

WESTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Monday 15th May 2017

Present: Cllrs Mrs Record, Newton, Green, Bowles and Mrs Freeman, and District Cllr Mrs Hilary Coyle and County Cllr Neil Atkin.

Election of Officers

Chair – Cllr Harper was proposed (Clerk has email stating willingness to serve) by Cllr Green and seconded by Cllr Bowles

Vice chair -Cllr Newton was proposed by Cllr Bowles and seconded by Cllr Mrs Record

Representatives on outside bodies

Sand and gravel liaison – Cllrs Green and Bowles to continue

Airport –Cllr Pendenque (Clerk to check that this is acceptable)

Planning Cllrs Bowles, Harper and Newton

Donington Park – Cllrs Mrs Record, Harper, Green, Newton and Bowles

Footpaths officers- Cllrs Green and Newton

SAVE – Cllr Mrs Record and the Clerk

Cllr Mrs Freeman will attend any of the above she can to gain experience

3 members of the public were present.

In the absence of Cllr Harper Cllr Newton took the chair for the meeting which he began by thanking Cllr Mrs Record for her work in the last year

Public session

Questions were again asked about the trees which have been planted opposite the Homestead. The Clerk has not yet received a reply so Cllr Atkin agreed to look into the situation.

Comments were made about the grass cutting at the church, particularly around the stones. Cllr Mrs Record is liaising with the new contractors.

County Councillor's report

Cllr Neil Atkin was elected as the County Cllr at the recent election, he thanked Rob Davison for his work in the parishes and wished him well for the future. he officially begins on 25th May and until he has a County email he can be contacted on his district one. He prefers contact with him to be via text or email due to his hearing problem. Sue Harrison will deal with his phone calls and correspondence (she only works in the morning) local surgeries are still to be arranged. He will also be working on many outside committees- Vice-Chairman –Pensions and Investments Committee, Derbyshire Combined Fire Authority, Derby and Derbyshire Development plans Joint Advisory Board, Elvaston Castle &County Park Members Working Party, Elvaston quarry Liaison Committee, Museum of the Mercian Regiment and EMA Independent Consultative Committee.

District Cllr's report

Cllr Mrs Coyle also thanked Cllr Davison for his work. She reported that Richmond Homes will not be going to appeal and as yet there is no news when the Gladman application will be heard. The inspector's report on the Local Plan is due in June but will miss the full Council meeting. The residents of the sheltered housing in Wilmot Avenue who have gates opening onto the footpath have been asked to remove them by the landowner James Cooper)

Cllr Newton signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

1.Apologies- Cllrs Harper

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 April 24th 2017 (copy attached)

4. Matters arising

Donation in remembrance of Margaret Booth

The Clerk has spoken to Mrs Symons and she is happy for the Council to get an information panel for the Village Green – ideally this will match the boards on the canal.

Grass cutting

We are working with the contractor to get this right, SDDC have also done some cuts.

Some of the posts and chain on the Green have been damaged again, may have to look at replacing them with metal chain.

5. Reports;

Chair's report – not available

Clerks report;

SAVE AGM was held on 4th May, Cllr Mrs Freeman and the Clerk attended. Fridge Yates Avenue – complaints were received about a fridge on the edge of a property in Yates Avenue. The Clerk wrote to the householder informing him of SDDC collection service.

Fly tipping – there have been 2 cases of flytipping on Weston Road, firstly a mattress and the fence panels and hedge cuttings.

Scarecrow Trail banner – a request has been received from the Scarecrow Committee to put their advertising banner on The Green as usual, this was agreed

Allotments – There are 7 vacant plots.

Footpath officers report –The diversion of the footpath is now in place around the quarry workings. Cllr Green is looking into getting a new map to mark the footpaths on.

Neighbourhood Watch report – no crimes reported though aggressive door to door salesman have been noted.

6. Planning – none

7. Correspondence

Civic Council meeting will take place on 25th May

Grass verges in Trent Lane – complaint about the state of the grass verges received – Cllr Atkin to be asked to look at this.

St Mary's Flower Festival – this will take place over the Scarecrow Trail weekend. The Parish Council has been asked to do a display on the theme of sport. Cllr Bowles offered to look at this.

Safer Neighbourhoods meeting and Area Forum June 19th – this clashes with the June Council meeting.

8. Finance

Invoices awaiting payment

Clerks wages £200

Clerk's expenses £98.00

S Dawson (internal auditor) £84

DALC subs £312.85

Ian Cook – allotment commission £100

Zurich Insurance £474.03

Internal auditors report received – put into the circulation

Meeting closed at 9.25

Exempt minutes of the Parish Council meeting
held on 15th May 2017

It was decided not to renew the insurance on the
mower as it is not being used at the moment.
this information is exempt from the main minutes
for security reasons.