

## Weston Under Wetherley Parish Council

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7:30pm,  
7<sup>th</sup> March 2018, the St Michaels Church**

**Present:**

Councillor Jeff Arnold (Vice Chairman)  
Councillor Jenny Arnold  
Councillor Nick Harrington

Councillor Pam Redford (Chairman)  
Councillor Wallace Redford

**In Attendance:**

Jane Chatterton Clerk & RFO  
WDC: Councillor Trevor Wright

**Villagers: 0**

**97. Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

**98. Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**99. Public participation**

There were no members of the public present.

**100. Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January were approved and the minutes were signed by the Chairman.

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

Reports received from County Councillor, Councillor Wallace Redford and District Councillor, Councillor Trevor Wright.

Councillor Trevor Wright reported:

**Policing**

Warwickshire police had the following suggestions and had identified the key priorities by the public which would be implemented:

1. Speed checks and monitoring on Sandy Lane, Blackdown
2. Crime reduction patrols in Stoneleigh
3. Crime reduction patrols in Cubbington
4. Crime reduction patrols outbuildings in the Warwick East Rural areas
5. Crime reduction patrols in Radford Semele
6. Crime reduction patrols in Hunningham

Around April new policing operations plans for the area would be announced and there would be an experienced officer transferred to the Cubbington and surrounding areas to help reduce the level of crime and provide support in keeping the community safe.

In terms of manpower and following the representations by Councillor Pam Redford (WDC), Councillor Trevor Wright (WDC) and Councillor Wallace Redford (WCC) the policing team would be bolstered by a new beat officer, Ross Kirby, who was an experienced officer from Stratford currently operating in Leamington, he was well known for a no-nonsense approach. This was a positive step forward, but monitoring of the situation would continue.

### **Grants and Support**

In addition to the changes in various grants already covered attention was drawn to a new fund in the West Midlands which appeared to be underutilised.

This was called Groundwork. Information could be found at [www.groundwork.org.uk](http://www.groundwork.org.uk)

They currently distributed the proceeds collected from the sale of plastic bags from Tesco. Groundwork West Midlands was the local organisation and they supported different projects in the community.

### **Local Code of Governance**

In March a paper would be going to the Executive for approval which if adopted would be part of the Delivering Good Governance in local government and builds upon the 7 Nolan Principles of standards in public life.

### **Commonwealth Games 2022**

Leamington would host the bowling element of the commonwealth games in 2022.

It was felt that this would bring in significant revenues and interest into the whole local area and plans to build and capitalise on this were underway. A project board had been established to plan support and deliver various improvements in the facilities within the WDC area.

### **Councillor Wallace Redford WCC Updated on:**

#### **Hedge – Rugby Road**

The hedge along the Rugby Road, previously reported, which was overhanging the pavement had now been cut back. The verge overgrowing the footpath had also been cut back.

### **Cycleway Weston to Cubbington**

A meeting had been arranged with WCC officers, further update would be provided after the meeting.

## **102. Correspondence**

### **102.1 The Great British Spring Clean**

It was noted that this would take place at the end of March. Weston under Wetherley already had regular litter picks in the village.

**RESOLVED THAT** the correspondence be noted.

### **102.2 Sarah Shuttleworth, Wildlife Sites Surveyor WCC**

Clerk had been contacted by Sarah Shuttleworth at WCC in relation to a wildlife site survey. Contact details had been provided to Sarah who was liaising with the Wildlife Conservation Group.

**RESOLVED THAT** the update be noted.

### **102.3 Pathway and HS2 Community Benefit Fund**

Councillor Pam Redford reported that she had met last year with Andrew Savage and shown him what was required.

Following advice from Sara Lee she had subsequently spoken with Michael Newham about land searches along the Rugby Road from Weston into Cubbington.

It would appear that once again the parish council had drawn a blank. Micheal Newham had updated that after he had checked ownership of the land along which the road and verges ran, all the land that the road and verges covered were unregistered, meaning that there were no owners. WCC only had the responsibility of maintaining them.

The Parish Council would check with the Land Registry who owned the adjacent land. However, if ownership of the verges could not be proven the parish council could still not put a bid in to HS2.

It was noted that any application would have to be made via the Clerk. If successful this would involve extra work outside of the normal hours. The Clerk agreed that she was happy to undertake this. Additional hours to be paid if required.

