WESTON-sub-EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE BAR ON 25th OCTOBER 2017

PRESENT: Cllrs Bill Carruthers (Chairman) Wendy Clarke Rachel Hurley Mike Jelley Edward Stowe John Measey

IN ATTENDANCE: C/Cllr Lynden Stowe; 0 members of the public

In the absence of a Parish Clerk following the resignation of Chris Tombs Rachel Hurley took the minutes.

17/82 **COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS OF THE AGENDA:** Rachel Hurley declared an interest in the planning application 17/03342/FUL on the agenda but this had already been decided.

17/83 **NOTICE OF ABSENCE:** Apologies were received from Cllr Chris Rossington

17/84 **CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26.09.17:** councillors unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes which were signed by the chairman as a true record of the business conducted.

17/85 **RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:** Lynden Stowe reported on the funding improvements for the M5 J9/10 (Tewksbury/Cheltenham) where they were trying to get a smart motorway junction. From the Highways Local Budget the drainage survey was due mind November along the side of Church Street. It was suggested it was unlikely we would meet the criteria for a permanent vehicle activated traffic sign, but may do for a temporary one. Highways works at CDC had been brought back in house together with rights of way. Lynden reminded the members there was funding for youth activities and WW1 commemorations. The Christmas recycling calendar is available online and for the first collection after Christmas there is no limit on the amount of rubbish that can be left out.
He commented on the joining of services done by Cotswold, West Oxford, and Forest of Dean together with Cheltenham being the 4th on some services such as PUBLICA, allowing for a wider knowledge base, more resilience and money saving. He further reminder there was funding available up to 25% or £10K for use on projects around the village.

17/86 **PLANNING APPPLICATIONS PENDING:**

1.0 Planning applications before the council:

17/04178/FUL Wilderness Cottage, Burnt Norton Estate
17/03877/FUL Widen gateway National Trust, Dovers Hill

Councillors unanimously **resolved** to no objection to these applications.

17/87 **FINANCE:**

1.0 RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BANK RECONCILIATION: In the absence of a Clerk the Chairman had reviewed the financial records but a formal report was not available.

2.0 APPROVE PAYMENTS DUE:

Cheque	Date	Paid to	Item	Amount	VAT	Total
022192	02/10/17	GPFA	Annual subscription	£50.00		£50.00
022193	04/10/17	Grant Thornton	Annual Audit	£100.00	£20.00	£120.00
022194	03/11/17	Ancient Oaks	Beech tree surgery	£750.00		£750.00
022195	04/11/17	Cardiac Science Holdings	Defibrillator	£1495.00	£301.00	£1806.00
022196	04/11/17	J R Langston	Verge cutting	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00
022197	04/11/17	Glebe Contractors	Rec ground mowing	£90.00	£18.00	£108.00
022191	02/10/17	Wse Village Hall	Hall hire-PC/Seniors/YC	£45.50		£45.50

Councillors unanimously **resolved** to approve making these payments. MJ

3.0 APPROVE BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOT 2018/9: This was reviewed and discussed and the

	precept increased by 3% **4.0 CDC WW1 GRANT:** After further discussions it was suggested to contact the DD Dolls to check their availability next November.	
17/88	**REVIEW WORK NEEDED AROUND THE PARISH:** **1.0 LOCATION OF SECOND DEFIBRILLATOR:** Installation is in hand. When installed, training would be provided, insurance arranged and a sign to show location. **2.0 HIGHWAYS UPDATE OF MAINTENANCE ISSUES:** A meeting is due with Bob Skillern. Items to be discussed VAR traffic light, trucks and the railway bridge, white lines and sharks teeth. **3.0 VILLAGE GREEN REVIVAL GROUP:** the group is will make a presentation to the November meeting. The Evesham/Cotswold Journal has run an article. It remains to organise a plaque to recognise this funding to be attached to the Recreation Ground gate. **4.0 TRANSPARENCE FUND:** An award of £1652 had been obtained by Bill Carruthers towards printer computer equipment for the Parish Clerk and setting up the website. **5.0 PARISH CLERK RECRUITMENT:** A new candidate had been interviewed for the position, but had no local council experience and did not live in the village. Before offering her the job the Chairman asked Rachel Hurley if she would consider the position. **6.0 RETENTION OF HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS:** (Ex-Doris Court) Councillors felt it was very important to keep any documents in the village and review them before then sending to the archives in Cirencester **7.0 YOUTH CLUB REPORT:** There has still been no improvement in numbers and it has been decided to run until Christmas and close then if numbers have not increased**.**	**MJ/** **BC** **BC** **MJ**
17/89	**CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA:** **17/68 1.0** Church Street phone box – waiting quotes **17/68 2.0** Highways update – meeting with Bob Skillern in November **17/38 3.0** Prepare detailed map of the location of the roadside drains and gullies – action awaited.	**BC** **BC/MJ** **MJ**
17/90	**NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:** Notification to easier way to get into planning form CDC	
	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: there were no questions.	
	There being no other business the Chairman thanked the councillors for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m. Signed..... Date.....	