WESTON-sub-EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
Online Microsoft team ON 1 December AT 7.30P.M.

PRESENT: County Cllr Gina Blomefield, District Councillor Lynden Stowe, Chairman Bill Carruthers, Cllrs Mike Jelley, Rachel Hurley, Wendy Clarke and Eddy Hoksbergen

IN ATTENDANCE: Lucy Print parish clerk

20/157	**1.**Interests – none	
20/158	**2. NOTICE OF ABSENCE:** None	
20/159	**3. REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**: Cotswold County Cllr Gina Blomefield reported on • Oversight and Scrutiny Meeting • CDC Budget survey is underway can be completed online • Climate change seminar – are there notes/slides for distribution? • Planning seminar – need very good goods to object. Clerk to circulate slides. • Funding of Community projects will be through Spacehive Crowd Funding – there won't be a small project fund for local projects • New tool for reporting fly tipping District Councillor Lynden Stowe reported on: • Gloucestershire County Council budget will be out for consultation over Christmas • Plan to plant a lot of trees in the next 10 year period; to increase woodland coverage from 13% to 39% • Unity council plans are on hold for now	LP LP
20/160	**4.CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3.11.20:** councillors Rachel Hurley and Wendy Clarke **resolved** to approve the minutes which were signed by the chairman as a true record of the business conducted.	
20/161	**5.PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING:** **Planning application before the parish council:** **Awaiting -** ➢ Feedback re Manor Barn and compliancy ➢ Planning Consultation 20/02315/FUL Phase 1A Long Marston – traffic impact survey	**LP**
20/162	**6.FINANCE:** **6.1 RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT & BANK RECONCILIATION:** Bank balance as at 2 November were £18,265.48 for the 2 May General Account and £6333.73 for the business deposit account. **6.2 APPROVE PAYMENTS DUE:** Councillors Rachel Hurley proposed and Wendy Clarke seconded these payments.	

Item	VAT	Amount	Total amount
Clerk's salary Nov			£165.62
PKF Littlejohn External Audit of Parish Accounts			

				£240.00	LP
	Christmas tree, William Carruthers			72.00	
	Acorn signs, Village Green replacement sign	9.00	45.00	54.00	
	Clerk expenses, postage & stationary.			21.65	

6.3 Precept for next financial year
Councillors agreed a 0.9% increase in Parish Precept in line with the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) 12-month inflation rate was 0.9% in October 2020.

Parish precept requirement 2021/22 £12,751 to be submitted to Cotswold District Council. **LP**

20/163

7. Addressing CLIMATE CHANGE

8. REVIEW VILLAGE MATTERS:

8.1 Impact of the Cornavirus (Convid-19) No cases known in village. Not aware of anyone that needs extra help at this time.

8.2 Vehicle activated speed sign progress, data from Stratford Rd Speed Sign downloaded and data analysed. Church Street data collected and given to the police force. Church Street data average speed a concern. Data shows an out of hours speed increase. Continue to monitor data. Sign turned. Promote finding found from the data to the village – on the website in the messenger. **MJ/BC LP/**

8.3 Heavy traffic survey complete – data to be processed and used to inform next steps. Focus on Honeybourne crossroads. **MJ/BC**

8.4 Highways update: highlight Chapel Lane with Highways.

8.5 Recreation ground inspection record: Mike Jelley completed inspection; all equipment in good order. There has been an explosion of mole hills to be discussed with Tom Whitehouse. **MJ**

8.6 Archive documentation update. On hold.

8.7 Village Improvements:

- Bowling Club will close next Autumn due to lack of membership. This facility will be available for village investment and the parish council will look for opportunities to benefit the village.
- Honeybourne cross roads safety improvement – pursuing with Glos. Highways improved visibility. Following up letter to landowners around the crossroads ensure any overhanging vegetation is cut back. Quotes to be obtained for replacing allotment hedge. **LP**
- Additional playground equipment discussed climbing wall to be investigated – cost, space, insurance. Survey current use and requirement for more equipment. **LP**
- Investigation of additional mobile catering facility at Village Hall. **BC**
- Village website needs reviewing, and clearing down of old information. EH to discuss with JM

8.8 Repreparation after Gigaclear and Thames Water – report back Spring 2021.

8.9 CDC Budget review. The councillors agreed to write to CDC giving feedback on 'the Plan.' It is not possible to give detailed feedback in the councils online Budget survey. Overall feedback, 'the Plan' is not a plan, but a list of areas of activity with some allocation of funds. Plans have clearly defined objectives and deliverables with how they will be achieved. It is impossible to comment sensibly on the budget without any detail. It is disappointing that the electorate is expected to tolerate an increase in council tax without being told what they will get for the increase. **LP/BC**

8.10 Website – The content needs a review and update. With a focus on the Bowling club page to start. EH to speak with JM **EH**

8.11 Christmas Tree – to be purchased and put up in at the Village Hall. **BC**

9. Recruitment of another Councillor/s The chairman formally welcomed Eddy Hoksbergen as a new member to the Weston Sub Edge Parish Council. The council will still continue to look to recruit new councillors to reach full complement.

20/164	**10. CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** Review parish footpaths and raise issues with Cotswold Wardens Village website update Confirmation of dog mess bin order – hall & green installed and completed. Additional request and removal of salt bin on Harris Lane; will keep until Spring 17/38 10.0 Prepare detailed map of the location of the roadside drains and gullies – **action awaited** Oct 19 Public question time: investigate disposal of land asset ref MCC – clerk to action	 **LP** **LP** **MJ** **BC** **LP**
20/156	**11. NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:** ➢ Budget Consultation 2021/22 Residents and businesses in the Cotswolds are being urged to give their views on the District Council's spending plans as it prepares its budget for the next financial year. The budget consultation is being held over five weeks from Wednesday 4 November to midnight on Tuesday 8th December. ➢ Ash Dieback Project: This year Gloucestershire County Council launched the Ash Dieback Project to start to tackle the effects of Ash Dieback within the county, as our immediate concern will be to protect users of the Highway and County Council land from the danger posed by numerous dying trees. The general consensus currently is that up to 95% of ash trees in the UK may eventually become affected by the disease. ➢ Planning Training for Parish & Town Councils - Thursday 26th November at 3pm ➢ November update from GAPTC	
	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: ➢ None.	
	The chairman thanked the councillors for attending and closed the meeting at 20.55p.m. Signed……Date…….	