

# WESTON ON THE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

### Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017

#### Public Participation session: 15 minutes maximum

- M. East: thanks for the cutting of the hedge around edge of Rose Cottage. This was believed to have been done by N. Machin.
- M. East: Update on footpath from Village Hall to Westlands Ave. The path nearest Westlands Ave has no hard surfacing and in wet weather deteriorates so much so that some residents avoid using it. Clerk reported that the matter has been raised with the appropriate authorities but no further news as yet.
- Lib/Dem candidate for O.C.C. (Dawn Glatz) - interested in problems in the village. Cllrs. explained that traffic, transport, lack of facilities such as school, library, playgroup, etc., are all issues. She was thanked for her interest.

#### Council Business:

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

All councillors present:

Cllrs. Bohm, Davis, Donne, Hessian, Miller, Norris, Roper

##### 17.311.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Cllr. Miller

**At this point of the meeting the Chairman read out a statement – see attached – concerning a request to alter previously approved minutes.**

##### 17.311.3 To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting (310) held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017

Subject to the following amendment: Item 17.310.2 should read 17.310.6, the minutes were approved.

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

\* Star Gate – Weston Manor have been asked if they could attend hinges of gate.

\* Poor mobile coverage. O2 phone company have been contacted – they confirmed that the work on the new aerial had been completed but there was an issue with coverage and they would be looking at re-alignment of the signal.

\* Trees in dower House garden would be cut back later in April

\* Visit by John Howell would take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> April

\*17.310.5 – Playing field lease – Clerk confirmed that rent was reviewed every 3 years and any rent increase was based on RPI

\*17.310.10 - One Oxfordshire: Cllr Davis reported on the meeting held by Cherwell (Cllr. Wood). The unitary proposals are not supported by CDC or local MPs

\* 17.310.11 Highways have been contacted and notified of issues. They will attend to issues as and when time and money permit.

\*Goal posts – Letter of thanks had been sent to Paul Beecroft.

- 17.311.5 To receive timetable for Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting, Internal Audit, and completion of Annual Review**  
Clerk circulated and explained the timetable for Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting. Dates were also itemised by which the accounts needed to be audited (internally) prior to approval by Council and submitted to BDO (external auditor). The timetable also included the schedule of Parish Council meetings for the rest of the year.  
Date of Annual Parish Meeting needs to be re-scheduled. **ACTION - Clerk**
- 17.311.6 To approve following item of expenditure:**  
Cherwell District Council – dog bin emptying                      £192.19 - **Approved**
- 17.311.7 To discuss and approve grass cutting contracts and purchase of playing field storage unit.**  
The Chairman circulated a break-down of costs associated with grass-cutting. Savings made by cutting grass by volunteers would probably pay for the cost a suitable secure container/shed for the mower..  
Alternative quotes required before any decision can be made as to purchase  
**ACTION – Cllr. Hessian**
- 17.311.8 To receive information on Planning Applications and note decisions**
- \* Keepers Cover, Bletchingdon Rd. – retrospective planning application has been submitted concerning change of use of agricultural land to garden. Concern that similar situations already exist in Weston on the Green which have not been dealt with by the planning process.
  - \* 17/00054/F – Stonehouse, new dwelling – application rejected
  - \* 16/02534/F – The Moat. Original application withdrawn and revised application submitted. No objections from P.C.
  - \* 17/00296/F – Manor Farm House. Creation of trackway (retrospective) - approved
  - \*17/00078/TCA – North View – canopy reduction of yew tree – approved
  - \* 17/00084/TCA – Prospect House – fell trees and replant – approved
  - \* 17/00614/F – Green’s Cottage / Springwell House – demolition of The Bothy – P.C. objects because of historical connection
  - \* 17/00642/F – Dower House – Conversion of timber framed garage to new dwelling house - P.C. objects
  - \* 17/00687/TPO – Beech tree in Vicarage garden – approved

- \* 17/00631/AGN – Erection of agricultural barn. P.C. objects. Land should have been returned to original state. RSPCA have recently been involved because of cattle being kept on site.  
A business is already being run on the site. object Green belt.  
P.C.
- \* College Farm – poultry units – planning appeal. Additional data on emissions submitted by applicant. Comments remain the same – concern over traffic in Dolly’s Lane.
- \* Footpath diversion in North Lane – by Stoneyfield.

**17.311.9 To receive update on Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Bohm distributed a draft copy of the Plan and provided a summary of the current situation – see attached.

**17.311.10 To receive project updates and agree timetables for completion, e.g:**

**\* Traffic calming**

Cllr. Hessian explained the need to raise money before grants offered. A Facebook page had been set up requesting ideas for fundraising. Various ideas proposed but mega-fundraising activity required.

**\* Hedge cutting**

Cllr. Norris reported on progress. Noted the amount “junk” left in hedgerows. Also a lot of dead wood that needs removal. Further update at next meeting.

**ACTION: Cllr. Norris**

**\* Village gates (north end of village)**

Discuss at next meeting (positioning of gates)

**\* Others**

Cllr. Miller reported that he had been asked by Mr G West (Newbridge Farm House) to repair and build a barrier to combat bank erosion. Environment Agency/Natural England involved in proposals

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

- \* Playground signs need replacing
- \* Gates to play area need attention (not closing)
- \* Fixtures on swings rusting
- \* Soft surfacing needs attention
- \* Plastic caps to nuts and bolts on play equipment required

Clerk to contact Playdale for site visit

**ACTION: Clerk**

Wood chippings from beech tree felling in Vicarage garden have been provided for use on spinney footpaths

In reply to a query from M. East regarding the grass outside the Ben Jonson the Clerk reported that Eric Payne had offered to cut this grass when he cuts the grass by the stocks.

**17.311.12 Date of next meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017**

Other meeting dates for 2017:

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.