

Weston Under Wetherley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:00m,
18th September 2023 Weston Under Wetherley Village Hall

Present:

Councillor Dr Tim Robbins (Chairman)
Councillor Rachel Tighe

Councillor Nick Wylie
Councillor Pippa Jamie

In Attendance:

Clerk & RFO Jane Chatterton

WCC 1

WDC 0

Public: 0

341. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Rebecca Noonan, WDC.

342. Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

343. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th July 2023 were received and discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2023 be approved.

344. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not listed on the agenda.

345. Public participation

There were no members of public present.

346. Councillor's reports and items for future Agenda

WCC Update

Concrete in schools – Councillor Redford updated on the issue with concrete in the schools. There is only one school under the control of Warwickshire CC with the issue, this is a primary school in Atherstone. Action had already been taken during the Summer months.

Myton School is also affected but is an Academy and not the responsibility of the WCC.

All the Council buildings had been inspected and are ok.

347. Correspondence

Correspondence had been received from the Public Rights of Way Team who need to obtain funding to repair a footbridge over the River Leam near Cubbington. It was noted that the bridge has had to be closed, meaning the temporary loss of the W129 route, which was important for the community, particularly with HS2 closing and diverting a number of paths in this area.

The footbridge over the River Leam was declared unsafe on inspection and the decision has been taken to unfortunately close off the W129 route as a result. This is a very well used route between Cubbington and Offchurch and is a key section of the local network which is being heavily disrupted by ongoing HS2 works.

The Team had explored funding options with HS2 but that was rejected because maintenance is considered to be a statutory obligation. Their only avenue now was to apply for CIL monies of circa £40,000 from Warwick District Council. As this section of the footpath is in the Weston under Wetherley Parish and also serves Cubbington and Offchurch, the Parish Council were asked to help with gaining the support of the three Parishes to progress the application before the next round in November. The Parish Council asked why if this was a statutory requirement to maintain, why CIL money was needed, however were advised this would still be the case.

RESOLVED THAT:

- (i) Clerk to write an email to the Public Rights of Way Team in support of the CIL application.
- (ii) It was noted that there was no financial implication on the Parish Council.

348. Finance

348.1 To approve payments:-
2023-24

DATE	REF	PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
14.07.23	E25	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary July	DPA
14.07.23	E26	HMRC	Tax & NI July	DPA
14.07.23	E27	J Chatterton	Expenses July	£80.00
14.07.23	E28	Top Source	Payroll Provider Inv 002724	£12.94*
14.07.23	E29	TRANSFER	CURRENT TO SAVINGS ACCOUNT	£7,000.00
30.07.23	E30	HSBC	Bank Charges	£5.00
04.08.23	E31	WALC	Training NW 468	£36.00*
04.08.23	E32	J Chatterton	Expenses August	£44.00
04.08.23	E33	J Chatterton	Compost	£10.00
04.08.23	E34	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary August	DPA
04.08.23	E35	HMRC	Tax & NI August	DPA
18.08.23	E36	Weston VH	Room booking 27.07.23	£24.00
18.08.23	E37	J Franks	Tree repairs St Michaels Close	£105.80
21.08.23	E38	J Chatterton	Reimbursement of bulbs	£103.35*
21.08.23	E39	HSBC	Bank Charges	£5.00
04.09.23	E40	Topsource	Payroll Provider Inv 004148	£12.94*
04.09.23	E41	Topsource	Payroll Provider Inv 004961	£12.94*
08.09.23	E42	Jane Chatterton	Glasdon dog bag dispensers	£667.00*

*inc VAT

RESOLVED THAT the payments be approved.

348.2 Bulbs

ACTION: Clerk to purchase bulbs to the value of £50.00.

348.3 Recreation ground trees

Work had been completed to the trees at the top of St Micheal's Close, new stake supports and bark had been added.

There were 13 trees on the Recreation Ground that required new stakes and bark adding to the bases.

ACTION:

- (i) Clerk to liaise with Mr Franks to obtain a quote for the work.
- (ii) Limit to be set at £400.00.

349. CCTV St Michael's Church and storage of PC Property

The Parish Council need somewhere to store PC property. The Chairman had spoken with Stephen Evans about the possibility of using a secure area at the Church.

ACTION:

- (i) Clerk to liaise with Mr Evans in relation to the storage area.
- (ii) A financial contribution to be made for storage.

350. Speed monitoring equipment

The exact location to install the speed monitoring equipment was required. The Chairman updated that he had sent the number of the lamppost to use as a guide.

RESOLVED THAT the speed monitoring equipment would be installed once it was available. The cost would be covered by WCC.

351. Sabin Drive Play Area and grounds**ACTION:**

- (i) Clerk to contact Helen Hancox and ask for an update on the play area refresh.
- (ii) Invite Helen to November's Parish Council meeting.

352. Village Christmas lights

The Christmas lights were usually put up by volunteers but supervised by a Parish Councillor. It was agreed that it was important that public liability insurance is in place and that an external company would be required to provide such assurance. Arrangements for Christmas 2023 needed to be made.

It was also noted that the Events Committee was separate from the Parish Council and held their own limited budget.

ACTION: Clerk to request a quotation from the company who puts up Cubbington's lights.

353. Planning

353.1 Appl. No:

W/23/1188

Site:

Westfield House, Rugby Road, Weston under Wetherley

Application:

Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed erection of an outbuilding, as shown on drawings no. 22139-001, 22139-002

RESOLVED THAT: no comment.

354. Parking in St Michael's Close

ACTION:

- (i) Look at how to remove the bench, get residents' support, to make more parking spaces on the site of the removed bench.
- (ii) Councillor Robbins to invite Rebecca Noonan to a site meeting in St Michael's Close to look at all the issues including the bench, weeds, garages etc.

355. St Michael's Close garages

As above.

356. HS2 projects

A list of projects was needed to put to HS2 Community Engagement team. Initial ideas included:

- Noticeboards x 2
- Welcome gates
- Bench on the Rugby Road

357. Wildflower signage

ACTION: agenda item for November's meeting.

358. Councillor's reports and items for future agenda

Look for Training – Planning

359. Meeting dates 2024

The meeting dates for 2024 were discussed.

15th January 2024

18th March 2024

20th May 2024 (including APM and APCM)

22nd July 2024

16th September 2024

18th November 2024

RESOLVED THAT the dates be approved. Clerk to book the Village Hall.

360. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 27th November 2023 at the Village Hall

Councillor Redford gave his apologies for November's meeting.

Meeting closed at 20:15pm

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