

## Weston Under Wetherley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 6:30pm,  
14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Weston Under Wetherley Village Hall

**Present:**

Councillor Helen Adkins

Councillor Nick Harrington (Chairman)

Councillor Danielle Williams

Councillor Rachel Tighe

Councillor Tim Robbins

**In Attendance:**

Clerk & RFO

Jane Chatterton

Warwick County Council

Warwickshire District Council:

Councillor Wallace Redford

Councillor Valerie Leigh-Hunt

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**190. Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

**191. Declarations of Interest:**

There are no declarations of interest.

**192. Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were received and discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the parish council held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were approved.

**193. Public participation:**

No members of the public were present.

**194. New South Warwickshire Local Plan - Proposed Development Sites**

Discussion took place of the Warwick District Council and Stratford-upon-Avon District Council Joint Local Plan and the development sites proposed by the Council, south of Weston Under Wetherley.

Councillor Redford updated that WCC had a Statutory obligation to detail land that could be available. There was, therefore, no legal way of removing a parcel of land which was available.

Currently the list identified land that was available, and no recommendation or decision had been made yet. There was a timescale for looking at the viability and evaluation for development.

Discussion would include what housing need WDC had, but this was basically met for WDC and Stratford with the current proposals. The Parish Council were able to submit their point of view to WDC.

**ACTION:**

- (i) An update to Parishioners be put on Facebook.
- (ii) A survey/questionnaire to be circulated to all parishioners to provide detailed information about the two sites and the impact any development would have on the Parish.
- (iii) Letter to be sent to WDC highlighting the issues with the land.

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

**WDC Update**

**Councillor Valarie Leigh-Hunt**

Ukraine - It was reported that there were a lot of things being dominated in response to the crisis in Ukraine. Officers were working with organisations to provide support for people who were escaping from the conflict. Work was going ahead locally to prepare for refugees coming to the area.

A number of unaccompanied children would arrive in the District and there would be a need to accommodate them including allocating school places. Local Welfare Services had increased their support and offer of help.

Likely that it will have a knock-on effect on the WDC climate change initiative.

WDC and Stratford merger - the Government had still not approved the join up of WDC and Stratford. There was no indication of a timescale when this would be completed.

Council Tax – WDC had frozen the Council Tax payments for 2022-23.

**WCC Update**

**Councillor Wallace Redford**

Covid – it was reported that during the past two weeks the infection rate had gone down throughout the County including the over 60s. But now numbers had increased for all including the over 60s. Usual suspects as previously recorded but now included St Johns, Kenilworth in the top 5. There are, however, more cases of flu than for Covid now.

The 3 local hospitals were at 95% capacity, but this was due to carrying out elective surgery and the patients being hospitalised with Covid was very low.

Parking scheme – a new residents' car parking scheme has been drafted which would be going out for consultation, with future agreed charges. The charges were not being imposed in the short term because of the current situation with the rising energy prices. This would be suspended for 12 months and the review of the consultation.

Road works – the repair work on the bridge had caused problems with Princess Drive traffic but this would be completed at the end of the week.

Rugby Road path – a meeting had taken place with Councillor Redford, Councillor Harrington and the Localities Officer, Ryan Machin to look at the narrowing of the footpath on the Rugby Road. A response was awaited.

**ACTION:** Councillor Redford to chase.

**196. Correspondence**

**Neighbourhood Plan**

A request had been received for the Parish Council to start a Neighbourhood Plan. It was noted that this had been requested, discussed previously and the stance remained the same. This would not be progressed.

**HS2 Liaison**

A request had been received for the Parish Council to volunteer a dedicated councillor for HS2 liaison. The Parish Council received updates via the registration service. Parishioners were able to register for updates.

