

## Weston Under Wetherley Parish Council

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

**Present:**

Councillor Jeff Arnold (Vice Chairman)  
Councillor Jenny Arnold  
Councillor John Hammon

Councillor Nick Harrington  
Councillor Wallace Redford

**In Attendance:**

Jane Chatterton Clerk & RFO

WDC Councillor Trevor Wright

Public: 0

**109. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Pam Redford.

**110. Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**111. Public participation**

There were no members of public present.

**112. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were approved.

**113. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising, not listed on the agenda.

**114. Councillor's reports and items for future Agenda**

To receive reports from County Councillor Cllr. Wallace Redford and District Councillors Cllr. Mrs Pam Redford and Cllr. Trevor Wright.

**WDC: Councillor Wright**

**Boundary Review**

The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) had undertaken an electoral review which had altered the ward boundaries across Warwick district.

Weston Under Wetherley would move from Stoneleigh and Cubbington Ward to Radford Semele.

### **Travellers**

Sajid Javid, the Home Secretary, had unveiled a series of new legal measures to make it easier for police officers to intervene and remove travellers from private land. He had also announced he was considering making it a criminal offence for travellers to trespass on private land when setting up an encampment.

At present, it was a civil issue, requiring landowners to spend thousands of pounds seeking a court injunction if they wanted to remove them, while, in some cases, causing significant disturbance to neighbouring residents. At a recent Council Meeting a resolution had been passed for WDC to write to Mr Javid in support of this.

### **HS2**

A meeting would take place on 15<sup>th</sup> March with Jeremy Wright MP to help raise his profile and discuss concerns in relation to HS2.

Further information could be found by visiting the dedicated section of the website:

<https://www.jeremywright.org.uk/hs2>

On this section of his website you can read about the latest news concerning HS2 as well as more about the work that he was doing to support those who were affected by the route.

Mr Wright believed high speed rail lines should follow existing transport corridors. There was a good argument for a high speed rail network as a better and greener transport option than short-haul flights, which would free up scarce landing slots at our airports for flights to long-haul destinations we can reach no other way, but HS2 would be better routed along motorways or railway lines we already had, not across open Warwickshire countryside.

### **WDC - Councillors Pam Redford and Trevor Wright**

It was reported that the councillors had their own dedicated website covering issues in the area, as a consequence of the change of electoral boundaries they have had to carry out a number of changes (including a minor name change) adding Leek Wotton, in addition to this they had included a section to include useful links.

There were community links for useful information such as village halls, specialist societies etc and if any organisations would like to be included, they could send Councillor Wright the details and include the link as necessary.

The objective was to provide a portal of up to date information for the community

<http://www.cubbingtonandleekwootton.net/>

### **Councillor Pam Redford**

#### **Crime Levels**

There had been a poor response to 111 calls. It was noted that recently travellers had set up on Warwick Race Course, despite being called, the police had failed to attend.

Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Philip Secombe, had recently undertaken a survey as he wanted to hear views on three options, he was putting forward to boost the numbers of police officers in the county.

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) had proposed to use a rise in the Police Precept (the portion of Council Tax which paid for policing) to recruit up to 100 new officers, community support officers and crime investigators. This would help Warwickshire Police meet rising demand and provide a better, more visible service to local communities.

The decision had been made to increase the precept and recruit 49 officers. Five officers for rural areas.

### **Cycleway**

It was noted that Councillor Redford had not received a reply to conversations and emails in relation to the agreement in principle for the land required to progress the cycleway.

**ACTION:** Clerk to chase.

### **Road Traffic Collision – Rugby Road, Weston-under-Wetherley – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

It was reported that at 22:30 on the 12th February 2019, Warwickshire Fire Control received a 999 call to a road traffic collision on Rugby Road, Weston-under-Wetherley. Two fire engines were mobilised from Leamington Fire Station. This incident involved one private motor vehicle that had crashed into a house on the Rugby Road. One male casualty was trapped and released by firefighters. Police and Ambulance were also in attendance.

The question had been raised in relation to bollards being installed outside the property. Currently there were small wooden bollards.

**ACTION:** Councillor Pam Redford would liaise with Highways to ascertain when these had been installed and by who.

The Parish Council wanted to congratulate officers from WDC and WCC who attended the scene so promptly and before midnight.

