

## Weston Under Wetherley Parish Council

Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held at 8:15pm,  
16<sup>th</sup> May 2022, at the Village Hall, Weston Under Wetherley

**Present:**

Councillor Tim Robbins (Chairman)

Councillor Helen Adkins

Councillor Rachel Tighe

Councillor Danielle Williams

Councillor Nick Harrington (Vice Chairman)

**In Attendance:**

Clerk & RFO

Jane Chatterton

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**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Wallace Redford.

Councillor Valerie Leigh-Hunt wasn't present.

**2. Minutes of the APM from 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting from 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were received and discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were approved.

**3. Representative on behalf of the Weston Village Hall Trust**

In their absence, Councillor Danielle Williams provided an update.

It was noted that Martin Roberts had decided to step down as Chairman and another parishioner was considering the appointment.

The installation of the new Varanda had been completed.

The Village Hall had successfully obtained the WDC grants during the Covid period.

New paving slabs were being installed around the building in June.

Energy bills were discussed at the last meeting and alternatives were being investigated.

Agreement had been made to provide the facilities free of charge for 2 community events per year (Village Fate).

**4. Representative on behalf of St. Michael's Church**

Nothing to report.

The Parish Council had provided a grant of £500.00 in 2021-22 towards any Charitable event that the Church may put on.

**5. Annual Report of the Parish Council, including financial update**

The Financial report of the Parish Council was received.

Balance per bank statement as at <b>31st March 2022</b>		
Account 1	£13,788.89	
Account 2	£8,961.21	
		<b>£22,750.10</b>
Petty cash float (if applicable)	£0.00	£0.00
Less: late payments 31st March 2022	£0.00	£0.00
Add: any un-banked as at 31st March 2022	£0.00	
Net balances as at 31st March 2022		<b>£22,750.10</b>

**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	
		<b>£20,575.69</b>
Add Receipts up to 31st March 2022		£13,279.62
Less: Payments up to 31st March 2022		£11,105.21
Closing balance per cash book as at 31st March 2022		<b>£22,750.10</b>

**Budget and Precept Request for 2022-23**

Budget was agreed at	£10,952.00
Precept request agreed at	£11,000.00
The Tax Base for 2022/23 set by WDC was	£192.06
This gave the Band D figure of	£57.27
Compared to the Band D figure for 2021/22 of	£58.19

**8. Annual Report from WDC Councillor for Radford Semele, Cllr. Valerie Leigh-Hunt**  
Not in attendance.

**9. Annual Report from Cubbington Ward Warwickshire County Cllr. Wallace Redford**  
Not in attendance.

**10. Open Forum**

An updated on current projects was discussed including:

Speed reduction - Reducing speeding within the village was an initiative and a speed gun would be purchased following the successful grant from WCC. Volunteers would be trained shortly.  
South Warwickshire Local Plan – proposed mixed use development. 555 sites had been identified. A Leaflet to be produced and distributed to villagers to inform them of the proposals.

Petition would be put together to highlight the issues with a hope to discourage any development. Increase in crime was highlighted – including vehicle thefts.

Crime Prevention - Under the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 s.31 – Powers to install and maintain equipment and establish and maintain a scheme for detection or prevention of crime  
Police Act 1996 s.92 – Power to contribute to police services eg PCSOs  
S17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended) – Duty on Parish Councils to consider crime reduction in every policy and action

In conjunction with the Statutory Powers above - The Parish Council were looking at installing CCTV cameras at the entrance and exit to the Village.

Environmental project - Planting of Trees – 21 Trees for 2021, was a project enabled by successful grants from the WCC Greenshoots scheme. The grants totalled £ £1,900 for project 47 and £3,550 for project 48.

Play area refresh – disappointingly this is still a work in progress for a play area refresh. Started in 2018, survey in 2019. Constant liaison to get the project completed. Budget has increased by £10,000. This may need to be revisited due to significant price increases since 2018.

Queens Jubilee – BBQ - an event would take place on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**ACTION:**

- (i) Purchase of speed gun and train volunteers.
- (ii) Look at installing CCTV at the entrance and exit of the Village.
- (iii) Write the objection to the SWLP.
- (iv) Circulate the information to the Village.
- (v) Create a petition.
- (vi) Continue to push for completion of the play area refresh.

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN

30<sup>th</sup> May 2023