WESTON-sub-EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL Annual MEETING HELD IN THE
VILLAGE BAR ON 24 January 2023 AT 7.30P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Bill Carruthers, Cllrs Mike Jelley, Wendy Clarke, Matt McMinn.

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillor Gina Blomfield, Lucy Print parish clerk, 1 member of the parish.

23/1	**1. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS OF THE AGENDA:** None	
23/2	**2. NOTICE OF ABSENCE:** Cllr Eddy Hoksbergen , Gill Theo and DC Tom Stowe sent apologies.	
23/3	3**. REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:** District Councillor Gina Blomefield reported: We had a Full Council meeting last week where the main Agenda item was to go through the Peer Group Review carried out in October and November. There were strengths and weaknesses identified in the report with some major areas of concern with the Overview & Scrutiny not having full efficacy due to the lack of officer support; staff morale which was low; lack of clarity in the right person for a member to take a particular issue and no system to benchmark the importance of the issue raised nor the timescale in which it should be answered; the comparison of the performance of CDC only against other councils which also use Publica rather than other councils across the country which the LGA identify as having a more similar profile and the difficulties in quantifying one of the administration's core priorities of 'Delivering the highest standards of service'. It was also recommended that the new and existing councillors after the May elections were given more training and guidance in their role. In future in order to vote at a polling station you will now be required to show photographic ID. CDC will be setting up a system where voters without a passport, driving licence or other valid ID can get verified and show this document at the polling station. Please support all residents who require this to apply well before the elections in May 2023. This does not affect postal votes. **COMMUNITY COMPOSTING** If the parish is interested and can identify or are the owner of a potential site, a £2,000 kick start grant from CDC could be made available. On top of that, GCC will reimburse the parish £67.26 for every tonne produced! Are you interested in starting a Community Composting site? Let me know if you might be interested and I'll do everything I can to support you. https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/.../community-composting **National Grid Priority Service Register** If you are a vulnerable person you should register with the National Grid for special consideration during electrical failures. Are you a pensioner or do you rely on electricity for medical reasons, electric bed, stair lift, heating etc? https://www.nationalgrid.co.uk/customers-and-community/priority-services?fbclid=Iw AR0QQl9sXf8olxTH7CU_zhw0bl_-ofBhkqWBEAg6FOdIapxVPWjW-03Cjr4 I continue to have regular meetings with Bromford, most recently on 9 th January which continue to be helpful in resolving residents' issues and improving communication. These have included Weston-sub-Edge residents. Please continue to raise with me matters relating to Bromford. In addition we are planning to have a joint meeting with the police to see how we can work more closely together when appropriate. Finally I have been strongly recommended the following national website 'Fix My Streets' https://www.fixmystreet.com/?fbclid=IwAR0T_TtTd0-s8hijkyhoo2mCASJ271bHh_gUs6EoU8ZjUsiPcfeFRLkSbFo This allows everyone to report potholes; barriers, cones etc left behind by contractors; flooding and so on. Fix My Streets will then contact the relevant. Council to report the problem and apparently it works very well.	

