

Weston under Wetherley Parish Council
Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 31st July 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
Cllr Mrs L Mobbs
Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: Cllr W Redford, Cllr J Hammon and 8 members of the public

1	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr Andy Coles.
2	Declaration of Interests There were no declarations of interest.
3	Minutes of previous meeting on 26th June 2013 The minutes of the meeting of the 26 th June were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
4	Warwickshire Rural East Community Forum The Chairman welcomed Ms Bernadette Allan who explained the role of the Community Forum. The Community Forum was a mechanism for the District and County Councils to take responsibility for community issues. Concerns could be forwarded by the Parish Council or interested groups to the Community Forum who had funds available to support local initiatives. These funds were provided by both District and County Councils. The Community Forum welcomed intelligence of issues of importance to local communities and the Parish Council was urged to take advantage of the funding opportunities available. There is currently £4,000 available under the Warwick District Small Grants Scheme, with groups or Parish Councils eligible to apply for a grant of up to £2,000 and grants available from the Rural and Urban Capital Improvement Scheme of between £1,000 and £10,000. The Community Forum was particularly keen to support initiatives which promoted the sharing of resources between Parish Councils. Ms Allan also explained that once the Parish Plan had been adopted by the Parish Council it would be submitted to the Community Forum who would then engage to enlist the support of the District and County Council to fulfil the aspirations expressed in the Plan. The Chairman thanked Ms Allan for attending the meeting and for her very informative talk.

5	<p>Progress Reports:</p> <p>Clerk: The clerk reported that Royal Mail had given a date of the 30th July for installation of the new collection plate. No response had been received from the residents whose tree was obscuring the street lamp. The clerk was asked to write to them again.</p> <p>HS2: Cllr Haine had previously circulated a report (see notes to Appendix A) which contained the response of the Joint Parish Council, Offchurch Parish Council and Offchurch and Cubbington Stop HS2 Action Group to the Draft Environmental Statement regarding phase 1 of the proposed HS2 project. Owing to the inadequacies of the consultation document, Warwick County Council had requested that the Draft Environmental Statement be redone as it was not up to standard. Because of the time scale, it is likely that the only other response available now is to lobby MPs when the bill goes through Parliament.</p> <p>Gateway: The final decision on the Gateway development is now with the Minister who will announce his decision after the enquiry in January.</p>	MN
6	<p>Parish Plan</p> <p>The Council resolved to adopt the Parish Plan. Cllr Haine to notify Ms Bernadette Allan of the adoption by the due date.</p>	PH
7	<p>Offchurch Playing Field</p> <p>The Chairman suspended Standing Orders for the duration of Item 7.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Mr Stephen Evans gave a report (see Appendix B attached) on the implications of the restriction placed on Offchurch Playing Field. During the discussion which followed Cllr Redford stated that the restriction had caused great distress to Offchurch Parish Council and had destroyed the good will previously existing between the Parish Councils. b) Owing to the absence of Cllr Coles, it was resolved to defer this item until the next meeting when Cllr Coles would be asked to explain the necessity of the restriction. c) It was resolved that Weston Parish Council should remove the restriction from the Land Register. The clerk was asked to action. Cllr Mobbs asked that it be minuted that she had voted against the motion on the grounds that the Council should have taken advice before resolving to remove the restriction. It was further resolved that a letter of apology be written to Offchurch Parish Council. 	
8	<p>Warwickshire Bus service:</p> <p>Cllr Chambers reported that some bus drivers reversed their vehicles out of Sabin Drive onto the main road, a dangerous practice which endangered other road users. It was resolved that the bus company should be asked to instruct their drivers not to do this in future.</p>	WR
9	<p>Cllr Redford offered to take the matter up with the company himself and the Chairman thanked him for his offer.</p> <p>Warwickshire Association of Local Councils</p>	PH

10	It was resolved that Cllr Haine represent Weston Parish Council at WALC's next meeting on the 9 th October 2013.	
	Finance	
11	The clerk presented the financial report (payments and summary schedule attached). Listed payments were authorised.	
	Clerk's contract:	
12	It was resolved to adopt NALC's model contract for the clerk in order to ensure that the PC was compliant with employment law. No changes would be made to existing terms; inapplicable clauses would be deleted and the final document circulated to all councillors before signing.	MN BR
	General Village Maintenance:	LM
13	Cllr Mobbs had a list of issues concerning village maintenance which she wished to discuss. The Chairman asked that in future she should circulate a report beforehand, so that councillors were made aware of items of concern. Cllr Mobbs was asked to send her list to the clerk.	
	Planning application: W/13/0731/ Fields Farm, Weston.	
14	No objections were made to the above planning application.	
	Business from members of the public (that has been notified to the Clerk by the Thursday before the meeting)	
15	There was no business from members of the public.	
	Councillors' reports and items for future agenda	
16	Cllr Haine reported that progress was being made on the bench and that advice was being taken on which trees would be most suitable for planting in the Jubilee Copse. He asked that this be placed on the agenda for September's meeting.	
	Signing of cheques and payment list	
	The Chairman and Cllr Haine signed the payment list and supporting documentation.	
	The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.	
	Correspondence not noted in other items:	
	i) Bubbenhall Liaison Committee: minutes	
	ii) Central Warwickshire Villages Local Action Group: invitation	
	iii) Planning application: 26 Alderman Way – application granted	
	iv) Local Plan Meeting: a) Revised Development Strategy Document	

	<p>b) Notes of meeting of Warwick District Rural Council c) Sean Deeley re local plan document</p> <p>v) WALC: Minutes of the meeting of the 19th June 2012 vi) Local Plan: BTPC SDC Response and main points vii) Planning application: W/13/0731 Fields Farm, Weston. viii) Warwick District Community Governance Review 2013 notices ix) Warwickshire Waste Core Strategy – Adoption Statement</p>	
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