

## Weston Under Wetherley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:00pm,  
26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 via Zoom

**Present:**

Councillor Carolyn Bloom (Vice Chairman)	Councillor Rachel Tighe
Councillor Mandie Bradshaw	Councillor Ian Prossor (part)
Councillor Nick Harrington (Chairman)	

**In Attendance:**

Clerk & RFO	Jane Chatterton
Warwickshire County Council:	Councillor Wallace Redford (part)
Warwick District Council:	0

Public: 1

**77. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Danielle Williams and Councillor Valarie Leigh-Hunt (WDC).

**78. Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**79. Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 were discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 were approved.

**80. Matters Arising**

Updates to Parish Council complaints were discussed.

**81. Public participation**

There were no members of public present who wished to speak.

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

**County Councillor Cllr. Wallace Redford**

Covid-19 Pandemic – It was noted that unfortunately there had been 5 recent deaths due to the Coronavirus in the County. Infection rates in the District had risen again, particularly in the over 60s.

In Warwick District there were 2 areas in the top 5 and 5 in the top 10. Currently regarded as a hot spot.

Lateral flow tests were available from a clinic in Pound Lane. Bookings were taken but walk-in tests were also offered, results were available within the hour. To date 10,000 tests had been carried out.

A new vaccination centre had opened (today) at Stoneleigh Park. WCC had given the instruction to HS2 to pause all road works. People would be attending Stoneleigh Park from a 45-minute journey time and roads needed to be open and running as free as possible.

The new Mega Lab in Leamington was currently advertising vacancies for various roles. Information could be found on the WCC website, it is anticipated that at full capacity the lab would employ 2,000 people.

Budget – the Government had decided to allow authorities to increase the budget by more than 2% and for adult social care an increase of 3%. This was being discussed at the meeting in February.

### 83. Correspondence

Nothing further to discuss.

### 84. Finance

84.1 to approve payments: -

DATE	REF	PAYEE	DETAILS	PAYMENT
22.11.20	E42	J Chatterton	Batteries for lights	£29.81
01.12.20	E43	N Harrington	Wood for lights	£30.00
01.12.20	E44	N Harrington	Supplies for lights	£108.26
01.12.20	E45	DHB Ltd	Electrics for lights	£30.42
18.12.20	E46	J Chatterton	Salary December	DPA
18.12.20	E47	HMRC	Tax for Clerk	£94.60

**RESOLVED THAT** the payments be approved.

### 84.2 Bank Reconciliation up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

The Bank Reconciliation up to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 was received and discussed.

Account 1	£14,366.14	
Account 2	£8,959.82	
		<b>£23,325.96</b>
Petty cash float (if applicable)	£0.00	£0.00
Less: late payments 31st December 2020	£30.00	£30.00
Add: any un-banked as at 31st December 2020	£0.00	
Net balances as at 31st December 2020		<b>£23,295.96</b>

**The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book as follows:**

#### CASH BOOK

Opening Balance 1st April 2020		
Account 1	£14,599.37	
Account 2	£8,956.30	
		<b>£23,555.67</b>
Add Receipts up to 31st December 2020		£10,953.52
Less: Payments up to 31st December 2020		£11,213.23
Closing balance per cash book as at 31st December 2020		<b>£23,295.96</b>

**RESOLVED THAT** the Bank Reconciliation up to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 be approved.

**84.3 Quarterly Report up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

The Quarterly Report up to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 was received and discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the Quarterly Report up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 be approved.

**85. Parish Council Website**

It was reported that the Parish Council website was currently with BT, notification had been received that the website would be turned off on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021 as these would no longer be supported.

The Parish Council was required to have a website to comply with the Transparency Code.

Various quotations had been obtained and it was circa £2,500 to engage a website company to create the new website.

After discussion it was agreed that the new website would be WordPress hosting. The time taken to build the website would be approximately 20 hours.

**RESOLVED THAT**

- (i) it was agreed that Councillor Harrington would be create the new website.
- (ii) Councillor Harrington would be reimbursed for the time taken.

**86. Planning**

To consider any Planning Applications

**86.1 Application No: W/20/1801**

Application site: 16 Simpkins Close

Proposal: Alternations to insert new bi-fold doors into rear elevation and a rooflight into the side roof slope, erection of a dormer window in the side roof slope

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Parish Council SUPPORTS the application.

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

Application site: The Old Forge, Rugby Road

Proposal: 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:** The Parish Council SUPPORTS the application.

**87. WDC Complaint**

It was noted that in October the Parish Council sent a letter of complaint to Chris Elliott detailing a list of outstanding issues that had failed to be actioned by WDC.

The Chairman had been liaising with WDC officers.

Outstanding issues remained:

1. Pathway – quality of tarmacking/ weeding needed as cracking pathway and growing through.
2. Bin replacement at bus stop
3. Grass cutting – overall quality (missing bits)
4. Veolia – concerns
5. Epicormic growth

**ACTION:**

- (i) Councillor Valerie Leigh-Hunt to request a meeting with Chris Elliott.
- (ii) Councillor Mandy Bradshaw to look into the status of the epicormic growth.

Councillor Ian Prossor joined the meeting.

**88. Progress with Playing Area refresh**

It was reported that yet again no further progress had been made. Despite a survey being completed over 3 years ago, Helen Hancox had disagreed with some parts and wasn't in agreement with the seating area in the Orchard.

It was noted that an additional £10,000 had been added to the budget.

**ACTION:** Councillor Harrington to meet with Helen Hancox again to progress.

**89. Village Hall – gate installation**

It was reported that anti-social behaviour on the Village Hall car park continued. This resulted in the regular attendance from police officers.

It was believed that the Village Hall Committee had finally agreed to install a gate and height restrictor including a new side gate.

It was agreed by all that this was good news as the Parish Council had been championing this installation for over 6 months.

**RESOLVED THAT** the update be noted.

**91. Next Meeting**

To confirm the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021.

Meeting closed at 8:05pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN  
COUNCILLOR NICK HARRINGTON

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021