A survey would be created to ask villagers for ideas for projects and then applications to the Community Benefit Fund could be made.

#### **ACTION:**

- (i) Clerk to contact the Land Registry and ascertain who the owners of the verges along the Rugby Road, B4453 from Weston to Cubbington were.
- (ii) A survey to be produced to gather ideas for other projects/applications.

### **Meeting with Balfour Beatty**

Councillor Pam Redford updated that a meeting had been arranged with Andy deBell from Balfour Beatty to look at the details associated with the B4453 bridge. It was worth noting that the various bridges and structures associated with the HS2 line were being developed in a priority sequence, so the detail regarding this bridge was not completely ready yet. However, regardless of progress with the design a meaningful discussion about when the details would be available and the villagers' aspirations and concerns would take place.

**103. Finance**

103.1 to approve payments: -

Payments (Current Account)				
Date	Reference	Payee	Details	Value
28.02.18	BACS	J Chatterton	Clerk's Salary February 2018	
28.02.18	BACS	HMRC	February's Tax Payment for Clerk	£89.40
28.02.18	BACS	J Chatterton	Office allowance & expenses February	£10.00
30.03.18	BACS	J Chatterton	Clerk's Salary March 2018	
30.03.18	BACS	HMRC	March's Tax Payment for Clerk	£
30.03.18	BACS	J Chatterton	Office allowance & expenses March	£10.00
28.02.18	BACS	St Michaels Church	Room Meeting (January)	£20.00
28.02.18	BACS	Village Hall	Annual Parish Meeting Venue	£15.00

**RESOLVED THAT** the payments be approved.**104. Planning**

There were no planning applications for discussion.

**105. Policy Updates****105.1 Training Policy**

A draft Training Policy was discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the Training Policy be approved.**106. Asset Register**

The Asset Register was discussed. No updates were required.

**RESOLVED THAT** the Asset Register be approved.**107. CCTV**

Councillor Harrington reported on the feedback received from the Village Hall Committee in relation to the installation of CCTV. The Village Hall Committee had decided that they were not prepared to meet half the cost of installing the CCTV and were concerned about the daily checking of footage.

The issue with dog owners not clearing up after their dogs on the playing fields continue.

**ACTION:** Councillor Harrington to liaise with the Dog Warden.**108. Rubbish Bin**

Councillor Pam Redford reported that she had contacted contract services to raise the issue with waste bins not being emptied and when Parish Councils complained previously they were told that it was not WDC responsibility.

Not only had this happened in Weston under Wetherley but now in Bubbenhall, they had two bins in the playing field, both of which had been emptied by WDC contractors in the past. The waste bin was on the verge by the bus stop and was now being considered a health hazard because it was so full of general waste, but more particularly dog waste.

**RESOLVED THAT** the update be noted.

**109. Village Emergency Plan**

Correspondence had been received in relation to when the Village Emergency Plan was last updated and enquiring what plans were to update the VEP.

**ACTION:** Clerk to read through old documentation and update.

**110. Annual Parish Meeting**

The Annual Parish meeting had been scheduled for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April and would be held at the Village Hall.

Councillor Harrington would liaise with attendees and speakers from last year's meeting inviting them to provide an update this year.

The Parish Council had invited the Local Prostate Cancer Trust to attend the Annual Parish Meeting. The team would offer blood tests to any willing gentlemen (discreetly in the side room). Anyone wishing to have the test can do so and in return it was hoped would make a small donation to the very worthwhile charity.

It was agreed that the parish council would also make a donation to the Prostate Cancer Trust.

**RESOLVED THAT**

- (i) Councillor Harrington invite villagers to speak at the meeting.
- (ii) The parish council would make a donation to the Prostate Cancer Trust.

**111. Playing field fence**

Councillor Harrington reported that he had been liaising with Jonathan Huxley, Green Space Development Manager, WDC. Work was underway and a gate would be installed opposite the sleeping policeman on Sabin Drive.

**RESOLVED THAT** the update be noted.

**112. Grass Cutting**

It was reported that Weston under Wetherley would receive 12 cuts this year. Councillor Harrington received an update when the mowing would take place.

**RESOLVED THAT** the update be noted.

**112. Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **11<sup>th</sup> April 2018** at 7:45pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm

(Councillor Pam Redford)  
SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN

24<sup>th</sup> May 2018