

## Weston Under Wetherley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:00pm,  
2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020, via Zoom

### Present:

Councillor Nick Harrington (Chairman)  
Councillor Rachel Tighe  
Councillor Mandy Bradshaw

Councillor Carolyn Bloom (Vice Chairman)  
Councillor Danielle Williams

### In Attendance:

Clerk & RFO Jane Chatterton  
WDC Councillor Valerie Leigh-Hunt  
WCC Councillor Wallace Redford  
Public: 0

#### 1. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 3. Public participation

There were no members of public present.

#### 4. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were approved.

#### 5. Matters Arising

##### Anti-social Behaviour

It was reported that again the incidents of anti-social behaviour were taking place mainly in the Village Hall car park. These incidents had been reported to the police on 101. Incidents included:

- Gangs of youths playing football and then holding a party
- Lighting bonfires
- Drinking and drug taking
- A couple participating in sexual activity

Youths were also gathering in the bus shelter, loitering and drinking.

The question was raised as to why the Village Hall didn't install gates. This would prevent youths being able to congregate on the car park. This would also provide protection from a traveller encampment.

**ACTION:**

- (i) Parish Council write to the Village Hall requesting they install gates.
- (ii) Villagers report any anti-social behaviour on 101.
- (iii) Councillors contact Martin Roberts when an incident occurs to review the CCTV and pass on information to the police.
- (iv) Formation of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

**Speeding**

Issues with speeding through the village are increasing.

**ACTION:**

- (i) Review installing larger gates to the village entrances.
- (ii) Contact Ed King and request speed checks are carried out.

**6. Public participation**

There were no members of the public present.

**7. Councillor's reports and items for future Agenda**

To receive reports from County Councillor Cllr. Wallace Redford and District Councillor Valerie Leigh-Hunt.

**Councillor Wallace Redford**

Councillor Redford updated that he had been passing on all important information including support, advice and WCC activities to all Parish Councils for dissemination via the Clerk.

**Footpath Updates**

It was reported that work had been carried out to update the footpaths. Request was made of the opinion of the work completed.

Areas of concern were discussed.

**ACTION:** Councillor Harrington to send photographs of the unsatisfactory work to Councillor Redford to progress.

**Councillor Valerie Leigh-Hunt**

It was reported that due to the Coronavirus emergency many adjustments have had to be made to Council working. Committee meetings had been cancelled, although the Planning Committee may meet remotely, Government advice on this is awaited. The Council meetings scheduled during the Emergency period had been cancelled and replaced by meetings of the Council Chairman and group leaders to deal with urgent matters.

Any decisions made then would have to be ratified by the full Council when it was able to meet again. Most of the Council's functions were being carried out and decisions made by the senior officers and the Executive. Many other officers were working remotely from home. The Council's offices at Riverside House and the Town Hall were closed to the public.

The referendum on the additional council tax for work on the climate was now expected to be postponed until next year. The additional amount for the climate emergency would therefore not be

due at this stage. It was likely to be rescheduled for next year. If so, we had been informed that the additional cost involved would be covered by the government.

Support had been sustained for the homeless in the District. The Leamington Night Shelters had been closed but William Walsgrave House remained open but with a reduced number of residents who each had their own room. Additional funding was being given to The Salvation Army, Helping Hands and Leamington Winter Shelter to enable them to provide support.

Business Rates were suspended for 12 months from April for retail, hospitality and leisure sectors.

Parks in the District would remain open but play areas, outdoor gyms and tennis courts were closed.

Waste collections had continued, and the main recycling centres had reopened with an appointments system in place. Textiles were not currently being collected. Car parks remained open but there would be no enforcement by the Rangers.

Financial support under various headings had been made by the Government and had been speedily distributed to those entitled to it. A number of businesses do not qualify for government grants and the finance team was looking at how they can be supported.

