

WESTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Monday November 16th 2015

Present; Cllrs Green, Bowles, Newton, Williamson, Harper, Pendenque, Mrs Record, County Cllr Rob Davison and District Cllr Neil Atkin

Also present 11 members of the public

Public session

A parishioner reported that the problem in Trent Lane is the erosion of the grass verge not potholes.

Another parishioner who lives on Main Street objected to the proposed siting of the bench as he felt it would obstruct sight lines. He suggested alternative sites for the bench, in front of the Village Hall or alongside the door or on the piece of land by the Village Hall carpark

A complaint about cars parking outside the village hall was made, the village hall to be asked again to ask their users to use the carpark.

Mrs Rogers reported that she wished to make a formal complaint to the Parish Council about the use of Parish funds. She was asked to put the complaint in writing.

Other comments concerned speeding under the bridge at Chellaston Cottages and the trees in Park Lane.

District Cllrs report

Cllr Atkin reported that the next stage of the local Plan consultation is underway, he advised the Councilors to look at it as developers have put forward a site on the Aston / Weston boundary for a small development of up to 25 houses.

Swadlincote lights will be switched on on 27th November.

The devolution report was withdrawn as invalid.

County Councilor's report

Cllr Davison apologised for arriving late at the last meeting, just as the meeting finished . He reported that requests for primary school places closes today. He attended the quarry liaison meeting and reported that working times have been set at 7am -7pm Monday to Friday and 7am -1pm on Saturdays. He gave a brief update on Elvaston Castle (it was turned down by Heritage funding, but promised £150,000 from DCC so they can reapply)

1 Apologies- District Cllrs Mrs Hilary Coyle and Peter Watson

2. Cllr Declaration of Interests –

None declared. – Cllr Pendenque refused the Clerk's request to declare an interest in the siting of the bench, stating that SDDC said he didn't need to.

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 19th October 2015 (copy attached) with the following amendments; Cllr Newton not Bowles replied in the public session and 8. should read 'alternative quote'

4. Matters arising

The bench in Trent Lane – Cllr Mrs Record proposed that the matter of the bench be deferred , a vote was taken, 6 in favour 1 against.

The planning application for the crematorium in Aston was passed.

Cemetery provision is still being looked at it was suggested that Weston residents could use Aston cemetery at an extra charge.

5. Reports;

Chairman's report

Cllr Green attended the Area Forum and Safer Neighbourhoods meeting. There have been several burglaries in Aston and Weston and additional uniformed and plain clothed police are being used. There has been no change in the crime rate over the last year. Vicky Centro has been replaced by WPC Gemma Thursfield. Speeding issues are being addressed; more people are being trained to use the cameras.

If bikes are spotted in Long Walk or Middle Woods please report them to the Police.

The Cuttlebridge junction was discussed, which is generally felt to be very dangerous.

Cllr Green laid the wreath in church on Remembrance Sunday.

Clerk's Report

The next Area Forum is on Tuesday January 26th at Stanton by Bridge Village Hall.

Travellers have been reported in the district, the advice is to keep gates locked. Under 5's have offered an outdoor dolls house to go in the Under 8's play area – Clerk to look at it.

Footpath Officer's report – all are walkable (but muddy). The Canal and Rivers Trust have been cutting trees down. The steps on path 1 have been cleared

Donington Park meeting

This was attended by Cllrs Green, Bowles and Mrs Record. There are still some noise issues and complaints are slightly up.

6. Planning

9/2015/0962 The erection of a building comprising 6 stables, tractor store and storage barn together with the formation of new access and closure of an existing field access at The Homestead , Weston Road, Weston on Trent. No objection as long as there are no floodlights.

9/2015/0954 The erection of a single storey rear extension at 5, Cornerstones, Weston Court, Main Street, Weston on Trent – no objection

9/2015/0989 The pruning of a beech tree covered by SDDC Tree Preservation order number 232 at Treetops Trent lane Weston on Trent.

7. Correspondence

Play Area report

No high risk problems, the ground by the goal posts should be leveled Clerk to ask Steve Cooper to look at it.

Formal complaint from Reverend and Mrs Rogers (handed in during the meeting)

Correspondence for circulation

Clerks and Councils direct

DALC circulars

Whats on

8. Web site

Cllr Newton has approached 2 companies – to be discussed at the finance meeting.

9. Christmas arrangements

Cllr Green will provide the mulled wine – others to bring mince pies. The clerk will sort drinks and cake for the children.

The tree is due to be erected on 27th November, Steve Cooper and Cllr Williamson to dress.

It was decided to ask Cllr Atkin ,as chair of SDDC to switch the lights on.

10. Finance

Invoices awaiting payment

Christmas tree £300

S Cooper £120

T Marks (strimming) £45

Royal British Legion donation £60

Wicksteed Leisure £108

Sportsmobile £820.80

Acorn Tractors – mower repair £783.60

E Green (for plan) £10

Finance meeting January 4th at 7.30

The meeting closed at 10.05