

## WESTON ON THE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017

#### Public Participation session: 15 minutes maximum

- Any news on the leak in the side of mill-race bank?  
Clerk: Farm Manager had been unable to identify exactly where leak in the bank. There is constant seepage – leak is a seepage not a flow.
- Star Gate – rear of The Manor. Request that hinges to gate be repaired.  
Clerk to contact Weston Manor
- Concern over removal of hedge on B430 near airfield.  
Clerk: the land-owner had been requested by Highways to clear dead elm trees and suckers from hedge as considered a hazard. The intention is to clear hedge, see what grows back and replant where necessary.
- Poor mobile 'phone coverage, especially O<sub>2</sub>. Clerk to notify mobile 'phone company of problem and to check whether improvements to the transmitter mast were ever completed.

#### Council Business:

**Cllrs present:** Cllrs. Davis, Donne, Hessian, Miller, Norris, Roper.

#### 17.310.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Apologies received from Cllr. Bohm who is recovering from an operation.

#### 17.310.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Cllr. Roper declared an interest in Item 17.310.5

#### 17.310.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting (308) held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017

The Minutes were approved as read.

#### 17.310.4 Past Subject Matters – for the purpose of report only

From 17.309.4:

1. Big Society Fund – Ian Hudspeth had replied that they (O.C.C.) had no issues with the Parish Council retaining the £5,000 grant monies for community projects.
2. Trees in the Dower House garden – yet to be cut back by owners
3. Visit by John Howell, MP – meeting being arranged for April/May
4. Use of Drones – Clerk had received a response from RAF Brize Norton who had supplied a copy of the "Drone Code" which advises:
  - Don't fly near airports and airfields
  - Don't fly higher than 120m (400ft) anywhere
  - Stay 150ft (50m) away from people and property – 150m (500ft) from crowds and built up areas. Further details on PC website.: Clerk to explain drone issues in next Village News: **ACTION**

#### 17.310.5 To approve following item of expenditure

Duchy of Cornwall – increase in playing rent for current year:

£77.98

Clerk to check conditions of lease to ascertain whether any increase is based on a price index. **Approved ACTION**

OALC – Annual subscription:

£133.07

**Approved**

**17.310.6 To approve proposal to grant funds to the Village Hall for the purchase of old style telephone kiosk for use as a local library.**

It was agreed that a sum of £500 would be pledged towards the project, payable when the monies were needed to purchase the kiosk. A further sum could be made available if it meant finalising the total funding of the project.

**Approved**

**17.310.7 To receive information on Planning Applications and note decisions**

See summary planning sheet supplied by Cllr. Donne and circulated to Cllrs at meeting (attached to Minutes as Addendum).

**17/00029/NMA – Manor Farm**

No comments

**17/0 0190/CLUE – Keepers Cottage (Bletchington)**

Agreed to respond to CDC explaining that in other areas of Weston on the Green (e.g. Knowle Lane, North Lane) similar situations exist where gardens have been extended onto agricultural land and a common approach to what is or isn't allowed needs to be applied.

**ACTION**

**17/00296/F (RETROSPECTIVE) – Manor Farm House**

The gateway has always existed (as a farm gate onto agricultural land. The concern is that the newly installed trackway is used for non-agricultural purposes.

Agreed to respond to CDC that approval could be granted subject to the condition that it is only used for access to agricultural land and equestrian building.

**ACTION**

**17/00022/TCA – Church-yard**

Already approved

**16/02600/F Workshop extension to Quick Fit Garage**

Application has been withdrawn

**17/00054/F I Sub-division of existing plot and erection of new 3 bed detached dwelling.**

Objections from the Parish Council have already been submitted.

**16/02534/F – The Moat - Extension and alterations to stabling block.**

This application has been withdrawn and details removed from the CDC Planning Portal. It was deemed an invalid application as the description of the land on which the stable block stands referred to it as "domestic curtilage" and this is incorrect.