It was estimated that the Council would be some £2.3m worse off than anticipated for the year. There would be loss of income from car parks, leisure centres and planning applications. Funding had been received for the Commonwealth Games.

Public toilets had reopened.

It is proposed to return to Riverside House in mid-July and a Warwickshire Recovery Advisory Group had been formed to plan for recovery. There were a number of major projects that would be able to proceed which would help to stimulate recovery.

## 8. Correspondence

### Anti-Social burning

The Clerk updated that correspondence had been received from villages raising the issue with resident(s) burning unidentified materials that were causing choking smoke. This had been reported to the Environmental Health Team who were investigating.

**ACTION:** To monitor.

## 9. Finance

9.1 to approve payments: -

### 2019-20

23.03.20	E52	Weston VH	Grant for CCTV		£116.66
23.03.20	E53	J Chatterton	Salary March		£368.15
23.03.20	E54	HMRC	Tax March		£92.00
23.03.20	E55	J Chatterton	Office Allowance		£10.00
26.03.20	E56	Weston VH	Grant for CCTV		£47.84

**2020-21**

14.04.20	R	WDC	Half Yearly Precept	£5,475.00
14.04.20	E1	WDC	Election costs May 2020	£3,058.30
14.04.20	E2	J Chatterton	Stationery	£52.26
14.04.20	E3	WALC	Membership	£148.00
15.04.20	E4	J Chatterton	April Salary	£368.15
15.04.20	E5	HMRC	April Tax	£92.00
15.04.20	E6	J Chatterton	Expenses	£10.00
30.04.20	E7	WALC	Planning Training Inv 0439	£12.00
20.05.20	E8	SPS Payroll	Payroll Provider	£108.00
20.05.20	E9	Zurich	Insurance	£180.32
20.05.20	E10	J Chatterton	May Salary	
20.05.20	E11	HMRC	May Tax	£92.00
20.05.20	E12	J Chatterton	Office Allowance & Expenses	£10.00

**RESOLVED THAT** the payments be approved.

**9.2 Bank Reconciliation up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

The Bank Reconciliation up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 was received and discussed.

Balance per bank statement as at **31st March 2020**

Account 1	£14,599.37	
Account 2	£8,956.30	
		<b>£23,555.67</b>
Petty cash float (if applicable)	£0.00	£0.00
Less: late payments 31st March 2020	£0.00	
Add: any un-banked as at 31st March 2020	£0.00	
Net balances as at 31st March 2020		<b>£23,555.67</b>

**The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book as follows:**

**CASH BOOK**

Opening Balance 1st April 2019		
Account 1	£11,135.15	
Account 2	£8,938.36	
		<b>£20,073.51</b>
Add Receipts up to 31st March 2020		£10,917.94
Less: Payments up to 31st March 2020		£7,435.78
Closing balance per cash book as at 31st March 2020		<b>£23,555.67</b>

**RESOLVED THAT** the Bank Reconciliation up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 be approved.

**9.3 Quarterly Report up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

The Quarterly Report up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 was received and discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the Quarterly Report up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 be approved.

**9.4 Installation of an outside tap at the church for watering plants/flowers**

Visitors to the Churchyard to tend to the graves had to bring water containers with them which was not ideal.

After discussion it was suggested that an outdoor tap could be installed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the Parish Council donates £300.00 towards the Charity Fundraising event to install an outside tap.

**10. Planning**

Nothing for consideration.

**11. Progress with Playing Area refresh**

Councillor Harrington updated that a quotation of £30,060 had been received which had been considered by WDC. There would now be a tender process.

Further update once known.

**12. Removal of remaining Epicormic Growth from Lime Trees over to Alderman Way / rear of The Old Courtyard**

It was reported that work was still to be completed.

**ACTION:** Councillor Harrington to liaise with Councillor Leigh-Hunt.

**13. Councillor's reports and items for future agenda**

Nothing to report.

**14. Next Meeting**

To confirm the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020, via Zoom.

Meeting closed at 7:50pm