

## Weston Under Wetherley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:00pm,  
22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 Weston Under Wetherley Village Hall

**Present:**

Councillor Nick Harrington (Chairman)  
Councillor Danielle Williams  
Councillor Helen Adkins

Councillor Rachel Tighe  
Councillor Mandy Bradshaw

**In Attendance:**

Clerk & RFO Jane Chatterton  
Warwickshire County Council: Councillor Wallace Redford

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**125. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from WDC Councillor, Councillor Valerie Leigh-Hunt and Dr Tim Robbins.

**126. Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**127. Councillor Vacancies**

The Parish Council had two vacancies following the resignation of Carolyn Bloom and Ian Prosser. The Parish Council was given permission to fill the vacancies via co-option.

Two applications had been received by qualifying applicants.

**RESOLVED THAT:**

- (i) Tim Robbins and Helen Adkins were co-opted onto Weston Under Wetherley Parish Council.
- (ii) The two new councillors completed their Acceptance of Office.
- (iii) Clerk to liaise with the new councillors to complete the necessary paperwork.

**128. Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021 were discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021 were approved.

**129. Public participation:**

There were no members of the public present.

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

**Councillor Wallace Redford**

**Local Elections**

Councillor Redford updated on the results of the local elections which took place in May. It was noted that the Conservative Group had increased by gaining more seats.

**Covid-19**

It was noted that things are not as good as they had been with an increase in cases. No deaths had been reported in Warwickshire. Infection rates have risen in all areas. Leamington, Warwick and Whitnash were in the top 10 in the County. However, taken into context, infection rates in Warwickshire were still low.

No patients had been admitted to ITU until this week. Four patients in George Elliot Hospital and 10 patients in the University Hospital, but this was still small compared to the situation Nationally.

The infection rates had started to slow down and as more vaccines were rolled out.

Pound Lane testing centre had now closed as people were not going in. Public Health were pushing for them to close so the thought is that lateral flow tests were not required any longer.

**Councillor Valerie Leigh-Hunt**

It was reported that although we are not yet free from the effects of the pandemic, Council working was gradually returning to something more like normal. It would be necessary to return to consideration of a number of matters that the District Council were considering before lockdown.

There was still some joint working with Stratford District and there had been some joint appointments across both districts, in particular a joint head of planning. This was affecting some cost saving. There had been a public consultation on a joint local plan to cover both districts and the parishes were encouraged to submit their views on possible sites for development of different kinds.

As it was not now permitted to hold statutory meetings remotely meetings were now being scheduled to take place at the Town Hall

In addition to the committees that had been in place for many years, new Programme Advisory Boards had been set up. These can bring forward issues for the committees to deal with.

There were still problems in the District due to HS2's working. It was proposed that the A425 should re-open in early August – a date for this should be confirmed during July.

It was intended that The Parade in Leamington should re-open to traffic on 21<sup>st</sup> June, but it was no longer certain that re-opening would take place as there had been considerable support for it to remain pedestrianised.

There was a scheme for grants to businesses that were restarting. These were a one-off payment. If you know of any businesses reopening in the parish, please let them know about the grants. Applications had to be made by 30<sup>th</sup> June.

**131. Correspondence**

Nothing to report.

**132. Finance**

132.1 to approve payments: -

**2020-21**

DATE	REF	PAYEE	DETAILS	PAYMENT
26.04.21	E1	J Chatterton	SLCC reimbursement part	£75.00
26.04.21	E2	J Chatterton	April Salary Clerk	DPA
26.04.21	E3	HMRC	Tax & NI Clerk	DPA
26.04.21	E4	J Chatterton	Expenses	£37.13
26.04.21	E5	J Chatterton	Stationery reimbursement	£93.56
05.05.21	E6	WALC	Annual Subscription	£192.00
21.05.21	E7	J Chatterton	May Salary Clerk	DPA
21.05.21	E8	HMRC	Tax & NI Clerk	DPA
21.05.21	E9	J Chatterton	Expenses	£17.33
21.05.21	E10	Zurich	Insurance	£180.32
21.05.21	E11	J Chatterton	Zoom part payment	£40.00
24.05.21	E12	Mrs L Best	Internal Auditor	£110.00

**INCOME 2020-21**

	R1	WDC	Half yearly precept & Grant	£5,500.00
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**132. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020-21**

The Clerk updated that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020-21 had been sent to the External Auditor.