**APP/C3105/W/17/3166498 – Chicken Farm, Pinchgate Lane – appeal.**

Any additional information provided by the applicant to support the application would be reviewed to see whether the Parish Council needs to comment on the appeal.

**ACTION**

**17.310.8 To receive update on Neighbourhood Plan.**

Cllr. Davis explained that the NP had been written but additional data needed to be added, with the Appendices cross-referenced to the main document. The Condition Statement had been written and the NP would go back to the desk top publisher for layout. Final draft will be circulated to councillors prior to signing off at the April PC meeting. Documents will go on the NP website and the PC website will also provide link to that site.

**17.310.9 To receive report on playing field / pond**

Moles still an issue . some success but difficult to set traps in wet weather. Clerk to ask Duchy as to any recommendations they have for mole

treatment. Timber in spinney is scheduled for removal in May 2017. Duchy will then replant with native English hardwood trees.

Mr A Wilcox would be asked whether he would be prepared to erect a mole-fence on the southern boundary of the playing field. A similar request would be made to the Duchy for the fence on the spinney side of the playing-field.

A suggestion that the Parish Council utilise the services of a professional mole-catcher who currently works in the village was not appropriate as he had indicated that he did not want to work for the Parish Council.

**17.310.10 To discuss proposals for One Oxfordshire**

Details of the proposals had already been circulated to Cllrs. No equivalent document had been received from Cherwell. Cllrs. decided not comment on the proposals at this stage.

**17.310.11 Additional comments raised by Cllr. Miller:**

- \* 40 mph sign on ground (southbound B430 outside Newby Cottage)
- \* Signs outside Manor Farm – any feedback from Highways?
- \* Redundant posts that held the “Weston on the Green” signs near the village gates.
- \* Redundant bus-stop sign posts
- \* Wind damaged directional road signs.

Clerk to contact Highways

**ACTION**

**17.310.12 Date of next meeting: 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

Other meeting dates for 2017:

3<sup>rd</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Note: See attached Addendum

**ADDENDUM to Minutes (see 17.310.7)**

**Outstanding Planning APPs 1st March 2017 – as circulated to Cllrs at meeting**

**17/00029/NMA** - Non-Material amendment to 16/01435/F - Change roof materials from black onduline or similar corrugated cement sheeting to redland mini stonewold slate grey.

Godwins Caravan And Camping Park Manor Farm Northampton Road Weston On The Green Bicester OX25 3QL

This is the Shower and Toilet Block for the Caravan and Camping Site

View - **Comments please**

**17/0 0190/CLUE** - Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use of land as residential garden area. Keepers Cover Church Lane Weston On The Green Bicester OX25 3QU  
Green Belt Issue - see Moat - has arisen during sale/purchase - Outside Parish but on boundary of Weston on the Green.

Other comment was: This application was discussed by Bletchingdon Parish Council on 23rd February. Concern was raised over the lack of detail in the application and Cllrs were unable to understand exactly the reasoning behind this Certificate of Lawfulness or the size of the piece of land that it included in it. It appeared that this application was doubling the residential garden making it the size of a football pitch.

The Sale Brochure talks about 4 acres and there is ample space, subject to planning where required, for the extension of the current building or the installation of a swimming pool or tennis court

PC View - **Comments please**

**17/00296/F (RETROSPECTIVE)** - Development of a low grade access track from an existing field gateway to the existing stable block  
Manor Farm House, Northampton Road, Weston On The Green, Bicester OX25 3QL

PC View - **Comments Please**

**17/00022/TCA** - Tree Work in Church Yard

PC View - **Decision given - Yes - No TPOs required**

**16/02600/F Workshop extension to Quick Fit Garage**

Withdrawn due to issues of Green Belt - would have been refused. Asked to redo but smaller.

**17/00054/F I Sub-division of existing plot and 6rection of new 3 bed detached dwelling.** Stonehouse, Northampton Road, Weston On The Green, Bicester OX25 3QX

PC View - **Objection Lodged already**