**197. Finance**

197.1 to approve payments: -

**2021-22**

| DATE     | REF | PAYEE                  | DETAILS                         | PAYMENT   |
|----------|-----|------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 24.01.22 | E50 | J Chatterton           | Expenses Dec & Jan              | £67.30    |
| 24.01.22 | E51 | Weston VH              | Room booking Jan meeting        | £12.50    |
| 24.01.22 | E52 | J Chatterton           | Clerk Salary January            | DPA       |
| 24.01.22 | E53 | SPS                    | Payroll December                | £12.00    |
| 24.01.22 | E54 | HMRC                   | Tax & NI Clerk January Payment  | £94.60    |
| 24.01.22 | E55 | Mr N Harrington        | GoDaddy renewal                 | £94.83    |
| 24.01.22 | E56 | Weston VH              | Room bookings remainder of year | £60.00    |
| 24.01.22 | E57 | ICO                    | Membership                      | £35.00    |
| 24.01.22 | E58 | J Chatterton           | Microsoft office reimbursement  | £59.99    |
| 24.01.22 | E59 | Friends of St Michaels | Charity Donation                | £500.00   |
| 05.01.22 | E60 | HSBC                   | Bank Charges – January          | £5.00     |
| 10.02.22 | E61 | SPS                    | Payroll January                 | £12.00    |
| 22.02.22 | E62 | N Harrington           | Screwfix reimbursement          | £58.32    |
| 22.02.22 | E63 | J Chatterton           | Expenses February               | £26.00    |
| 22.02.22 | E64 | Smiths Nursery         | Trees for parish                | £2,073.30 |
| 22.02.22 | E65 | HSBC                   | Bank charges                    | £5.00     |
| 01.03.22 | E66 | J Chatterton           | Clerk Salary FEBRUARY           | DPA       |
| 01.03.22 | E67 | HMRC                   | Tax & NI Clerk February Payment | £94.60    |
| 01.03.22 | E68 | J Chatterton           | Expenses March                  | £41.30    |
| 02.03.22 | E69 | SPS                    | Payroll February                | £12.00    |

**RESOLVED THAT** the payments be approved.

**197.2 National Pay award April 2021**

The Clerk updated that the National Pay Award for April 2021 had finally be agreed at 1.75%. The Clerk had contacted payroll and the back pay would be paid in March's salary.

**198. Planning**

Nothing to discuss.

**199. Tree Planting Update**

An update on the progress of the WCC Green Shoots grant applications for "21 Trees for 2021" and the "Community Orchard" was received.

Councillor Harrington had attended a management training session at Charlote Park who had provided feedback from Warwickshire Wildlife Trust's Tree Avenue.

The invoice had been submitted to the Green Shoots Grant Team and a response was awaited.

Councillor Robbins added that he had asked the Green Shoots fund to convert the fund from an orchard to standard trees and was trying to agree a compromise.

Thanks was given for the volunteers who helped plant the trees, including Chris Garden and Nick Wylie.

Signage had been installed which included information about the fruit available and when it was the best time to harvest the fruit.

**200. Speed Camera Road Safety Partnership**

Councillor Williams updated that everyone had been vetted and approved to be part of the team. PCSO Ed King would let us them know when he can provide the training.

Councillor Robins updated that an application had been made to the WCC Grant Scheme and funding had been agreed to the value of £2,000 to purchase speed watch equipment including a speed gun.

**201. Parking issues St Michael's Close**

Councillor Harrington updated that he had been given the name of a Transport Planning Consultant who would be asked to provide a quotation for 6 parking spaces on St Michael's Close. Once the report had been received this would be put forward to the County Council for their consideration.

If approved by WCC then the contractor would need to be a County Council approved contractor. Currently the cost was unknown.

**ACTION:**

- (i) Councillor Mrs Leigh Hunt find out how many of the garages (both blocks) on St Michael's Close were rented out.

**202. WDC Complaint**

Nothing further to update.

**ACTION:**

- (i) Take it off the agenda for May's meeting.
- (ii) Monitor the quality of work from contractors.

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

Councillor Mrs Williams updated that she hadn't been able to attend the meetings.

An update from the February's meeting Minutes included:

- Plan to reset the paving around the Village Hall and to extend the patio which would sit under the new varander.
- The fire protection system had been upgraded with new controls and sensors.
- Martin Roberts had decided to step down as Chairman but to continue on the Committee.

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

Brambles – causing an obstruction and hurting people as they walked along the footpath.

**ACTION:** ask the Community Payback Team if they can tidy up the side of the road. Sabin Drive and Rugby Road.

Agenda items:

- Parking
- Report on the Limes in The Avenue

**205. Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 including the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 7:30pm