

WESTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Monday 21st September 2015

Present; Cllrs Green, Williamson, Bowles, Harper, Newton and Pendenque (until 7.39)

District Cllrs P Watson, N Atkin and H Coyle and County Cllr R Davison
Also present; 9 members of the public

Public participation

The public participation section of the meeting began with a member of the public, the daughter of Mrs Rodgers of 49, Main Street, complaining loudly about the way she felt the Parish Council had treated her mother and Rev Rodgers over the past year. Cllr Green was unable to answer as the situation quickly became impossible to control with other members of the public speaking and with Cllr Pendenque (partner of Mrs Rodger's daughter) joining in. He stated that the Council had lied about the situation. On several occasions Cllr Green asked for silence from the public and for Cllr Pendenque to remain silent, which was ignored until County Cllr Davison intervened and asked for silence for the Clerk to speak. The clerk advised Cllr Pendenque that he needed to declare an interest in the subject which he refused to do. Cllr Coyle stated that if the Chair was calling the meeting to order then those present should remain quiet. Cllr Pendenque then stormed out of the meeting along with Mrs Rodger's daughter (at 7.39 pm)

Other Parishioners complained about the state of overgrown hedges in Park Lane- Clerk to write to the householders. Also the pot holes in Trent Lane are getting worse, Clerk to report.

A question was asked about the bin on The Green which has a sticker saying dog waste can be put in it. This is acceptable but general waste can also be put in it.

District Councillor's report N Atkin

Cllr Atkin reported that Richmond Villages have sold 55% of the dwellings. There will be an open day on 26th September. They are close to signing a deal with a developer for remaining 75 houses.

SDDC Enforcement Officers investigated some building at the Chalet Park and allowed it.

Proposed crematorium in Aston- application is with the Secretary of State and a decision is expected soon.

SDDC met with Parish Councils to discuss open spaces and sport provision.

Cllr Mrs H Coyle reported that new cash machines have been installed at SDDC which will speed up payments.

Derbyshire, Derby City, Nottinghamshire and Nottingham city have put in a joint bid for devolution powers.

The local plan will be finalised in new year.

County Councillor's report

Cllr Davison gave the Council his thoughts on the possible siting of the bench and the need for a plaque to be placed on it.

Shardlow quarry meeting will take place tomorrow

He gave an update on broadband provision -we are in phase 2, somewhere between September 2016 and the end of 2018

1.Apologies- Cllrs Mrs Record

2.Cllr Declaration of Interests

none declared

3.Minutes of the previous meeting, having been previously circulated the minutes were deemed to have been read and were agreed as a true record of the meeting held on August 17th 2015.

4.Matters arising

The bench in Trent Lane - after the last meeting the Council was advised by the police and District Council not to deal directly with the householders, we needed a solicitor. We contacted a solicitor and were also advised to contact a surveyor. The surveyor said that the boundary at 49 Main Street is a significant distance back from the pavement.(based on their survey,the householder's plan and Land Registry information.) As building had started the solicitor advised the Council that they would need to get injunction which would have cost too much. The Solicitor feels that DCC has the best claim on the land.

The height of the wall and proximity to the pavement sets a precedent. The Council complained to the District Council about it's behaviour but it was not upheld.

Cllr Mrs Record thinks bench should be able to go back in the original position. There is no more to be done at the moment.

If any parishioner wants to see plans and surveyors report contact clerk.

The council intends to complain to the ombudsman about the planning decision.

Postcode on Swarkestone Road- Cllr Williamson contacted the residents about changing the post code, all agreed except one so it cant go ahead. The Clerk will write to SDDC to request additional road signs, one before the end of the 30MPH

sign and one just after the bridleway. This should make it obvious that it is still Swarkestone Road

The Council has been successful in its bid to the Community Partnership Scheme for £5560 towards equipment for the recreation ground. Match funding is being sought.

The stickers for wheelie bins reminding motorists that there is a 30MPH limit in the village have arrived. The Clerk will organise areas for the Councillors to deliver to.

5. Reports;

Chair's report –
matters already covered

Clerks report

Notices were placed in the boards asking if anyone would like to be trained to use the hand held cameras but no-one has come forward.

The last visit of the Sportsmobile was well attended

The Clerk asked the Councillors if anyone knows where the plaques for the trees on the Green are. Cllr Williamson knows and will put back when suitable.

The next Area Forum and Safer Neighbourhoods meeting is on 29th October in Melbourne.

The picnic bench on the recreation ground has been vandalised. Steve Cooper thinks it could be mended but the Council decided to wait for the Spring and purchase a new one.

A Parishioner reported that motor bikes are using Long Walk Wood, (Hanson's land) Cllr Green to mention it at the meeting tomorrow

Footpath officer's report

All footpaths have been walked, 1 and 4 need strimming.

6.Planning

9/2015/0764 retrospective application for the erection of a wooden sales and management office ancillary to the chalet park already permitted at Westonhill Chalet Park, 23, Bridge Lane, Weston on Trent

7.Correspondence

SDDC Town/parish Council Snow Warden Scheme – Council decided not to participate

Letter from SDDC about a letter they had received from Cllr Pendenque about the siting of street names.

Letter from Western Power requesting details of Christmas lighting.

for circulation
Clerks and Councils Direct
Derby City Local Plan
Richmond Village open day information

8 Web site

Cllr Harper to get some idea of costs

9 Speeding

As the wheelie bin stickers have arrived we will see if they make any difference.

10. Finance

Invoices awaiting payment

S Cooper grass cutting £513.31
mower repair £486.45
Grant Thornton- Audit £240
mole eradication £ 40

Audit – passed with a reminder not to complete any of the form in pencil and to ensure dates tally.

Bank mandate- the Clerk reminded Councillors to take their identification to the bank

The meeting closed at 10.00