

## Weston Under Wetherley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:30pm,  
10<sup>th</sup> September 2019, Village Hall

**Present:**

Councillor Nick Harrington (Chairman)  
Councillor Rachel Tighe  
Councillor Andy Smith

Councillor Carolyn Bloom  
Councillor Mandy Bradshaw

**In Attendance:**

Clerk & RFO Jane Chatterton

WCC Councillor Wallace Redford

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**191. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Danielle Williams and WDC Councillor, Councillor Valerie Leigh-Hunt.

**192. Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**193. Public participation**

There were no members of the public present.

**194. Minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were approved.

**195. Matters Arising**

**Bins**

Councillor Tighe raised the problem with unemptied bins. It was noted that this had been raised previously. Councillor Pam Redford (previous Chairman) had investigated at the time and the matter had been dealt with by WDC. Previously WDC had stated they couldn't empty the bin as it was locked, and they didn't have the key.

This time WDC claim that the bin does not belong to WDC and therefore not on the schedule to be emptied.

Their response to the problem in June 2018 was:

Good morning Cllr Redford,

Thank you for your email and I hope you are well. This bin should be emptied once a week on a Thursday. I have sent an email to our contractors to make sure they monitor the usage of this bin and also to monitor the crew members so that they do not forget to empty the bin and so that this does not happen again. I can totally understand it's not hygienic especially when there are children in the area.

I will monitor the bin myself too and do spot checks to make sure the bin is not overflowing. Leave it with me.

Kind Regards

Rekha Sonecha, Contract Officer

Neighbourhood Services, Warwick District Council, Riverside House,  
Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa, CV32 5HZ

**RESOLVED THAT:** The matter be reported again, informing WDC that the bin does belong to them and should, as previously confirmed by them, be on their emptying schedule.

## **196. Councillor's reports and items for future Agenda**

### **Councillor Wallace Redford – WCC**

#### **Autumn Statement**

Councillor Redford updated on the Autumn Statement. The Precept would include an extra 2% for Adult Social Care. There was £3.5b to be shared to supplement Councils throughout the UK.

#### **Trees**

David Elliston had confirmed that there was a purge on trees that were under the responsibility of WCC.

**ACTION:** A list to be sent to David Elliston of any that required maintenance.

#### **Footpath**

The footpath on the Rugby Road had been cut back and maintenance carried out. The layby parking area opposite St Michael's Church had been repaired and resurfaced.

## **197. Correspondence**

### **197.1 Wildflower Update**

It was noted that a letter had been received updating that the annual cutting of the bank by St Michael's Church and in the churchyard had been carried out. This was thanks to the Dunsmore Living Landscape Project who provided a leader, volunteers and equipment. Without them, it wouldn't have been possible. Lottery funding for the project runs out at the end of 2020 and ways of future funding were being explored. It was encouraging to learn that the area was considered as one that had the most diverse range of plants locally. It had become a successful section in the wildlife corridor providing a suitable habitat for a wide range of bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects. The Group hoped that it gave pleasure to passers by.

**RESOLVED THAT** the update be received and noted.

### **197.2 Issued raised by villager**

An email had been received from a villager, who had contacted WDC. They reported that the following work had been completed:

1. Cut back the overhanging brambles along the roadside and also cut back a lot of the verge to help widen the pavement. You can now walk down it two abreast.
2. Weeding underneath a bench - weeding and tidying had been on the WDC's cutting schedule since approx 2012. This year was the first time it had fallen off the schedule. It had now been done.
3. Finally, they had been promised that when the road was closed, they would come out and clean out the drains all the way down Rugby Road which were blocked by mud and foliage.

**RESOLVED THAT** the Chairman thanked the villager for her efforts.

**198. Finance**

198.1 to approve payments: -

Payments (Current Account)					
Date		Reference	Payee	Details	Value
10.09.19	E24	BACS	J Chatterton	Clerk's Salary August 2019	
10.09.19	E25	BACS	HMRC	August's Tax Payment for Clerk	£92.00
10.09.19	E27	BACS	J Chatterton	Clerk's Salary Sept 2019	
10.09.19	E28	BACS	HMRC	September's Tax Payment for Clerk	£
10.09.19	E29	BACS	J Chatterton	Office Allowance Clerk	£10.00
10.09.19	E26	BACS	Village Hall	AGM booking	£25.00

