

Weston Under Wetherley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:30pm,
25th June 2019, Village Hall

Present:

Councillor Nick Harrington (Chairman)
Councillor Andy Smith (Vice Chairman)

Councillor Rachel Tighe
Councillor Danielle Williams

In Attendance:

Clerk & RFO Jane Chatterton
Warwick District Council: Councillor Valerie Leigh-Hunt

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161. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Carolyn Bloom, Mandie Bradshaw and WCC Councillor, Councillor Wallace Redford.

162. Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

163. Public participation

There were no members of the public present.

164. Minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2019

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th May 2019 were discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2019 were approved.

165. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

166. Councillor's reports and items for future Agenda

Street Lighting

Councillor Valerie Leigh-Hunt reported that WDC were looking at the lights on the main road that weren't working. New lights requested were being reviewed but installation was dependent upon the required cabling being available.

Car parking area (opposite St Michael's Church)

Work had been completed on the parking area opposite St Michael's Church. The holes had been filled and resurfaced. This had been requested by Councillor Wallace Redford. Thanks, was given to Councillor Redford.

167. Correspondence

167.1 VE Day

Information had been received inviting the parish council's participation in VE Day 75, being organised to celebrate/commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of WW2 in Europe.

The 8th May 1945 was the day peace emerged after nearly six years of war, so the 75th anniversary on 8th May 2020 represents an important milestone in our history. Celebrations for VE Day 75, would cover the weekend of 8th - 10th May 2020, and would be an international celebration of peace – a time to remember, reflect and pay tribute to the millions who played such a vital part in achieving it.

RESOLVED THAT an agenda item for September's meeting.

167.2 Habitat Biodiversity Study

A report had been received following a Local Authority Area, (WDC) survey which took place on 11th July 2018 by S Shuttleworth

Unfortunately, the results advised that the LWS Panel agreed that whilst the site clearly had some local ecological interest, overall the survey found insufficient interest to qualify the site as a Local Wildlife Site. This was predominantly due to the management of the grassland in the churchyard, although the diversity of the wildflower bank next to the church was recognised as being very valuable by the panel.

However, one extremely important feature of the churchyard was the rare lichen *Anaptychia Ciliaris*. This was the only current site in the county where it could be found, it was also a nationally important species. To ensure its survival it was very important that the stone should not be cleaned or overwhelmed with ivy.

RESOLVED THAT the update be noted.

167.3 Leamington Spa Half Marathon

The Leamington Spa Half Marathon would take place on Sunday 7th July.

Roads in the area would be closed during the event.

Further information could be found at:

www.leamingtonspahalfmarathon.co.uk
info@leamingtonspahalfmarathon.co.uk

168. Finance

to approve payments: -

Payments (Current Account)					
Date		Reference	Payee	Details	Value
20.05.19	E12	BACS	N Harrington	Reimbursement APM (PAID)	£51.40
25.06.19	E13	BACS	J Chatterton	Clerk's Salary June 2019	
25.06.19	E14	BACS	HMRC	June's Tax Payment for Clerk	£92.00
25.06.19	E15	BACS	J Chatterton	Office allowance & expenses June	£10.00
25.06.19	E16	BACS	J Chatterton	Stationery	£68.34

RESOLVED THAT: The payments be approved.

169. Audit Update

The Clerk updated that the Audit documentation had been completed and returned to the External Auditor.

RESOLVED THAT the update be noted.

170. Planning

170.1 Appl. No: W/19/0806

Site: 14 Rugby Road, Weston under Wetherley

Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension

RESOLVED THAT: No comment.

171. Progress with Playing Area refresh, broken bench & gates following meeting with WDC's Russell Poulton on 5th June 2019

A meeting had taken place between Councillors Harrington, Valerie Leigh-Hunt and Russel Poulton (WDC) to progress the improvements to the Playing Area. It was noted that since September 2018, progress from WDC had been very slow.

It had been reported that contractors, Idverde, had damaged the bench by sheering off the cast iron legs.

ACTION: Seek replacement bench from Idverde.

Strimmed Trees in the Orchard

A contractor had been engaged to put "shroud" reinforcements around the trees in The Orchard.

ACTION: Clerk to check on progress.

172. WDC inspection & maintenance of Lime Trees at Sabin Drive

It was reported that the Lime Trees on Sabin Drive required inspection and maintenance. The work required included, the cutting back of the epicormic/basal growth, removing sections of deadwood in the trees. Councillor Harrington had requested the dates of the previous inspection and any work completed.

Once a reply was received, update would be given.

ACTION: Councillor Harrington to liaise with Simon Richardson, Green Space Development Officer.

173. Tree blown over in St Michael's Close (Cllr. Tighe)

Councillor Tighe updated that following a tree being blown over the tree had been cut down to base level and removed.

A request had been received to install a bench in the area. Work would also be required to clear the area.

ACTION:

(i) quotation for a bench to be obtained.

(ii) Councillor Harrington to request a replacement tree from the Open Spaces Team.

174. Councillor's reports and items for future agenda

Severn Trent

Work had been completed by Severn Trent on the Rugby Road. The area had been left in a mess and required tidying up. Also, the drains were blocked, the covers were covered in mud.

175. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 30th July 2019

Meeting closed at 8:00pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN

30th July 2019