

WESTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Monday 20th February 2017

Present; Cllrs Mrs Record, Green, Bowles, Harper, Pendenque, District
Cllr Peter Watson and County Cllr Rob Davison

4 members of the public were present.

Public session

Questions were asked about the trees which have been planted on the verge between Weston and Aston (opposite the Homestead). The Council has contacted SDDC and are awaiting a reply as to the need for a cultivation licence. The state of the road surface by the canal was also mentioned.

County Councillor's report

Cllr Davison stated that he was sorry to hear that Cllr Williamson had resigned. He spoke about the recent walk around the village and the state of the road at the top of Old Gate Avenue was flagged up as needing attention, he agreed to look at this. He spoke about Cuttlebridge junction- the cost of traffic lights would be between £100,000 and £150,000 which means it is unlikely to happen, unless any money could be obtained from any future 106 agreements, if proposed building was to go ahead. He attended the recent Area Forum and Safer Neighbourhoods meeting – it is no longer necessary to have a County presence at these meetings but he is able to attend if he wishes. He reported that the County Council had looked at the steep gradient outside 49, Main Street, but this was felt to be the best solution .He attended the East Midlands Airport Consultative Forum.
Canal Signage – this project is moving along and he is awaiting a commitment from the Canal and Rivers Trust for their part of the finance – he then hopes to get the money out to the Parishes

District Cllr's report

Cllr Watson reported that the Local Plan part 2 should be in place by the summer. He reminded everyone that the Richborough application, although refused by SDDC, has 6 months to appeal which is the end of April. The application from Gladman for 150 dwellings on land between Weston and Aston has now been submitted. He investigated the problems with waste collection over the Christmas period and felt that they had done their best given the weather conditions. He has attended various meetings – on fracking, the National Forest and Donington Park. Cllr Record asked Cllr Watson about air pollution.

1. Apologies- none received

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 January 16th 2016 (copy attached)

4. Matters arising

CCTV – Cllr Bowles is following this up

Bowls Club request for financial help in siting their new club house – the site office from Richmond Homes which they have donated to the Bowls Club. This was discussed at the finance meeting and it was agreed to give them £2000 from the Allan Hardman legacy

5. Reports;

Chair's report – Cllr Mrs Record reported that she has checked about the trees which have been cut down in Willow Park Way – they were diseased and needed to be felled. She attended the Safer Neighbourhoods meeting.

Clerks report;

The rubbish freighter will be in the village on 1st April. The PSFA have asked to use the recreation ground as part of their Easter Scramble on April 9th

Aston PC had informed us that a diseased tree near the bowling green is being removed.

The Village Hall committee has agreed that we can store the Christmas decorations in the loft.

The Clerk reminded the Councillors that the March meeting is the Annual Parish meeting so reports are required, also as the April meeting falls on Easter Monday it will be moved to the following week – April 24th.

The allotment bills have been sent out – there will be several vacant plots this time so anyone wanting one should contact the Clerk

Footpath officers report – all footpaths are in good condition but the path at the back of Coopers needs cutting back.

Neighbourhood Watch report – a workshop was broken into in Weston Hall Drive and there were several burglaries/attempted break-ins and van break-ins

6. Planning –

9/2017/0095 Outline application (all matters except for access to be reserved) for the residential development of on land at SK4129 0030 Weston road Aston on Trent Derbyshire up to 150 dwellings, land for a community building, public open space, landscaping and sustainable drainage (SUDS) and vehicular access point from Weston Road.

The Parish Council objects to this application – Cllr Green to draft letter.

Residents need to send letters of objection if they don't want this development.

SAVE will produce a leaflet to be delivered to every house in both villages and there will be a public meeting on 21st February.

The footpath diversion due to the quarry work will be in place until 2019

9/2016/1199 The erection of a single storey extension with roof terrace at Eden Weston Road, Weston on Trent –no objection

Applications passed – 9/2016/1199 28, Main Street

7. Correspondence

Derby City local Plan part 1- formally adopted

Street name –Richmond Villages- the developer has suggested Woodlands Nook as this is the sales name for the site.

South Derbyshire local plan part 2- submitted to the Secretary of State

8. Casual Vacancy

There will not be an election so the Council is free to co-opt a Councillor. Notices have been placed in the boards but as yet no one has shown an interest.

9. Bridge number 9

This is in a very bad state of repair now – awaiting news from owners

10. Grass cutting

A quote has been received from Greenstripes and Cllrs Mrs Record and Newton compared it with the previous quote from Willowbrook – they felt Greenstripes was the best value at a cost of £6970 for the year – 26 cuts for the Green and recreation ground and the cuttings removed every other cut and the churchyard. Cllr Mrs Record proposed we accept Greenstripes quote and Cllr Green seconded it – carried unanimously.

11. Neighbourhood plan

Cllr Harper and the Clerk attended a meeting organised by SAVE with Ason Parish Council to look at the possibility of forming our own neighbourhood plan.

A grant of up to £9000 would be available but a dedicated group of people would be needed to form a steering group (10 to 15 - parishioners as well as Councillors) Professional help with the writing would be required in order to produce a credible plan. There would also need to be a public meeting. It was decided not to go ahead because of the amount of work involved.

12.Finance

Invoices awaiting payment

Clerks wages £200

Clerk's expenses £28.50

Weston Village hall fees and lease £590

SDDC bin emptying £1883.86

RVT – mower £78

V Cooper £250 for mower storage

Moles £30

The meeting closed at 9.45