

Weston under Wetherley Parish Council
Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 20th May 2015
Weston under Wetherley Village Hall 7.15 pm

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

Also present: 1 member of the public

1	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Wallace Redford, Cllr Pam Redford and Cllr Nick Harrington.</p>
2	<p>Declarations of interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
3	<p>Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council on the 8th April 2015</p> <p>The minutes of the ordinary meeting on the 8th April 2015 were unanimously agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
4	<p>Progress Reports:</p> <p>Clerk: i) The Clerk reported that the Emergency Plan had been completed and forwarded, as requested, to the CSW Resilience Team. ii) Bubbenhall Parish Council thanked Weston PC for their offer to join forces in a Community Speedwatch Programme, but had already accepted an invitation to join with Stoneleigh. Adriano Towle (Warwickshire Police) had been asked to request that speed checks on the Rugby Road be considered as a suggested priority at the Warwick Rural East Community Forum. Cllr Chambers provided the Council with some further information on the Safer Roads Partnership, which the Clerk was asked to investigate.</p> <p>iii) Dog litter signs can be purchased a low cost online, but the Council can only install these on their own land.</p> <p>b) Cllr Haine: i) Footpaths: Mr John Hammon had expressed his willingness to have work carried out in the ditch to remedy the flooding problems on the footpath, though this could not take place until the bird nesting season was over. The Footpath Group was very grateful to him for his help. ii) There had been preliminary investigations about the possibility of establishing an “alert” system on the website, but it would be some time before a decision could be made on its feasibility. iii) There was no further news to report on the Village Design Statement, as the Parish Plan Steering Committee had not yet had a chance to meet to discuss it. iv) Warwickshire Wildlife Trust had received a large grant from the Heritage Lottery fund which they intend to use to further their plans to extend</p>

	<p>the wildlife corridor from Princethorpe to Cubbington. The initial phase will be survey work and Weston Wildlife Conservation Group will receive training and funding to help with this in the Weston area. They will also organise meetings with relevant authorities such as the Highways and Forestry Departments to assess potential changes to grassland and hedgerow maintenance to improve wildlife diversity.</p>
5	<p>General Power of Competence:</p> <p>It was unanimously resolved that the Parish Council met the criteria for eligibility to exercise the General Power of Competence as defined in the Localism Act 2011 s1(1), namely that a) the Council has a CiLCA qualified Clerk and b) that the number of elected Councillors at the last ordinary election exceeded two thirds of its total number of Councillors.</p>
6	<p>Grant Applications:</p> <p>It was unanimously resolved to grant the sum of £250 to the Weston Toddler Group. It was also unanimously resolved to grant the sum of £260 to the Weston Film Show.</p>
7	<p>The former Bull Inn:</p> <p>The Parish Council discussed their preferences for development of the site and passed the following resolutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) They voted in favour of converting the existing building into a single dwelling. b) They voted unanimously in favour of retaining the existing building with two small properties on either side, a total of three properties in all on the site. c) They voted in favour of two semi- detached houses, a total of four properties in all on the site. d) They voted in favour of a row of small terraced houses, not more than four in number. The Chairman asked that it be recorded that she voted against option d). <p>The Clerk was asked to inform the owners that the Council's wish is that the original building should be retained.</p>
8	<p>Nuisance:</p> <p>It was agreed that the owners of the land between St. Michael's Close and Bramley Cottage be contacted, if possible, to inform them that the land was being used for motorbike riding. Contact would also be made with the neighbouring landowner, as it was assumed that the bike riders were gaining access to the field via his property.</p>
9	<p>Insurance Policy:</p> <p>The Council resolved to accept the quotation of £158.00 submitted by Zurich Insurance for its annual insurance cover.</p>
10	<p>Finance:</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Internal Audit report had been received and that in the auditor's opinion payments and receipts had been correctly recorded and the accounting statements for 2014/2015 fairly reflected the income and expenditure.</p> <p>The clerk presented the financial report (payments and summary schedule attached). Listed payments were authorised and approved. The Chairman and Cllr Chambers were authorised to sign the finance sheets and supporting documentation.</p>
11	<p>Planning applications: No planning applications had been received</p>

- 12 **Business from members of the public:**
There was no business from members of the public.
- 13 **Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:**
Suggested that the emergency plan be revisited to ascertain the needs of vulnerable individuals in the community; to consider possibility of a practice of identified element of the plan. Concerns about flooding problems on the corner beside the Bull Inn – the Clerk to contact Tom Mannion again regarding the danger posed.
- 14 **Freedom of Information request:**

After discussion, it was unanimously resolved that it was not in the public interest to disclose the legally privileged information in the Council's possession. The Clerk was asked to write to the applicant informing her of this. It was also unanimously resolved that the Council found the applicant's requests vexatious and that no further response would be made to them.
- 15 **Correspondence not noted in other items**

i) Notice of uncontested election Weston under Wetherley
ii) Weston House (former Bull Inn) Appeal decision
iii) Candidate spending return & declaration for Parish elections
iv) Grant Application form Weston Toddler Group
v) Grant Application form Weston Film Show
vi) Warwick District Council: Declaration of Pecuniary Interest forms
vii) Freedom of Information requests: supporting documents
- 16 **Signing of cheques and payment list:**

The Chairman and Cllr Chambers signed the supporting documents.

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 6th July 2015.

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