	Clerk action: Send security presentation to Gina	LP
23/4	**4. CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22.11.22:** councillors Wendy Clarke and Matt McMinn **resolved** to approve the minutes which were signed by the chairman as a true record of the business conducted.	
23/5	**5.PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING:** **1.0 Planning application before the parish council:** ➢ Full Application for Erection of a bat barn at Top Farm Weston Subedge Chipping, Camden Gloucestershire GL55 6QU. **No objection** ➢ External alterations, demolition and replacement of rear single-storey extension and detached garage - Top Farm Weston Subedge Chipping Campden Gloucestershire GL55 6QU Ref. No: 22/04339/FUL | Received date: Thu 08 Dec 2022 | Status: Pending Consideration Case Type: Planning Application ➢ Internal and external alterations, demolition and replacement of rear single-storey extension and detached garage - Top Farm Weston Subedge Chipping Campden Gloucestershire GL55 6QU Ref. No: 22/04340/LBC | Received date: Thu 08 Dec 2022 | Status: Pending Consideration | Case Type: Planning Application. **PC request to view. Noted no conservation offers report** ➢ Full Application for Erection of single-storey rear extensions, and creation of a vehicular access at Cannon Gate Chapel Lane Weston Subedge Chipping Campden Gloucestershire. Our ref: 22/02538/FUL **PC need update on this – clerk to request** Declined ➢ Reference 22/03748/FUL Planning Full Application for Erection of 4 no. dwelling houses at Land South Of Meadows Side Church Street Weston Subedge Gloucestershire Clerk to ask for more information from GCC and Conservation Officer. **2.0 Awaiting a decision of the local planning authority:** Reply RE: Planning Consultation 20/02315/FUL Phase 1A Long Marston – traffic impact survey OUR REF: 21/00374/LIST at Barndown, Church Street, Weston Subedge All Things Wild application – submitted response to Stratford District council re lack of traffic survey on the B4632 and its impact not taken into account. Keep a watch on this application.	
23/6	**6.FINANCE:** **6.1 RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT & BANK RECONCILIATION:** Bank balances as at 1 December were £9,428.81 for the General Account and £ 6,333.73 for the business deposit account. **6.2APPROVE PAYMENTS DUE:** Councillors approved these payments. Clerk's salary Dec, Jan £141.88 &£141.68 HMRC PAYE payment Dec, Jan £35.40 & £36.00 Freeths LLP Solicitors Professional Fee £4,461.60 Christmas Tree – Bill Carruthers Yellow Marking Paint – Bill Carruthers Clerk Back Pay £67.20 TMW Traffic Invoice 24/1/22 New Clerk hourly rate £11.28 per hour (increase 0.20) in line with NALC pay award **6.3 To approve Parish Council precept requirement 2023/24:** Councillors unanimously agreed to only raise precept in line with inflation	

23/7	**REVIEW VILLAGE MATTERS:** 7.1 Impact of the Cornavirus (Convid-19) no issues known. 7.2 Heavy traffic reduction. Next Highways meeting scheduled for March. Add drains on Church Street and Parsons Lane to list 7.3 Recreation ground inspection record: Mike Jelley completed inspection; all equipment in good order. 7.4 Archive documentation update. Now with Peter Saltmarsh. On hold, not a high priority. No progress. 7.5 Flood protection. No issues known, keep under review. Brook running well 7.6 Village Communication Update. Investigate modernising website to be more user friendly – administrator to be found. 7.7 Speed camera ANPR – Data protection issues. MJ requested documents. 7.8 Village improvement projects –Village meeting scheduled to gain input & buy-in. 7.9 Village Allotments. Ground too wet to remove tree. Hedges need to be cut. 7.10 Footpaths & Stiles. Giddy bridge gate needs replacing. Caravan needs removing from Church Orchard 7.11 Village Hall. Bookings look OK. Dog training new booking. Programme of events coming out. 7.12Ukraine – are the family still in the village? 7.13 Church Orchard. Sites still going up for sale on auction website. Delay with English Heritage and extension of area with change of minister. 7.14 Recreation Ground Charity – Cllrs agreed to investigate merging this charity with the Village Hall Charity. Ongoing. 7.15 New Parish Councillor recruitment – vacancy on council to be publicised 7.16 Village Security Measures – following recent incidents with intruders in the village Paul Wyatt has investigated security improvements. Presentation given to councillors on possible security options for the village. These options to be considered by councillors and presentation to be given at up coming village meeting.	**BC/ MJ** **LP** **MM** **LP**
23/8	**CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** 22/25 Reduction of heavy traffic and speeding; investigate white gates from Willersey, a traffic survey, temporary signage. Not enough space for white gates. Could village communications form part of a D of E project? Pocket Radar PR1000 Traffic Speed Radar now received. Campaign plan to worked. Church Street sign faulty, can an electrician to look at fault? Councillors agreed dead tree in allotment hedge needs to be removed. Clerk actioning.	**BC/ MJ** **MJ** **BC**
23/9	**NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:** ➢ Cirencester public flood meeting verbatim minutes from 21 October 2022.. The next flood meetings in Cirencester and Moreton will be held on Friday 24 March 2023. ➢ The next scheduled elections will be the full District and Parish Elections on 4 May 2023. Key dates: Current and future elections - Cotswold District Council ➢ District and Parish/Town Elections 4 May 2023 - Parish/Town Council Update 1 ➢ GAPTC December Newsletter ➢ GAPTC forwarded this communication from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) with information on their survey on perception of crime in Gloucester ➢ Annual Return 2022 - confirmation of receipt CRM:0523708 Recreation Ground. ➢ Annual Return 2022 - confirmation of receipt CRM:0523713 The Village Allotments	
	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: None	

	There being no other business the chairman thanked the councillors for attending and closed the meeting at 21.25p.m. Signed……Date…….	