**RESOLVED THAT** the above payments be approved.

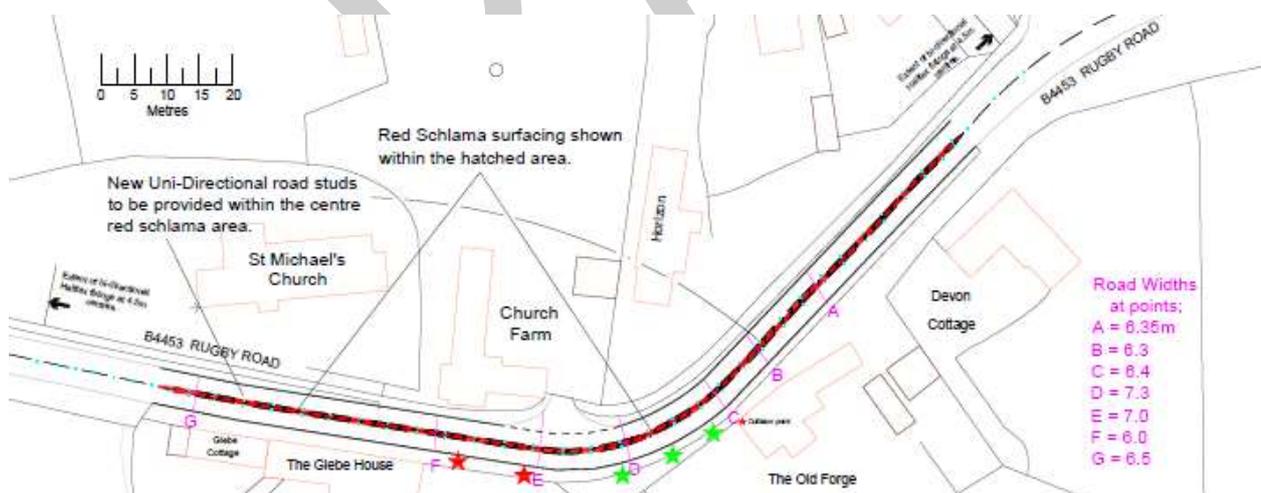
**199. Planning**

There were no Planning Applications to consider.

**200. Highways**

Notification had been received in relation to road safety improvements on the B4453 Rugby Road. To enable the repairs, the road would be closed for a short period.

Concerns had been raised with noise, but it was confirmed that the studs in the middle of the road would be plastic and therefore would not be an issue. During the works period, residents would be allowed access to their properties where possible.



**RESOLVED THAT** Councillor Harrington would update Facebook and the website with the details.

**201. Broken Sign**

The signage on the Rugby Road opposite The Bull was broken.

Councillor Harrington updated that this had been reported and this would be fixed.

**202. Blocked drains**

WCC had stated that the blocked drains would be addressed during the road closure for safety repairs.

**RESOLVED THAT** the situation be monitored.

**203. Overhanging Brambles**

It was noted that these had been cut by the Community Payback Team. Only issue was that the waste had not been removed.

**204. Lime Trees – Sabin Drive**

It was reported that the lime trees required maintenance, including broken and fallen branches and the cutting of epicormic growth.

Photograph of fallen branches had been passed to David Anderson, Green Spaces Lead. David Anderson had spoken to County Arboricultural Services to organise an inspection of the trees. WCC were contracted by WDC to inspect trees every three years. An inspection date to be confirmed.

**RESOLVED THAT** situation to be monitored.

**205. Progress with Playing Area refresh**

Councillor Harrington updated that WDC were applying for matched funding from the Football Association to fund the playing area and equipment refresh.

The Football Association were meeting later this month to discuss the grant application process for funding associated with their local football facilities plan. WDC were expecting further guidance from the FA in October and would be in touch again once they knew more.

Replacement Bench for installation week commencing 16th September 2019.

Minor works contractor had completed:

- a) gap in fencing at bottom of Sabin Drive
- b) repairs to gate at bottom of Sabin Drive
- c) self-closing gate not yet completed.

**RESOVLED THAT** the update be noted.

**206. Councillor's reports and items for future agenda**

**Parking in St Michael's Close**

It was reported that the Close was getting very congested with residents parking on the road, at times this was preventing the refuse collection service emptying the residential bins as the lorry couldn't get through.

A resident was also parking their lorry on the close and this meant residents cannot access their driveways.

At the bottom of St Michael's Close, garages were situated. Some were empty and there was a rat problem. When contact WDC stated that all garages were rented and paid for.

**ACTION:** Councillor Bloom to contact PCSO Ed King and request assistance with the parking issues.

**Streetlights**

Councillor Bradshaw raised the issue with a streetlight on the Rugby Road. The pole was obscured with overgrown vegetation. This had been reported.

**ACTION:** Monitor.

**Annual Parish Council Meeting**

It was reported that the Annual Parish Council Meeting would take place on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7:30pm at the Village Hall, main room.

**207. Next Meeting**

The next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.

Meeting closed at 8:10pm

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