

WESTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Monday 20th March 2017

Present; Cllrs Mrs Record, Newton, Green, Bowles, Harper,
Pendenque, District Cllr Mrs Hilary Coyle and County Cllr Rob
Davison

7 members of the public were present.

2 of the members of the public had shown an interest in being co-opted onto the council to fill the casual vacancy. They were asked to give a short speech introducing themselves and stating why they wanted to join and what experience and interests they had. (The Councillors made a decision at the end of the meeting)

Public session

Questions were asked about the trees which have been planted on the grass verge opposite The Homestead – clerk to chase reply.

Traffic speeding through the village is a problem again, it has been reported to the police.

Overhanging trees at the Water Tower are causing a nuisance – clerk to write to landowner.

Annual Parish meeting

1 Apologies for absence were received from District Cllrs Atkin and Watson

2. Declaration of Interests – none declared

3. Minutes / matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting 2016.
These were dealt with at the April 16 meeting

4. Chairman's Report

Cllr Mrs Record reported on the events of the last year which included; the re-siting of the seat and a ceremony to celebrate its new position which was attended by around 80 villagers.

The installation of the trim trail on the Recreation Ground

Flowers planted on the Village Green

Flower boxes installed at either end of the village and outside the Village Hall

Regular meetings with Aston on Trent parish Council and visits to Richmond Homes and monthly SAVE meetings.

5. Footpath officer's Report

During the year Cllr Green took over from Cllr Williamson. See separate report

6. Donington Park Racing Circuit report

The Parish Council continues to attend these meetings – the site is under new management and has a 21 year lease on the 700 acre site. The Download festival will take place in June which has a limit of 120,000, this is full capacity for the site so it is unlikely that Donington will be chosen as the replacement Glastonbury site as this needs double the space.

7. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Davison spoke about the Richborough planning application. He attended the bench ceremony in June and walked round the village with County officers and representatives from Weston PC in November. He also spoke about the Area Forum and Safer Neighbourhoods meetings and the possible sites for a new secondary school. Speeding and school parking continue to be a problem as does Cuttle Bridge at Swarkestone.

8. District Councillor's report

Cllr Mrs Coyle gave a short report stating that the closer working of Aston and Weston Parish Councils is really useful (especially over planning applications)

March Parish Council meeting

1. Apologies -as previous meeting

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 February 20th 2017 (copy attached) with the following amendments; Cllr Newton sent his apologies and minutes of previous meeting should read 2017 not 2016.

4. Matters arising

Casual Vacancy -2 parishionners showed an interest in joining the Council. (see above)

5. Reports;

Chair's report – Cllr Mrs Record that there have been cases of vandalism on the village green – the chain link fence has been broken. Middle Wood has been closed to the public while work to paths to make them wider is carried out.

Clerks report;

The mower is back and being stored at Hill Farm

6. Planning –

9/2017/0185 The formation of a private drive at Manderley &The Water Tower, Swarkestone Road, Weston on Trent – no objection

7. Correspondence

The Council received a copy of an email from the resident at the Lock House, which she sent to SDDC , asking that the dog poo bin be re – sited as it is close to her house and unpleasant. The Councillors agreed to move it and the Clerk had a quote from SDDC for the work at £150. It was decided to ask Steve Cooper to move the bin and Cllr Mrs Record agreed to meet him there to decide where to move it to.

SDDC (reorganisation of Community Governance No 1) order 2017 relating to Barrow upon Trent Parish Council, Stenson Fields parish Council and an unparished area at Twyford and Stenson. – proposed boundary changes. – in circulation

Charges at Household waste recycling centres – there will now be charges for building waste and rubble at the sites.

Circulation

Clerks and Councils Direct

What's On

8. Allotments

Still awaiting final figures but about 8 plots are still vacant – there are posters up both in and out of the village.

9. Finance

Invoices awaiting payment

EON – Christmas lighting £66.82

Allotment lease authorisation - £900

Clerk's wages £200

Clerk's expenses £42.78

Lock key for recreation ground £10

Monies received

Allotment rent £540

Community Leadership Scheme (for canal signage) £2000

Casual Vacancy – the Councillors decided to co-opt Mrs Linda Freeman onto the Council. Clerk to make necessary contact and complete the paperwork.

The meeting closed at 9.00