

## WESTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017

**Present;** Cllrs Mrs Record, Green, Bowles, Mrs Freeman and Pendenque,  
County Cllr Neil Atkin and District Cllr Peter Watson.

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair Cllr Mrs Record took the chair  
2 members of the public attended

### **Public session**

Questions were again asked about the trees planted on the verge opposite The  
Homestead, Cllr Atkin informed the meeting that the householder has been  
told to remove them.

### **County Councillor's report**

Cllr Atkin spoke about the restructure at the County Council, the Chief  
Executive and Deputy Chief Executive have both now left and they are  
interviewing for a Strategic Director.

Cuttlebridge – Cllr Atkin will be attending a meeting to endeavour to find a  
long term solution.

He spoke about the possibility of the new secondary school in South  
Derbyshire. It was noted that Aston and Weston schools are having a new  
classroom built.

### **District Councillor's report**

Cllr Watson spoke about the Local Plan, the consultation for part 2 is now  
closed and the plan should be in place by September. The consultation on  
local spaces is also closed.

Gladman appeal – SDDC will defend its decision as the development would  
be outside the settlement boundary and there were a massive number of  
objections from both Aston and Weston.

Grass and verges cutting – this has been hampered this year by equipment breakdowns and a lack of operatives. Money is now available to get new equipment. SDDC is in the process of updating the refuse freighters which are slightly shorter and narrower which will be better for narrow roads and cul de sacs.

Fly tipping – SDDC is trying to prevent the problem and clear up quickly. This year both companies and individuals have been fined for offences - £25,000 in fines has been imposed, one company was fined £20,000. The cost of operating the Clean Team is £60,000.

The next race track meeting is on 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Airport noise levels – hopefully a joint meeting with Aston can be arranged with a representative from the airport.

**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 July 17<sup>th</sup> 2017 (copy attached)

**4. Matters arising**

Trees opposite The Homestead – see County Cllrs's report

Weeds at kerb edges – SDDC informed the Council these should be done by mid - August

Signs for the canal and Village Green – Cllr Green is working on this and has found a printer who will print A1 size for a cost of £50

**5. Reports;**

Chair's report; not available

Clerk's report;

Summer activities –Unfortunately due to bad weather 2 of the 4 visits had to be held in the Village Hall but they have still been well attended, with an average of around 25 children.

The refuse freighter will be in the Village on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30am to 11.30am  
A parishioner reported noise from motorbike scrambling on 20<sup>th</sup> August on land adjacent to the gravel workings in Kings Mill Lane which terrified the horses. Council will monitor the situation.

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

The Clerk has looked at the cost of metal links to replace the plastic ones around The Green. It was agreed to ask Trevor Marks to sort the damaged posts and use up the existing plastic chain.

Donington Park Consultative Forum is on 26<sup>th</sup> September

Footpath officers report – all footpaths are walkable but becoming overgrown in places.

**6. Planning** – The Gladman development has gone to appeal.

## **7. Correspondence**

Street names – Redrow development – Bob Read has informed us of the suggested names for roads on the development next to Richmond Villages. All the names have a connection to the area or are old field names, Chester, Aires and Fleetlands. The Councillors had no objections.

Possible boundary review – Aston Parish Council has raised the issue again of moving the boundary between the two parishes. The Clerk has spoken to the Chief Executive of SDDC who asked her to write to him once the Councillors had discussed the basic proposal. The Councillors agreed that this would not be in the best interests of Weston Parish. The Clerk will write to Mr McArdle.

Tree on bowling green – a quote has been obtained by Aston parish Council for £750 which they felt was too much so they are looking for alternate quotes.

Lamp posts poppy campaign- large plastic poppies are available to buy to put on lamp posts around Remembrance day. It was decided to buy 50.

Gold card renewal – notices have been placed in the notice boards to remind people that their cards need renewing.

A letter was received from Weston Church about the grass cutting. It was agreed the Clerk would check with the contractor when it is being done so as to monitor the situation.

#### **8. Finance**

Invoices awaiting payment

Clerks wages £200

Clerk's expenses £28.50

S Cooper £18.50 (under 5's area)

Greenstripes £382.50

Aston and Weston Bowls Club (towards costs for their new club house) £1000

Meeting closed at 9.50