

Weston Under Wetherley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 6:30pm,
6th September 2021 Weston Under Wetherley Village Hall

Present:

Councillor Nick Harrington (Chairman) Councillor Rachel Tighe
Councillor Danielle Williams (part) Councillor Tim Robbins
Councillor Helen Adkins

In Attendance:

Clerk & RFO Jane Chatterton
Warwickshire District Council: Councillor Valerie Leigh-Hunt

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145. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor; Councillor Mandy Bradshaw. WCC Councillor; Councillor Wallace Redford.

146. Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

147. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22nd June 2021 were discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22nd June 2021 were approved.

148. Councillor's reports and items for future Agenda

WDC Update

Councillor Valerie Leigh-Hunt updated that consultation was underway on the future of the site at Riverside House, an article would be included in the local paper. An option could be for the site to be used for housing, if so, this would include affordable housing.

The Commonwealth Games would take place Thursday 28th July 2022 – Monday 8th August 2022, a lot of work was being carried out in preparation especially in relation to the infrastructure. It was noted that during the Games there would be some disruption locally.

WDC link with Stratford Council, discussions were still ongoing. Warwick and Stratford are similar but there are a lot of differences to North Warwickshire. The two Chief Executives were still in place at WDC and Stratford.

Districts had to put forward the proposal to the Government the opinion of the general public would be sought. There was still a lot to be debated and a lot of legislation to be confirmed. The main objective was to save money as the funding gap was expanding. The deadline for WDC was the 13th December.

149. Correspondence

Correspondence had been received from Villagers in relation to the Green Shoots initiative. The email updated on similar projects which were started in 2017. The bank by the Church and the area inside the Churchyard had been managed by local people with the help provided by the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. A survey carried out in 2017 identified at least twenty species of wildflowers and many grasses growing on the site. These have been added to, so there are now over forty in the two banks being cared for.

150. Finance

150.1 to approve payments: -

2021-22

DATE	REF	PAYEE	DETAILS	PAYMENT
15.06.21	E13	Village Hall	Room booking June meeting	£15.00
15.06.21	E14	J Chatterton	Expenses June	£29.93
22.06.21	E15	J Chatterton	June Salary Clerk	DPA
23.06.21	E16	HMRC	Tax & NI Clerk	£94.60
23.06.21	E17	SPS	Monthly payroll April 21	£12.00
23.06.21	E18	SPS	Monthly payroll May 21	£12.00
28.07.21	E19	J Chatterton	July Salary Clerk	DPA
28.07.21	E20	HMRC	Tax & NI Clerk	£94.60
28.07.21	E21	J Chatterton	Expenses July	£17.33
28.07.21	E22	SPS	Monthly payroll June 21	£12.00
20.08.21	E23	J Chatterton	August salary clerk	DPA
20.08.21	E24	HMRC	Tax & NI Clerk	£94.60
20.08.21	E25	J Chatterton	Expenses August	£17.33
20.08.21	E26	M Bradshaw	Reimbursement paint	£24.45

RESOLVED THAT the above payments be received.

150.2 Bank Reconciliation 30th June 2021

The Bank Reconciliation 30th June 2021 was received and discussed.

Balance per bank statement as at 30th June 2021		
Account 1	£14,720.71	
Account 2	£8,960.27	
		£23,680.98
Petty cash float (if applicable)	£0.00	£0.00
Less: late payments 30th June 2021	£0.00	£0.00
Add: any un-banked as at 30th June 2021	£0.00	
Net balances as at 30th June 2021		£23,680.98

The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book as follows:

CASH BOOK

Opening Balance 1st April 2021		
Account 1	£11,615.65	
Account 2	£8,960.04	
		£20,575.69
Add Receipts up to 30th June 2021		£5,500.23
Less: Payments up to 30th June 2021		£2,394.94
Closing balance per cash book as at 30th June 2021		£23,680.98

RESOLVED THAT the Bank Reconciliation 30th June 2021 was approved.

150.3 Quarterly Report 30th June 2021

The Quarterly Report 30th June 2021 was received and discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the Quarterly Report 30th June 2021 be approved.

150.4 Purchase of wildflower seeds (planting for 2022)

Discussion took place with the view to approve the purchase of wildflower seeds (for planting 2022), on the wildflower bank (adjacent to St. Michael's Church) mowing and wildflower consultancy from Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to the amount of £200.00.

ACTION:

- (i) Request WDC Green Spaces team to reserve the area for wildflower areas.
- (ii) Clerk to liaise with Daniel Loveard at Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.

151. Planning

Nothing to discuss.

152. Speed Camera Road Safety Partnership

Councillor Williams updated that she was waiting for a response from PCSO Ed King with further information.

ACTION:

- (i) Information to be added to the Facebook page, calling for volunteers.
- (ii) Councillor Harrington to liaise with Ed King.

153. WDC Complaint

The complaint to WDC has been ongoing for a considerable time with no way forward with many issues. Many meetings, emails and correspondence has been entered into without success.

ACTION:

- (i) Email Councillor Andrew Day with the list of outstanding issues requesting assistance. (Copy in Cllr Leigh-Hunt).
- (ii) Councillor Andrew Day be invited to October's meeting.
- (iii) Councillor Harrington to draft the list, circulate for comment prior to being sent to Councillor Day.

a. Progress with WDC on overgrown hedges at Hancox Close

Work has been Completed.

b. Bin at the top of Sabin Drive Play area

Agreed to site a new bin, but no date provided.

154. Damage to the Orchard Trees

It was reported that the contractors, i-verde had damaged the fruit trees on the play area. This was an ongoing issue. They had also run the mower into the fence causing damage.

ACTION:

- (i) Councillor Harrington to ask WDC to cease mowing in the area.
- (ii) Signage to be purchased to highlight the wildflower area.
- (iii) Wording to be agreed "Weston Under Wetherley Wildflower Area".

155. Grant Funding

Councillor Robbins updated that two of the Grant Applications to the Green Shoots Scheme had been successful.

These were for:

- Community Orchard = £3,550.00
- Tree Planting Scheme = £1,900.00

156. Progress with Playing Area refresh

Councillor Harrington updated that no further progress had been made. There was disagreement with WDC as to who was responsible for making the grant application to the Football Association for the grant.

ACTION: Councillor Robbins to lead and liaise with WDC.

Helen Hancox, the responsible officer at WDC was not responding to emails. Emails were being left as unread, or if read with no response.

ACTION: Councillor Helen Adkins would liaise with Helen Hancox to progress.

157. Village Gates

Councillor Harrington updated that a quotation from WDC had been received which was circa £15,000 to provide and install three sets of gates in the Village. Grants to pay for the work would be investigated.

Councillor Robbins suggested that projects be identified throughout the Village and an application to the HS2 Community Fund be made.

ACTION: Councillor Robbins to lead.

158. HS2 Representative

Request had been received from a villager for the PC to appoint a HS2 liaison councillor. This would not be progressed.

ACTION: Close out.

159. Village Hall Committee & Weston PC

Councillor Danielle Williams updated that the Village Hall intended to install a veranda on the side of the Village Hall. It had been established that Planning Permission would be required.

Concern was noted that the material of the veranda needed to be risk free. This would of course be part of the planning permission.

160. Councillor's reports and items for future agenda

Agenda

1. Parking issues in St Michaels Close – green ambition idea – look at funding

161. Next Meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 19th October 2021 at the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 7:30pm