### **WCC - Councillor Wallace Redford Updated**

#### **WCC Precept Increase**

Councillor Wallace Redford updated that WCC had increased the precept by 3%, the Government had given County Councils opportunity to increase the precept by another 2% to pay towards Adult Social Care, therefore the precept would increase by 5%.

Adult Social Care costs would rise to £7m and children's social care to £6.4%. The bus company had cancelled many rural routes, WCC had put £500k into the budget towards reinstating the more viable rural bus routes.

### **115. Correspondence**

#### **115.1 HS2**

Notification of Ground work from 25<sup>th</sup> February had been received.

Initial works had now started and were being carried out by LM – a joint venture between Laing O'Rourke and J. Murphy & Sons.

They would be in the area to continue the ground investigation works in advance of an underground power line that would be laid from the electricity substation near Harbury to the tunnel north

entrance. Phase four, the final phase, would begin on 25th February. **Bascote Road, between Welsh Road and the A425 Leamington Road, will be closed for up to two weeks.** This included a traffic light controlled lane closure at the junction with Welsh Road for two days, and a lane closure at the junction with Leamington Road for up to four days.

This would complete the ground investigation works. Access to properties and businesses would be maintained at all times. An agreed and clearly signed local diversion would be in place.

**RESOLVED THAT** the update be noted.

#### 115.2 Planters

An email had been received from Stephen Evans, updating that volunteers had been found to maintain the two planters at one end of the village (Helen Roberts). Julia and Wendy maintained the planters at the Leamington end.

The Clerk had liaised with Wendy who would send receipts for reimbursement of the cost of plants.

**ACTION:** Clerk to reply to Stephen Evans and request he lets Helen Roberts know to send her receipts to the Clerk for reimbursement of the purchase of the plants.

#### 116. Cycleway and HS2

Previously discussed.

#### 117. Finance

117.1 to approve payments: -

Payments (Current Account)				
Date	Reference	Payee	Details	Value
26.02.19	BACS	J Chatterton	Salary for Clerk February	
26.02.19	BACS	HMRC	February's Tax Payment for Clerk	£89.60
26.02.19	BACS	J Chatterton	Office allowance & expenses February	£10.00
26.02.19	BACS	N Harrington	Reimbursement printing costs	£31.45
26.02.19	BACS	J Chatterton	Reimbursement printer	£149.00

It was noted that the funds to purchase the printer had been obtained from the Transparency Fund.

**RESOLVED THAT** the payments be approved.

#### 117.2 Expenditure over £100 document

The Expenditure over £100 document was discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the Expenditure over £100 document be approved.

#### 118. Planning

There were no Planning Applications were consideration.

#### 119. Governance

The following policies had been reviewed:

**119.1 Financial Regulations**

The Financial Regulations were discussed. Minor updates had been made.

**RESOLVED THAT** the Financial Regulations be approved.

**119.2 Financial Control Document**

The Financial Control document had been updated, minor updates had been made.

**RESOLVED THAT** the Financial Control Document be approved.

**119.3 Risk Assessment**

Minor updates had been made.

**RESOLVED THAT** the Risk Assessment be approved.

**119.4 Asset Register**

Minor updates had been made to include the new printer.

**RESOLVED THAT** the Asset Register be approved.

**119.5 Health & Safety Policy**

No updates had been made.

**RESOLVED THAT** the Health & Safety Policy be approved.

**120. Election Process 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019**

The election process was discussed, and the key dates noted:

<b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Notice of Election by Election Authority Nomination Period Commences – Each nomination must be separate, and <b>hand delivered</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Poll card despatched from elections authority 4pm Last Date for Receipt of Nominations by elections authority Deadline for withdrawal of form
<b>4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	FIND OUT IF A POLL OR NOT Publication of persons nominated
<b>12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Last date for registering to vote
<b>15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Last date for new postal vote applications
<b>24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Last day for proxy vote applications
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Polling Day – all elections - 7am to 10pm 11am - If there are more vacancies than candidates the returning officer will declare them elected
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Results
<b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	All councillors retire on the same day and new councillors take office on this day (4 days after the date of the election – the Saturday and Sunday are counted) – on the 7th in 2019 because the 6th is a Bank Holiday which is not counted as one of the 4 days.
<b>7<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>The first meeting of the council must take place between these dates</b> Only Sundays are omitted when calculating the 14 days after the councillors taking office, during which the meeting must take place.