The Notice of Public Rights period dates were 14<sup>th</sup> June to 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021.

**RESOLVED THAT** the update be noted.

**133. Planning**

**133.1 Application No: W/20/1627**

Site: The Old Forge, Rugby Road

Application: Repair and modernisation to The Old Forge. Demolition of outbuildings and old rear extensions, proposed new rear extension to form two wings, a single-story kitchen / diner and a two-story living room and master bedroom suite with a single story link extension

**RESOLVED THAT:** No comment.

**134. Speed Camera Road Safety Partnership**

Councillor Williams updated that she had chased PCSO Ed King twice in the past month, without success. She was now going to pass on to another Police Officer to progress.

A Speed Awareness Course to train the volunteers would take place shortly.

**ACTION:** Agenda item for September's meeting.

**135. WDC Complaint**

Complaint was submitted on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Various issues were raised and highlighting their lack of response.

**RESOLVED THAT** another complaint to be registered.

**136. Grant Funding**

The Chairman updated that assistance had been provided by Councillor Tim Robbins to put together various grant funding applications, including:

Green Shoots – application for 21 trees. Funding for a community orchard in Sabin Drive.

Mother and Toddler Group – funds to cover their expenditure costs.

**137. Progress with Play Area refresh**

It was reported that the Play area refresh was no further forward in being started. The funding had been increased from £30,000 to £40,000 but the work had still not gone out to tender. WDC had now suggested that an application be made to the Football Association for Grant Funding.

After discussion it was felt that the decision should be taken to separate the two items. Continue with the play equipment refresh and proceed with FA Grant Funding for the MUGA.

**ACTION:** Further update at September's meeting.

**138. Village Gates**

It was noted that some time ago the previous Parish Council had installed the current Village Gates, situated at the entrances to the Parish.

Councillor Harrington had obtained various options from suppliers. Installation could be by the Parish Council purchasing the gates and WCC approved contractors installing the gates or for WCC to provide the gates and installation the initial costing was high.

**ACTION:** Funding and grant sources to be sought.

**139. HS2 Representative**

Following the resignation of Ian Prosser, the Parish Council required a representative from the Parish Council to be the PC liaison with HS2.

**ACTION:** Carry over to September's meeting.

**140. Queens Jubilee Street party 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022**

It was noted that the Village Fate for 2022 was being held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

The Queens Jubilee Street Party was being held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022. Discussion took place on the merits of combining the two events to be held on the same date.

The idea of a Tea party on the Saturday afternoon, (3<sup>rd</sup> June), with a pop-up pub, cream teas, bunting.

A request to be made for the Village Hall Committee to hire out the hall for free for community events in recognition of their support for community events.

**ACTION:**

- (i) Councillor Harrington to talk to Chris Garden about the pop-up pub.
- (ii) Option for obtaining power to be discussed.
- (iii) Agenda item for September's meeting.
- (iv) Post to be added to Facebook page, requesting ideas.

**141. Village Hall Committee & Weston PC**

Councillor Williams updated that she had attended the Village Hall Committee meeting and provided an update.

**ACTION:** Further updates to be received.

**142. Meeting times**

A request had been received to move meeting start times to earlier.

**RESOLVED THAT:** Meetings to commence at 6:30pm from September.

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

Footpath – minimum width 2m, complaint has gone to WCC. Councillor Williams to contact Ryan Machin, Localities Officer. Arrange a site visit.

Grass cutting – complaints have been submitted as the verges are overdue their cut. The District Council cuts the verges within the parish. Major roads are cut by the County Council. Often WCC employ a local farmer to cut them. Usually twice a year.

**144. Next Meeting**

The next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at the Village Hall. The meeting would start at the new time of 6:30pm.

Meeting closed at 7:55pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN  
Councillor N Harrington

7<sup>th</sup> September 2021