

WESTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Monday 21st March 2016

Present: Cllrs Green, Williamson, Bowles, Harper, Newton, and Mrs Record,
District Cllrs N Atkin and Mrs H Coyle

20 members of the public were present.

Annual Parish Council meeting

- 1 Apologies for absence – District Cllr P Watson and Cllr Pendenque
2. Declaration of Interests – none declared
3. Minutes / matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting 2015 – none as they were dealt with at the April 2015 meeting
4. Chairman's Report - enclosed
5. Footpath officer's Report – enclosed (a copy will be posted in the footpath's information board.)
6. Donington Park Racing Circuit Report - enclosed
7. Airport Report – nothing to report
8. County Councillor's Report – not available
9. District Councillor's report – enclosed

Meeting closed at 8.15

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Before starting the meeting the Chairman reported that Mrs. Vera Shaw who served the Council for many years as a member and Chairman died on 20th March.

Public Session

The majority of the public attended the meeting because, through social media, it has been discovered that a developer –Richborough Estates has a proposal for land to the east of Weston Road in Aston on Trent for a development of 85 houses. This would join the villages of Weston and Aston together. They are holding a public consultation in All Saints' Heritage Centre on 23rd March between 4 and 7pm. Cllr Mrs Coyle urged people to go to the meeting and then write to SDDC ahead of an actual planning application.

Other topics covered were; the street sign for Trent Lane which is at the moment leaning against the wall of 49, Main Street.

Several people are concerned about the cuts DCC need to make which may mean that community transport will be stopped.

A member of the public asked the Councilors to introduce themselves. Bench – it is agreed that it will be sited in front of the Village Hall but still need confirmation from SDDC as to whether planning permission is needed. The gardening club offered to do any weeding needed.

Attendance as previous meeting

1 Apologies- as for previous meeting

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 February 22nd 2016 .

4. Matters arising

Neighbourhood watch

Flyers have been posted through doors inviting people to join the scheme.

Bridge 9 -. There will be a sand and gravel liaison meeting in April, there has been no progress so this will be discussed then.

Bus stop Valerie Road –the request for an extra bus stop has been passed to the maintenance department and we are awaiting a reply.

Bench – awaiting a response from SDDC re the need or otherwise for planning permission.

5. Reports;

Chairman’s report –
As previous meeting

Clerk’s Report

The rubbish freighter was in the Village Hall car park on 18th March and as usual was well attended

A resident of Willow Park Way contacted the Clerk to discuss starting times of work and access to the Richmond Homes Development. The Clerk contacted Richmond Homes.

There is a problem with moles on the recreation ground, traps have been laid but the markers were disturbed so the traps can’t be located.

The ‘ No dogs’ sign on The Green and also in Kings Mill Lane need replacing

Summer holiday provision dates have been confirmed - clerk to put notice in the information boards

6. Planning

9/2016/0175 The erection of an extension to existing garage at Maple Drive Aston on Trent – no objection

9/2016/0207 prior approval to change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling on land at SK 3927 6592 Bridge Lane Weston on Trent. This is outside of the village boundary

9/2016/0191 the erection of an extension at 6 Cedar Croft Aston on Trent – no objection

Richborough developments proposal – as many Councillors as possible will go to the public exhibition.

7. Correspondence

Temporary road closure of Swarkestone Road from 23rd March to 25th March between the hours 22.30 to 05.30 each night to facilitate repairs to the railway bridge

DCC consultation on subsidised buses, there is a proposal, as part of cost cutting ideas, to no longer run the community bus service to Swadlincote and to cut the subsidy on the 7.00am 73 service. Questionnaires are available on line or through the clerk.

Letter from Aston and Weston Bowls club asking for support in their fundraising efforts for the club house . Richmond Homes have agreed to give the bowls club their reception building but a base will be needed. The Council agreed to give them £100 .

Some sales information on the Queen's 90th birthday was received. It was decided not to buy anything but to organize a community picnic on the Recreation Ground on 12th June – next month's agenda

Correspondence for circulation

Clerks and Councils Direct

DALC Circulars

What's on and National Forest Walking booklets

CCTV guidance

8. Allotments – The Clerk reported that there are still some plots available and £652.50 has been collected in rents.

9. CCTV installation

Mr Steve Rimmington , who has agreed to monitor a system if the Council decides to go ahead with it, attended the meeting (for which he was thanked.) He explained it would act as a deterrent and would be governed by strict rules. It is proposed that initial set up costs would be met through sponsorship. A proposal was put forward – that the Council was in agreement, in principle, subject to the money being obtained, to install CCTV cameras at either end of the village. It was passed with 4 votes for and 2 against.

10. Play equipment

The order for the trim trail is now ready to be placed.

11. Finance

Invoices to be paid

Allotment lease authorisation - £900

DALC subs £308.23

Aston Parish Council £365

EON – Christmas lighting £59.14

S Cooper for grass cutting £284.20

Aston and Weston Bowls Club £100

Allotment rent – still awaiting some rents.

Money for 29 half plots received

The meeting closed at 10.10

Report from Cllr Mrs Coyle

Cllr Mrs Coyle thanked everyone for electing her and explained that Cllrs Atkin, Watson and herself worked as a team for the ward.

She offered to chase up SDDC re the possibility of planning permission for the bench.

The Council tax has been increased by 1.95%

The corporate plan will soon be released.

SDDC is waiting to hear if it will have any Syrian refugees (possibly 1 family)

The Women's Cycle Tour will be in the area on 18th June from Sikeston to Stoke, so will pass through Aston and Weston. This gives the opportunity for events on the route, Weston will have the scarecrow trail that day so it may be possible to include some scarecrows on bikes.

Footpath officer's report

All paths are walkable although footpath no7 is heavy going. and the bridleways are in good order.