**RESOLVED THAT** the update be noted.

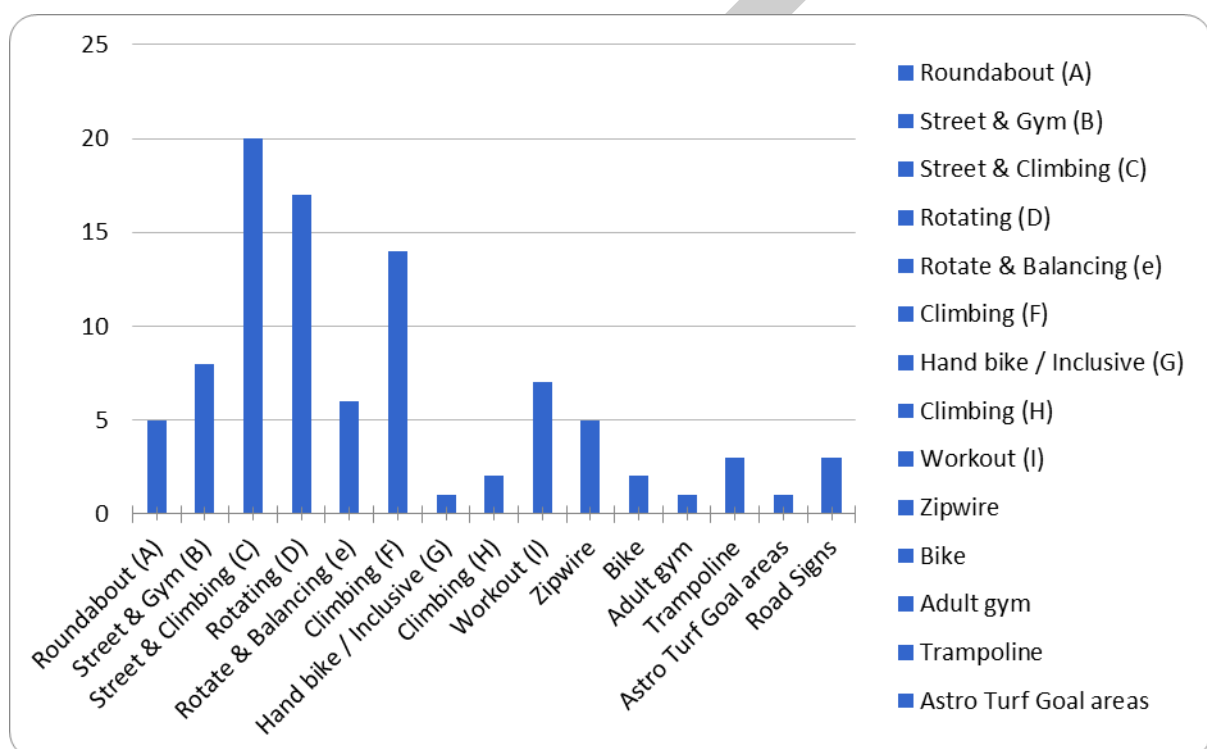
### 121. Audit Process

The Parish Council's accounts for 2018-19 were required to be internally audited by an independent and competent auditor.

**RESOLVED THAT** it was agreed to instruct Louise Best, who completed the internal audit for 2016-17 and 2017-18 carry out 2018-19 internal audit.

### 122. Sabin Drive Play Area

Councillor Harrington updated that the Weston Under Wetherley Sabin Drive play equipment survey results had been counted. The survey results and comments would be passed to WDC to help the Open Spaces Team plan the play area.



Councillor Harrington thanked Rachael, who lives in St Michaels Close who helped deliver the surveys.

A local resident had offered to supply, free of charge, a zip wire. Open Spaces were working on the feasibility of compliance and the siting.

### 123. Councillor's reports and items for future agenda Reformatory

Councillor Jeff Arnold updated that he had contacted a local signage company, but no response had been received.

**ACTION:** Councillor Wright to progress.

### Pavement

Councillor Jenny Arnold reported issues with the pavement near the post box.

**ACTION:** Councillor Arnold to send the details to Councillor W Redford.

**Fly Tipping**

It was reported that rubbish including children's toys had been left on Weston Lane.

**ACTION:** Councillor Wright to contact the team.

**Weston Lane, narrowing verge**

It was reported that the verge on Weston Lane was narrowing and becoming dangerous.

**ACTION:** Councillor W Redford to request Dave Elliston to carry out a survey.

**124. Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm