

WESTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Monday 19th June 2017

Present: Cllrs Harper, Newton , Mrs Record, Green, Bowles , Mrs Freeman and Pendenque (from 7.45pm) and District Cllr Mrs Hilary Coyle (from 8.00pm)

4 members of the public attended

Public session

Questions were asked about the trees opposite The Homestead – Clerk to ask Cllr Atkin to move the matter forward.

There were reports of several areas of the village where the drains are not working correctly, especially on Swarkestone Road – Clerk to write to Highways.

The continued traffic problems at Cuttlbridge were again highlighted.

A lorry is often parked near Red Lodge on the footway causing problems to pedestrians and also road users as it is on a bend. Clerk to see if anything can be done about it.

There were also complaints about overhanging trees onto the footway along Main Street, precise addresses were not known but a member of the public agreed to give the Clerk more details so that the matter can be pursued.

The Christmas trees which will go back into the planters at the Village hall are being looked after by a member of the public who reported that they need bigger pots – it was agreed these could be obtained.

District Councillor's report

Cllr Mrs Coyle reported that the matter of accidents at Cuttlebridge was raised at the recent Area Forum meeting.

She informed the meeting that the area has a new PC – Paul Russell.

Cllr Harper signed his declaration of acceptance of office

1. Apologies- County Cllr Neil Atkin and District Cllr Peter Watson

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 May 19th 2017 (copy attached) with the exception on page 1141 where Richmond Homes not going to appeal should read Richborough Homes.

4. Matters arising

Grass cutting – it appears that the grass has been cut by a parishioner, whilst this could be considered helpful it does not allow the Council to monitor the new grass cutting arrangements with the new contractor and SDDC. Clerk to write to the parishioner.

Chain and posts around the Village Green – several of the posts have been damaged and the chain is being constantly damaged. Clerk to ask Trevor Marks to see if he could secure the posts and as we have spare chain links Cllr Green will look at a way of joining these. The long term solution seems to be replacing the plastic chain with metal links which can't be vandalised.

The area of grass at the top of Forrester Avenue has not been cut recently – Clerk to ask Trevor Marks to trim it.

Maps - Cllr Green is looking at the OS map to go in the information board, this does not have the footpaths on but they can be drawn in.

Church flower festival – Cllr Mrs Record did a display on behalf of the Council featuring an ornamental bike and football boots.

5. Reports;

Clerks report; A parishioner reported that a large branch which broke off in the recent storms is hanging on the phone wire on Kings Mill Lane between Five Arch Bridge and the lock – this has been reported and awaiting removal.

Aston Parish Council reported that a tree has blown down on the area around the bowling green – they will deal with it's removal and ask that we share the cost (this is the normal arrangement as it is in Weston parish)

Aston Parish Council also wrote to us about parking outside Aston Post Office – apparently users are parking too close to the Weston Road junction which causes a hazard for traffic turning left out of Weston Road into Derby Road. It is felt that some of these car drivers are from Weston and have asked the Parish Council to highlight the issue and potential dangers and ask drivers to give more thought where they park when visiting the Post Office.

Aston History Society have suggested names to Richmond Homes which they consider would be suitable for roads in Richmond Village – these are based on the old field names from that area.

Footpath officers report – all footpaths are walkable although footpath 1 needs strimming – clerk to ask Trevor Marks

Richmond Villages have put a gravel path around middle Wood which can still be accessed over the stile at the top of Willow Park Way or from the lake. The diversion is in place for the sand and gravel quarrying works in Kings Mill Lane

Neighbourhood Watch report – no crimes reported during March and April although aggressive door to door salesmen have been noted.

6. Planning – 9/2017/0338 The erection of extensions at Moat Weston Hall Drive, Weston on Trent. Concerns were expressed over traffic during construction and suggestions that lorry size be restricted due to access around the Village Green

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9/2017/0096 the retention of a rear extension with terrace above at 1 Chellaston Cottages, Swarkestone Road, Weston on Trent – no objection

Applications refused

9/2017/0095 proposed Gladman development on Weston Road

7. Correspondence

Email from County Cllr Neil Atkin re Digital Derbyshire

Mower tax document received – as its not being used it was decided to SORN it.

8. Finance

Invoices awaiting payment

Clerks wages £200

Clerk's expenses £43.02

A Record moles £40

Aston Parish Council grass cuts £167.10

Greenstripes for grass cutting £382.50

Monies received

Concurrent expenses £4834

Bequest from the late Mrs Margaret Booth £1000

Financial regs – Greenstripes have requested that they are paid by bank transfer. It was agreed that this could be done as long as an invoice is still received and that is signed by 2 Councillors. Clerk to action.

The Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements were completed on the Audit form which the Clerk will post in order for it to arrive by Friday (Audit date)

Meeting closed at 9.15

