

WESTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Monday 17th July 2017

Present: Cllrs Harper, Newton, Mrs Record, Green, County Cllr Neil
Atkin and District Cllr Peter Watson.

1 member of the public attended

Public session

Questions were asked about the possibility of CC TV installation which was discussed by the Council earlier in the year. Cllr Bowles is still looking positively into the matter but internet connection is proving a problem.

County Councillor's report

Cuttlebridge – 2 officers have been to the site and done a traffic count –there are over 20,000 traffic movements per day. Nothing has been decided yet but it was felt that standard traffic lights would pose a safety risk and there would be problems with the power supply but the more expensive option of lights on a pole could be investigated. The possibility of using 106 money to fund this is being looked into.

The Elvaston Castle working party group has changed – Elvaston Castle Trust and Gardens and will include 1 member from DCC. They will be looking at options for road improvements, car park machines, the future of redundant farm buildings and the main building and caravan park.

District Councillor's report

Cllr Watson spoke about the changes at SDDC, there is now a Chief Executive and 3 strategic directors but the levels of service have not changed. The final round of consultation of the Local Plan are taking place with the aim of getting it approved by September.

The consultation on Green Spaces is a chance for parishes to say what they would like.

Some councillors and a parishioner have noticed the increase in weeds growing at the edges of kerbs throughout the village, Cllr Watson suggested writing to Adrian Lowery (Waste and Cleansing Manager) at SDDC.

1. Apologies- Cllrs Bowles, Mrs Freeman and Pendenque

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 June 19th 2017 (copy attached)

4. Matters arising

Trees opposite The Homestead – Cllr Atkin is looking into the matter

Signs for the canal / Village Green – Cllr Green has done some work on this and produced a first draft for comment

5. Reports;

Chair's report;

There are a lot of weeds growing on the edge of several roads in the village, giving an untidy appearance. Clerk to write to Adrian Lowery (waste and cleansing manager at SDDC)

Clerk's report;

Summer activities – this has been well advertised, local school children have received booklets detailing all the venues and dates and notices are in the information boards and on the field gate. The Village hall has been booked in case of wet weather.

SAVE – at the last meeting it was agreed to oppose the planning application for 12 houses on Weston Road, (4 have already been passed)

Footpath officers report – all footpaths are walkable

6. Planning –

Green Spaces consultation, an area near the canal is included but it was felt that the Recreation Ground ,Village Green and allotments should be too.

7. Correspondence

Schedule of main modifications to SDDC Local Plan part 2

Complaint about rope swing on the adventure play area on the recreation ground – A parishioner’s child sustained bruising to her legs whilst using the rope swing. The equipment has been checked by Councillors and as it is checked on a yearly basis by an outside company (who have not flagged it up for concern) it was agreed to monitor the situation - the clerk will check it regularly and write to the parishioner.

Parish Liaison meeting – next meeting is September 13th.

A letter has been received from a parishioner about the state of the kerb edges around the village – this has been mentioned earlier in the meeting, SDDC to be contacted

For circulation

Clerks and Councils Direct
SDDC Summer Activities

8.Finance

Invoices awaiting payment
Clerks wages £200
Clerk’s expenses £88.48

1152

Plantscape £358.80

Photocopying £39.20

T Marks £45

P Tinkler (planters) £17.98

A Record (plants) 48.00

Monies received

2/2 precept £6750

Meeting closed at 9.30