

Weston under Wetherley Parish Council
Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 15th May 2013
Weston under Wetherley Village Hall 7 pm

Present: Cllr Miss B Roberts(Chairman)
Cllr Mrs S Chambers
Cllr Mr P Haine
Cllr Mrs T McAllan
Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: 3 members of the public

1	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Lesley Mobbs, Cllr Andy Coles, Cllr Norman Pratt and Cllr John Hammon.</p>	
2	<p>Declaration of Interests</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of previous meetings on 27th February and 10th April 2013</p> <p>The minutes of the meetings of the 27th February and the 10th April were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Jubilee Bench & Copse: After discussion it was resolved to accept the kind offer of the bench donated by Dr. John Emery. It was also resolved to accept with gratitude the necessary remedial work which will be carried out by volunteers at no cost to the Parish Council. With regards to the copse it was resolved to continue investigating which trees would be most suitable, with a view to planting in the autumn in the NW corner of the playing field and placing the bench at the same time.</p> <p>Village walk through: It was confirmed that the village walk would take place on Wednesday 29th May starting at the Church at 7.00pm. A member of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust would be in attendance to advise the Council.</p> <p>Litter bins: The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with Mr Martyn Stacy who confirmed that two new multi purpose litter bins were to be installed in the village, one outside the Village Hall as requested. He was not able at this stage to give a date for the installation.</p> <p>Emergency Plan: The Clerk reported that she was liaising with Mr Sam Collins at Warwick District Council over the Emergency Plan. She would email the plan to all councillors when</p>	MN

5	<p>the update was complete.</p> <p>National Gardens Open Days</p>	
6	<p>Cllr Haine informed the Council that the organising team had kindly provided a report to the Parish Council as a courtesy to members. See Appendix A attached.</p>	
7	<p>Offchurch Playing Field</p> <p>After discussion on this issue, it was resolved that the Clerk should investigate whether an unilateral restriction has been placed on the Land Registry in regard to Offchurch Playing Field and that, if such an entry exists, the clerk is to ascertain the cost of removing the restriction.</p>	MN
	<p>Finance sheet</p> <p>The clerk presented the financial report (payments and summary schedule attached). Listed payments were approved and Cllrs Roberts and Chambers were authorised to sign the cheques accordingly.</p> <p>The annual grant to St Michael’s Church was approved.</p> <p>The accounting statements forming the Council’s Annual Return were discussed and unanimously approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
8	<p>It was agreed that consideration of whether to transfer funds from the current to deposit account would be deferred until the next meeting.</p>	
9	<p>Insurance</p> <p>The Clerk produced quotations from two insurers, AON and Zurich, the current provider. After discussion it was agreed that the clerk should approach Zurich Insurers and ask for a quotation based on a reduction in the value of the bus shelter from £10,000 to £3,000. It was further resolved that the clerk be authorised to accept Zurich’s final insurance quotation.</p>	MN
10	<p>Update on major infrastructure issues affecting Weston</p> <p>Cllr Haine having already provided the Council with full reports on HS2 and Coventry Gateway Project – see Appendices B & C attached – added that with regards to HS2, the HS2 Ltd. Draft Environmental Impact Statement was due to be published within the next two days and would be open to consultation for six weeks. The intention is that Weston Parish Council will liaise with Cubbington and Offchurch Stop HS2 groups, together with the Joint Parish Council and Cubbington Parish Council to produce a joint response to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Cllr Haine agreed to undertake this on behalf of Weston Parish Council and the Chairman expressed her thanks.</p>	PH
	<p>Planning application W/13/0568</p> <p>The Parish Council had no objection to the removal of the agricultural tie, but asked as a condition that no further applications should be considered with regard to the recently constructed stable blocks and outbuildings on the premises. The clerk was asked to write to</p>	MN

11	<p>the planning authorities to this effect.</p> <p>Business from members of the public</p> <p>a) The clerk stated that she had been contacted by Mr Philip Smith of Bostock Crescent who wanted to ascertain ownership of the land beside his house. He was concerned about damage to his property caused by a tree on the land in question. The clerk had ascertained that the land belonged to Warwick District Council. Mr Martyn Stacy had been informed and was sending someone to inspect the tree.</p> <p>b) Mrs Geri Goward had asked about the possibility of installing another post box in Sabin Drive. The Council agreed that this matter had been raised at the Annual Parish Meeting and the clerk was asked to pursue it further with Royal Mail. The Clerk also reported that the collection plate on the post box in St. Michael's Close had still not been replaced. Royal Mail apologised for the delay in seeing to this, but confirmed that post was still being collected. The collection times are Tuesday to Friday at 4.00pm and Saturday at 7.00am. The Chairman offered to publicise this information in the Village Newsletter.</p>	MN
12	<p>Correspondence not noted in other items:</p> <p>i) Correspondence relating to Offchurch</p> <p>ii) Minutes relating to Offchurch</p> <p>iii) Bubbenhall 1st Responders</p> <p>iv) Email: Simon Richardson concerning bench</p> <p>v) WDC: request for publication of DPs</p> <p>vi) NALC: request for information on cluster groups</p> <p>vii) WALC: Neighbourhood Development Plan – availability of grants</p> <p>viii) Link to my community rights</p> <p>ix) Landowners' Forum – invitation to attend</p> <p>x) Planning application – Campbells Farm, Weston</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.20pm</p>	BR

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