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WESTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the
Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th January 2022

Present: Cllrs Green, Steadman, Rile Harper, Mrs Freeman and District Councillor Peter Watson.

.Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

County Councillor's report Cllr Atkin had emailed the Clerk with apologies for the meeting and informing the Council that the A514 will close overnight on 8th – 9th February between the hours of 7pm to 6am whilst work takes place on the river bridge at Swarkestone.

District Councillor's report; Cllr Watson congratulated the Council on another successful lights switch–on event. He also attended similar events at Aston and Elvaston this year.

He reported on the situation with a parishioner in Maple Drive over land issues.

The wedding venue on Swarkestone Road has been approved.

He reported that the planning department at SDDC is becoming overwhelmed with work due to staff changes.

Cllr Harper informed Cllr Watson that there has recently been another car accident at Cuttlebridge.

1.Apologies for absence- Cllrs Than and Mrs Record, District Cllr Dan Corbin and County Cllr Neil Atkin

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 November 15th 2021 (copy attached)

4. Matters arising

Network rail – email received acknowledging the Council’s letter and informing us of the person looking into the situation. Clerk to request update.

Wildlife cameras – Aston Parish Council’s clerk has a meeting with Kevin Cassidy from SDDC on 25th January to look at suitable locations and to decide which type of camera would be best

Big Rig on the recreation ground – Cllr Corbin is looking at the neighbours complaints.

5. Reports;

Chair’s report Cllr Green suggested the Council hold a communication meeting in the Village Hall to make parishioners aware of what the Council is planning to do in the future. A possible date of 5th/6th March was suggested- to be confirmed at next meeting.

Cllr Green attended a zoom meeting on carbon emissions – he will report back at next month’s meeting.

Clerk’s report – The new Village sign has now been installed on The Green and is receiving favourable comments.

A Christmas card was received from Heather Wheeler.

A parishioner asked that the problems with the drain in The Square – Yates Avenue be investigated – SDDC to be contacted.

Comments have been received from residents of The Avenue about inconsiderate parking on Main Street which makes entering and leaving The Avenue dangerous. This has been reported to the PCSO

St Mary's Christmas Tree festival will take place on 18th/19th December. The clerk will put up the Council's tree.

It was agreed to buy some additional Christmas decorations for The Green – 3 reindeer were purchased at a reduced price.

Footpath Officers report –all in good order, although some are muddy, especially around the quarry and on the canal tow path.

The field from the back of Rectory Farm Mews to the church now has sheep in (Footpath number 2 runs across it) and there is an electric fence to keep the sheep in. It is, however far enough away from the footpath.

6. Planning –

DMPA/2021/1531 The erection of a single storey rear extension at Roecliffe House , Weston Road, Weston on Trent – no objection

DMPA/2021/1346 The erection of a single storey side extension at 23, Maple Drive, Aston on Trent – no objection

23, Maple Drive, Aston on Trent, letter of guidance request, ref 'planting of a laurel hedge in line with your driveway across public open space'

This issue is being dealt with by the District Councillor..

DMOT/2022/0027 The pruning of trees covered by SDDC Tree Preservation order no. 131 at Willow Park Way, Aston on Trent – no objection

APPLICATION UNDER Section 73 to vary condition specifically to commencing extraction in the Western extension prior to completing restoration of phases 8/9 of planning permission CM9/0211/163 and allowing increased stocking of waste materials in the landfill transfer station, Shardlow quarry. Comments on this application need to be in by 10th February

Derbyshire and Derby minerals local plan update received

North West Leicestershire Local Plan Review consultation received

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7. Correspondence

Summer holiday provision- It was agreed that the Clerk should book 5 sessions during the Summer Holiday

SDDC consultation on the proposed changes to South Derbyshire's Local Council Tax reduction scheme received.

St Mary's Church is holding a meeting in the Village Hall to look at the future of the church on February 27th. They will be leafleting the Village and are hoping to form a group – The Friends of St Mary's to keep the church in good repair.

8. 106 spending - Weston - £973 is left from the 106 money for a bench on the Recreation Ground.

Joint with Aston – discussions are still on-going.

9. Gym equipment maintenance – To validate the warranty on the equipment regular weekly and monthly checks must be done and recorded. Cllrs Than and Steadman agreed to do this.

10. Oak tree on the Green and plaque- next month's agenda

12. Queens Jubilee –next month's agenda

13.Finance

Invoices awaiting payment

Clerk's wages £268.75

Clerk's expenses £44.69

Go Daddy £143.71 (paid by Paul Newton)

Cllr Riley for Christmas decorations £337.50

Invoices paid in December - authorised by email

C Scott wages £268.75

C Scott expenses £119.39

Plantscape £294.00

Cllr Than for wire for lights £69.63

Shelter – Donation collected at Christmas light switch-on £67.50

Cllr Green – mulled wine for light switch-on

Bank charges – the current account now costs £5 per month and 40p for each transaction

The finance meeting was held and a budget set for the year 22/23. The precept was set at £16,000

Meeting closed at 9.45