 1**

**16. Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

**17. Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**18. Public participation**

The Chairman suspended the Standing Orders.

**19. Councillor Vacancy**

In order to Co-opt a new Councillor a recruitment process had taken place. The applicants were asked to prepare a short speech in support of their application.

Applicant 1 - Nick Harrington addressed the Parish Council and spoke about his experience and vision for improvements to Weston Under Wetherley and active involvement in village activities including fund raising.

Applicant 2 - Peter Haine was unable to attend but Councillor Pam Redford read out his speech in support of his application this detailed his previous involvement in the Parish Plan and the active village wildlife conservation group and continued wish to develop these projects further.

The Parish Council would discuss each application in detail during a confidential session after the main meeting.

The Chairman re-instated the standing orders.

**20. Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting and Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were approved and the minutes were signed by the Chairman.

**21. Councillor's reports and items for future Agenda**

Reports received from County Councillor Cllr. Wallace Redford and District Councillor Cllr. Mrs Pam Redford.

**WCC Reports**

Councillor Wallace Redford updated that the County Council had met last Tuesday to discuss potential significant changes to funding for adult social care.

**Local Plan**

Councillor Pam Redford updated that WDC were waiting to move forward with the Local Plan.

The last report was circulated in the middle of June, consultations had gone back to the Inspector. It was noted that H50 at Cubbington would now not go ahead but it was likely that the development on Kings Hill would go ahead as planned.

A small grant scheme was available which could be applied to, funds for projects varied from between £500 to £2,000.

**ACTION:** Councillor Pam Redford to forward contact details to the Clerk.

**22. Correspondence**

Notification of road closures had been received.

13th August the B4453 Cubbington Road and Rugby Road Surface patching was taking place between Windmill Hill and Crown Way. WCC notice can be read on the website.

5th to 7th August 2017 B4453 Cubbington Road and Rugby Road would be closed for surface dressing.

For further information please visit the Warwickshire County Council Roadworks map, a link was available on the Village Website.

**23. Finance**

23.1 The following payments were approved: -

<b>Payments (Current Account)</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Value</b>
30.07.17	BACS	J Chatterton	Clerk's Salary July's 2017	
30.07.17	BACS	HMRC	July's Tax Payment for Clerk	£
30.07.17	BACS	J Chatterton	Office allowance & expenses July	£10.00
30.06.17	BACS	Louise Best	Internal Audit Fee	£65.00
30.06.17	BACS	St Michael's Church	Room Charge June Meeting	£20.00

**23.2 VAT**

It was noted that the VAT reclaim had been received from HMRC.

**RESOLVED THAT** the VAT reimbursement be noted.

**23.3 Quarterly Accounts Up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

The quarterly accounts up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were received and discussed. The report detailed a summary of expenditure against the budget.

Budget 2017 18	£8,870.50
Income up to 30 <sup>th</sup> June	£5,242.37
VAT to reclaim	£28.39
Total expenditure	£1,986.20

The balances on the bank accounts were confirmed as:

Main Account	£11,951.00
Savings Account	£ 8,921.86
Total	£20,872.86

**RESOLVED THAT** the quarterly accounts be approved.

**24. Planning**

Planning application was discussed for:

Reference: W/17/1264  
 Address: Weston House, Rugby Road  
 Proposal Change of use from public house to single residential property

**Comment:** The Parish Council had no objection in principle to the application for a single dwelling subject to adequate sewage being installed.

**ACTION:** Parish Council to write the WDC highlighting asking that they contact the owner/agent with a request for the site to be tidied in general, the overhanging hedges to be cut back and the property secured as the door is often open.

**25. Noticeboards**

It was noted that Dave Moorcroft had started the work for restoring the village assets.

Work was required to the noticeboards and before replacement was discussed in detail at the quoted figure of circa £3,000 further quotes would be sought to repair the current boards.

**ACTION:** Hardstanding installation under bench by Village Hall, agenda item for September's meeting.

**26. Trees**

Councillor Pam Redford reported that she had inspected the damaged trees on Sabin Drive and had sent an email to Martin Stacey. A meeting was planned for 19<sup>th</sup> July.

The trees in the Orchard which had also died were from an unconfirmed cause. The Parish Council agreed that they would cover the cost of their replacement. The trees would be fitted with substantial protection around the trucks to ensure they were not damaged from strimming.

The Parish Council asked if the Conservation Group would consider watering the trees especially the replacement trees once planted.

**ACTION:** Agenda item for September's meeting.

## **27. Planters**

The discussion of the care and maintenance of the plants at either end of the village was discussed. Time, effort and expense had gone into their installation but it was felt that more should be made to enhance their appearance. This would be achieved if the grass around them were to be kept cut and tidy, the planters had seasonal plants and flowers which were watered regularly particularly throughout the summer months.

Councillor Pam Redford had attended Cubbington's Parish Council's meeting who used the Community Pay Back Scheme to cut the areas of grass that the PC were responsible for. The fee was £150 per day.

This could be an option for Weston under Wetherley to use or for the PC to join in with Cubbington's contract and make arrangements for reimbursement.

It was noted that there were areas throughout the village where Ragwort had been identified.

### **RESOLVED THAT:**

- (i) The Clerk to put an advert on the PC website asking for volunteers to look after the area around the gates.
- (ii) Councillor Hammond to email Councillor Wallace Redford with details of the areas where Ragwort was evident.
- (iii) Once known Enforcement Officers at WDC to be notified of the Ragwort especially on the land at the Pub.

## **28. AOB**

### **HS2 Community Benefit Fund**

A meeting had taken place at Shire Hall providing details of funding available of £15m to spend over the next 10 years. This covered the area from London to Birmingham.

The County Council were also in partnership with Crowd Funding and match funding would be available.

Councillor Pam Redford had raised the idea of the cycle path. Councillor Redford would speak to the Chairman of Cubbington PC.

**Meeting Dates**

The meeting scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> November was moved to 6<sup>th</sup> December, 7:30pm.

It was noted that the dates for the remainder of the year were:

13<sup>th</sup> September 2017

26<sup>th</sup> October 2017

6<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**29. Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017** at 7:30pm at St Michael's Church.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN  
AT THE MEETING

13<sup>th</sup> September 2017