

Draft minutes

Weston under Wetherley Parish Council
Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Monday 24th August 2015
Weston under Wetherley Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Miss B Roberts (Chairman)
Cllr Mr S Richards (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Mrs S Chambers
Cllr Mr P Haine
Cllr Miss R Tighe
Cllr Mr R Atkinson
Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: Cllr Nick Harrington and 1 member of the public

1	Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Wallace Redford and Cllr Pam Redford.
2	Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest.
3	Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council on the 6th July 2015 The minutes of the ordinary meeting on the 6 th July 2015 were unanimously agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
4	Progress Reports: Clerk: i) The Clerk reported that she had contacted Bubbenhall Parish Council, as requested, for more information on the Easyfundraising website . The good cause nominated by Bubbenhall is their Village Hall, who are operating independently of the Parish Council. ii) Rubbish and maintenance issues: Jo Bell of Warwick DC, who was previously in charge of maintenance in the village has now been replaced by Jonathon Huxley. The clerk had written to Mr Huxley advising him that the rubbish bins were long overdue for emptying, but had not as yet received any response. iii) Planting Licence: The application for a planting licence to maintain some of the grass verges in the village had been accepted by Warwickshire County Council. iv) Lengthsman scheme: The information provided by the County Council on this scheme was a duplicate of that already in the possession of the Parish Council. The clerk had written to Warwickshire CC requesting more information on the scheme. v) Drains: Warwickshire County Council had sent out a contractor to deal with the overflowing drain in the village but had been unable to get access to the drain owing to a car which had been parked over it. The drain would be jetted once the car had been removed. vi) Garages St. Michael's Close: Cllr Pam Redford had reported that there are twenty three garages in the Close, nineteen of which are leased by residents in the village. Of these residents, eighteen live in St. Michael's Close. It was confirmed that it is a breach of the tenancy regulations for these garages to be used

	<p>for storage. Cllr Tighe believed that this information was out of date as some of the garages were rented by people who no longer lived in the village.</p> <p>b) Cllr Richards: i) Cllr Richards reported that he had been advised to contact David Anderson at the Green Spaces Team of Neighbourhood Services in relation to the proposed all weather sports facility.</p> <p>Cllr Richards also noted that as yet, no speed checks had been carried out in the village, although six had been promised between July and October.</p> <p>c) Cllr Atkinson: Cllr Atkinson had been in contact with Sara Board, in relation to the HS2 Community Benefit Fund. A cycleway between Weston and Cubbington would cost several thousand pounds and he had been advised that any successful application would only be part funded. Sara Board suggested the Council stood a greater chance of making a successful application to the fund if it could be shown that part of the funds would be obtained from other sources. It was suggested that Weston PC could join forces with Cubbington PC to put in a joint bid for the project.</p> <p>d) Cllr Haine: Cllr Haine reported that the Princethorpe Woodlands Living Landscape would be holding other events in October or November to promote interest in the wildlife corridor project.</p> <p>e) Cllr Harrington: Cllr Harrington gave a brief update on the Local Plan and advised that there was a shortfall in the number of new houses needed. It is likely that the authorities will now be re-examining areas they had previously rejected as unsuitable for further housing development.</p>	SR
5	<p>Warwick District Council Standards Committee: It was unanimously resolved to ratify the proposals of Warwick District Council's Standards Committee (see Appendix A attached).</p>	
6	<p>Village Welcome Gates: Cllr Haine reported that he had been advised by the Highways Committee that ownership of the gates should rest with the Parish Council who would take responsibility for maintaining them. It was unanimously resolved to purchase the gates from "Say it with Wood" and the signs from Signs Express, Warwick.</p>	MN
7	<p>Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs: Cllrs Chambers and Richards agreed to meet Mr David Skoppek of WAYC in order to discuss the issue further. The clerk was asked to arrange a meeting.</p>	
8	<p>Weston Wildlife Group: Cllr Haine reported that an ecologist from the Princethorpe Woodlands project had inspected the bank beside the church and confirmed that the felled elm trees had now begun to regenerate. Unless steps are taken to halt their growth, young elms will take over the whole area and smother the established flora. It was unanimously resolved that the Parish Council should approach the Forestry Department and request their assistance in the restoration of the bank. The clerk was asked to action.</p>	MN
9	<p>Finance:</p> <p>The clerk presented the financial report (payments and summary schedule attached) and the budget sheet. Listed payments were authorised and approved. The Chairman and Cllr Chambers were authorised to sign the finance sheets and supporting documentation.</p>	
10	<p>Planning applications: No planning applications had been received</p>	

11	<p>Business from members of the public:</p> <p>Mr Robert Birkmyre had reported weeds growing in gutters which was exacerbating the problem of the overflowing drains. The clerk confirmed that she had been in touch with the appropriate authorities about this.</p>	SC
12	<p>Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:</p> <p>Cllr Chambers suggested publishing another edition of the Parish Council newsletter.</p>	
13	<p>Correspondence not noted in other items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Warwick District Council: request for DPI forms ii) Westfield House planning application: committee hearing iii) Letter: Weston Toddler Group iv) Bubbenhall Liaison Committee: minutes July 2015 v) Warwick County Council: lengthsman scheme information vi) Warwick District Council: Sustainability in neighbourhood planning vii) Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs: Developing services for young people viii) Princethorpe Woodlands Living Landscape Project ix) Warwick District Council: Article 9 Standards Committee 	
14	<p>Signing of cheques and payment list:</p> <p>The Chairman and Cllr Chambers signed the supporting documents.</p> <p>The meeting ended at 8.45 pm</p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 5th October 2015.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Appendix A Warwick District Council Standards Committee</p> <p>Approved by Council 14 July 2010 B14</p>	

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