

WESTON ON THE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 1st February 2017

Public Participation session: 15 minutes maximum

Patsy Parsons/Parish Clerk: commented on the poor state of Knowle Lane with numerous potholes and flooding. Exacerbated by broken water main at entrance to Knowle Farm.

Louise Talbot asked for progress as to how the Parish Council were dealing with traffic calming issues. Cllr Hessian explained that she and Cllr. Davis had been delegated to look at provision of grants and other funding options. She stressed that they were looking at scheme(s) that applied to the whole village and not just Church Lane/Church Rd.

Clerk reported that Islip were applying for a 20mph limit throughout the village. Different scenario to Weston on the Green as some traffic calming measures were already in place (speed humps) and street lighting already in place.

Concern raised over possible smells from proposed chicken farm at Pinchgate Lane. Explained that this set-up was a different design to other local chicken farms and smells are minimised. Application has been refused by CDC.

Council Business:

17.309.1 To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Present: Cllrs. Davis, Donne, Hessian, Miller & Norris.

Apologies received from Cllrs. Bohm and Roper

17.309.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Cllr. Miller registered an interest in the Neighbourhood Plan report.

17.309.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting (308) held on 11th January 2017

Minutes were approved as read.

17.309.4 Past Subject Matters – for the purpose of report only

- Planning issues – Clerk has contacted A. Preston who indicated a wish to look at previous planning issues and the way they had been handled.
- Big Society Fund – contact had not responded – Leader of OCC, Ian Hudspeth had promised to investigate.
- Moles: Ardley had been contacted but neither clerk nor Chair were aware that there had been any problems. Chair of Playing Field Committee had been approached.
- Precept application had been submitted
- Trees in Dower House garden. Owner had been informed that overhanging branches would be cut back with off-cuts left in garden
- Visit by John Howell – Secretary for John Howell would come back with suggested dates

17.309.5 To approve following items of expenditure

- Village Hall hire - November 2016 – January 2017 £60.00 - **Approved**

17.309.6 To receive information on Planning Applications and note decisions

Since previous meeting:

- Mill House – new doors - pending
- Land adjacent to 5 Landscape Close – approved
- Reinstatement of Manor Gate piers – pending
- Moat House – pending

New applications received

- 16/02600/F – Quick Fit Garage, A34 Northbound – extension to workshop
- 17/00022/TCA – Churchyard trees
- 17/00054/F – Stonehouse, Oxford Rd – new dwelling
- 17/00190/CLUE – Keepers Cover, Bletchington Rd – change of use of land

Meeting closed temporarily to allow members of public to discuss application. Concern over cars being parked in lay-by and obstructing view of residents trying to exit their drives onto B430 – safety issue.

From a Neighbourhood Plan perspective this is not infilling but a “back-yard/garden” development and not supported by the Neighbourhood Plan nor the Local Plan.

Meeting reopened: Parish Council to object **ACTION: Cllr Donne/Clerk**

Keeper's Cottage – not in WOTG parish but close to edge of village. There are similar situations (agricultural land being used / acquired for gardens, in Knowle Lane, North Lane. Need to keep a watching brief as to the outcome of this application.

17.309.7 To receive report on Neighbourhood Watch

Patsy Parsons spoke on the WOTG scheme. There were 45 members, broken down into streets with each street having its own co-ordinator. Scheme depends heavily on the TVP Alert Scheme which publicises issues and warnings, usually by email. Problem at the moment in that the local Reginal Watch Co-ordinator has stepped down and there is nobody in that role at the moment – so few messages coming through. How do we get alerts to people quickly? Maybe utilise a Facebook page?

On a related matter the issue of drones being flown over the village was discussed. Concern that this was a “No-Fly” zone because of adjacent RAF Weston on the Green.

ACTION: Clerk to check regulations

17.309.8 To receive update on Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Davis gave an update. Site-brief is being prepared by R. Evans. Appendices were completed.

Information need to ascertain how many people in the village would be interested in affordable housing for themselves, family, relatives, etc.

Cllr. Miller reported that an Outline Planning application is likely to be submitted for one of the proposed sites in 6 – 8 weeks time.

17.309.9 To receive report on playing field / pond

Mole treatment was continuing but continual wet weather restricting the setting of traps. Work on the spinney was continuing and improvements to area near the road were taking shape. No further news at the moment as to when the Duchy contractor would be felling the poplar trees.

Cllr. Miller had spoken with Jon Kirk who was willing to help “refurbish” the duck-pond with help from others.

17.309.10 Date of next meeting: 1st March 2017

Other meeting dates for 2017:

5th April, 3rd May, 7th June, 5th July, 6th September, 4th October, 1st November, 6th December.

