

WESTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Monday 18th September 2017

Present; Cllrs Harper, Newton, Green, Bowles, Mrs Freeman, County Cllr Neil Atkin.

6 members of the public attended

Public session

Questions were again asked about the overgrown vegetation in Trent Lane near the lock. The area is owned by the Railway company – clerk to write to them to request they cut it back.

Planters outside the Village Hall – a parishioner has dead headed them and offered to liaise with Cllr Mrs Record to keep them looking good.

Two representatives from Under 5's spoke about their current problem of not being able to find enough people for their committee and the repercussions of this. The Clerk agreed to spread the word and put up posters.

County Councillor's report

Cllr Atkin reported that it had been a quiet month due to officers being away. He is still following up the situation of the trees opposite the Homestead.

There is good news about broadband provision; it should be in the village by Christmas.

He attended the EMA consultative committee.

He spoke about Cuttlebridge, the possibility of traffic lights at the junction have been ruled out.

1.Apologies- Cllrs Harper and Newton

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 August 21st 2017 (copy attached)

4. Matters arising

Trees opposite The Homestead – see County Cllrs’s report.

Weeds at kerb edges – this appears to have been done now.

Signs for the canal and Village Green – Cllr Green is still working on this.

Boundary change- letter sent to SDDC opposing any change.

Poppies –These have been ordered.

Tree near the bowling green – the original quote, which Aston Parish Council got, was considered by both Councils to be too much. They have since received 3 more quotes and asked our opinion as to which we would be happy with. It was agreed to go for the one which included pollarding the tree and leaving a pole for a wildlife habitat at a cost of £390 to be split between the 2 councils.

5. Reports;

Chair’s report; roadside weeds have been attended to.

Clerk’s report;

Summer activities –.despite some sessions being wet and so in the Village Hall all sessions were well attended.

The refuse freighter will be in the Village on 7th October from 7.30am to 11.30am

On Tuesday 19th September prior to Aston on Trent’s monthly meeting, PCC Dhindsa, Derbyshire’s police and Crime Commissioner will be holding a

question and answer session which is open to the public. Representatives from Weston Parish Council will also attend.

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Donington Park Consultative Forum is on 26th September

The Bowls Club cheque which was authorised last month was written for the wrong amount, it should have been for £2000 not £1000 as was previously agreed to match Aston's donation.

Footpath officers report – all footpaths are walkable but damp in places, the path near the quarry (south of the railway line is particularly muddy, Cllr Green will raise it at the next liaison meeting.

6. Planning –

The Gladman development appeal will be heard in December

9/2017/0888 The erection of a side extension and alteration and extension of the existing detached garage at 3 Trent Lane, Weston on Trent. The Council has no objection to this application

9/2017/0804 The erection of a side extension to an over existing garage at Tara, Weston Road, Weston on Trent. The Council has no objection to this application.

9/2017/0919 The erection of a single storey rear extension, internal alterations and associated works at 8, Weston Court, Main Street, Weston on Trent. The Council has no objection to this application.

7. Correspondence

Email received from Aston Parish Council re a wayleave request from WPD on land around the bowling green. The Council has no objection.

Also Aston Parish Council has been in communication with residents of The Mansion who are seeking the support of the Parish Councils to stop people

walking across the car park from the bowling green towards the church (and vice-versa). They wish to erect signs stating that it is private property, with the Council's name on. Weston Parish Council do not support this as it is a private matter.

SDDC Open Space, Sport&Community facilities Strategy recieved.

Works notification – replacement of and/or conversion of 5m and 6m high street lights to LED light source between 29th August and 29th September

Winter Service Scheme – Snow warden scheme – it was decided not to participate.

Safer Neighbourhoods meeting – Tuesday 24th October

Wicksteed play area inspections – inspections of both play areas requested.

Letter from parishioner re broadband and verges – Cllr Bowles and the Clerk replied.

Correspondence for circulation;
Clerks and Councils Direct

8. Christmas arrangements:

It was decided to Ask Craig Williamson if he would consider managing the process for the Council and if so what he would charge. If not Clerk to investigate availability and cost of alternatives. A ceremony for the switch on is planned for 1st December.

9. Finance

Invoices awaiting payment
Clerk's expenses £43.02

Clerk's wages £200
HMRC Tax £150
Aston and Weston Bowls Club £1000
Grant Thornton £240
SDDC – summer activities £972

Minor Maintenance claim received.
Letter from Pensions Regulator

Audit returned – Clerk has displayed the end of audit form.

Meeting closed at 9.10