

# **WESTON ON THE GREEN**

## **Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

### **Public participation session:**

The following concerns were raised:

- Water in the moat – water supply had stopped. Clerk – the weir was working well and the leakage by the sluice had been repaired. There was plenty of water in the stream to the millpond, although the level of water in the millpond was some 4” lower than it has been. Cllr Norris would investigate further.
- How many meetings has our district councillor attended? Reply - Only once in the last 3 or more years. A similar situation exists for our county councillor. Once the district elections were over (May 5<sup>th</sup>), a new approach would be made to whoever was elected for our Ward.
- Footpath in North Lane – update. Waiting for a report from Cllr. Donne regarding ownership. Graham Barnett (Public Path Warden) has been notified.

#### **15.301.1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

#### **15.301.2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Proposed and approved that both the current Chairman & Vice-Chairman be re-elected; i.e. Kate Hessian – Chairman, Susan Davis – Vice-Chairman

#### **15.301.3 To receive any apologies for non-attendance**

Cllrs present: D. Bohm, S. Davis, K. Hessian, J. Miller, T. Norris, J. Roper.  
Cllr H. Donne had indicated that he would be late arriving.

#### **15.301.4 To receive any declarations of interest**

None declared

#### **15.301.5 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016.**

Correction to 1<sup>st</sup> page: condition of footpath described to explain actual complaint.

#### **15.301.6 Past Subject Matters – for the purpose of report only**

- Village Gates: waiting to be painted
- Moles: some success but new style of trap recommended and about to be used.
- Pond maintenance: Cllr Miller had repaired the edge of the pond in north Lane. Top soil needed to fill in depression between grass and boarding. Cllr Miller thanked for carrying out this work.
- Hole in Bletchingdon Road by side of Gallosbrook still in need of attention.
- Bus Service: no further news on the 25A service. OCC & bus companies are encouraging villages to get together to see whether a replacement similar to the old Dial-a-Ride service could be provided. No further news

from Stagecoach re. route S5 as to whether they could re-route some of their buses through the village.

- Real Ale Festival – no objection raised by Duchy. Up to the Parish Council to decide whether they think a Real Ale Festival is appropriate and whether adequate toilet and parking facilities could be put in place

**15.301.7 To approve the following items of expenditure**

Grass-cutting – Continental Landscapes, March 2016: £118.56 - Approved

Clerk to obtain quotes from other companies and see whether we can get 1, 2 or 3 year quotes for grass-cutting

CAME & Co. Insurance: £545.29 – not approved

Clerk to obtain quotes from other companies

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

List of applications and recent decisions read out.

**15.301.9 To approve a proposal that a convex safety mirror be erected on a post opposite the entrance to Church Close on Church Lane, for a trial period of 12 months and subject to approval from relevant authorities, along with acceptance of the offer from OCC Highways to paint a new white “Give Way” line at the junction as proposed at recent meeting of councillors with OCC Highways official.**

A meeting had taken place with OCC Highways on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016 to discuss the above proposal and Cllr. Davis had circulated a report of that meeting. The “Give Way” lines would protrude further out into Church Lane and make the junction more noticeable to traffic. OCC Highways are prepared to do this at no cost to the Parish Council although the work would probably not be done until July due to budgetary constraints. It was noted that the hedge that currently restricts the view for cars leaving Church Close is the inner beech hedge of Holly House.

Highways have no objection to a mirror being placed opposite the junction so that those exiting Church Close have a better view of oncoming traffic. If on Highways land, approval would be required. If on private land planning permission may be required but no approval needed from Highways. There were two possible sites – on private land of Jubilee Cottage or on the telegraph pole or highways verge outside Ropeld, Church Lane.

The proposal as written above was approved. A combination of the two measures would be trialled for 12 months with a survey of local residents and others that use the junction to see whether these measures were considered as making the junction safer.

**15.301.10 To receive report on Play-area/Playing field**

Waiting for Playdale to look at costs of repair/resurfacing of soft-surfaces and replacement parts. Request that area in front of the goals could be levelled and reseeded.

Cllr. Roper was asked to put in writing what he considers are the problems with the playing field and how they could be rectified, what would be the costs and where the funding could come from. Only then could the matter be discussed as an Agenda item.

**Update on Neighbourhood Plan by Cllr Bohm (non Agenda item)**

A financial report had been submitted. This will form part of the formal accounts that the Parish Copuncil will be asked to approve prior to submitting the financial summary to the external auditors.

A meeting between the Neighbourhood Plan team and the Parish Council would hopefully take place in May so that Councillors could fully understand what the plan is about and its proposals.

**Weston on the Green Village News – Cllr Davis**

Cllr Davis had met with the editor of the Village News and had agreed that a summary of council matters be provided for each edition.

**15.301.11 Date of next meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 (Annual Parish Meeting)**

Other meeting dates:, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 (approval of annual accounts), 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016