WESTON-sub-EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE

HALL OF FRIENDSHIP AT 7.15P.M. ON 22nd MARCH 2011

PRESENT: Cllrs Bill Carruthers (chairman) Alan Edmonds Mike Jelley Jenny King Chris Rossington David Smith

IN ATTENDANCE: D/Cllr Sue Jepson 0 members of the public clerk

11/026 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

11/027 NOTICE OF ABSENCE:

None received.

11/028 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22.02.11: Councillors unanimously **resolved** approval of these minutes; the chairman signed them as a true record of the business.

11/029 COUNTY COUNCILLOR' REPORT:

No report was available.

11/030 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT:

Sue Jepson reported that the CDC budget has been approved. In response to failed green bin collections in Cidermill Orchard the meeting heard that the weather was to blame. Councillors reported that it has happened at other times when the weather would not be a factor. The parish council was asked to report further incidents.

11/031 PLANNING MATTERS:

APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE PARISH COUNCIL:

None.

DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY CONSENT/PERMIT:

11/00063/PRMA Unit 28 Weston Industrial Estate licence to retail alcohol

Councillors having objected were very concerned that notification of this application was received only three days before the end of the period of consultancy and that it is not at all sensible for permission to have been granted. Sue Jepson agreed to take these concerns back to the licensing committee. **ACTION SJ**

11/032 FINANCE:

1.0 TO RECEIVE INTERIM STATEMENT AND BANK RECONCILIATION:

The monthly financial statement and bank reconciliation were before the meeting.

2.0 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS DUE:

Cheque	date	paid to	item	amount	VAT	total
200385	22.03.11	Chris Tombs	clerk's salary for March	135.83	0.00	135.83
200386	22.03.11	Hall of Friendship	hall hire for 22.03.11	15.00	0.00	15.00
200387	22.03.11	Justfone	brook level support contract	270.00	54.00	324.00
200388	22.03.11	John Langston	VAT element of hedge cutting invoice	0.00	30.00	30.00
200389	22.03.11	Alan Edmonds	plants for Latimers verge	32.00	0.00	32.00
900077	22.03.11	John Langston	allotment hedge cutting	100.00	0.00	100.00
000003	22.03.11	John Langston	recreation ground hedge cutting	50.00	0.00	50.00

David Smith proposed and Mike Jelley seconded making these payments which councillors unanimously **resolved** approval.

3.0 TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A MAINS FEED TO THE BROOK LEVEL MONITORING EQUIPMENT:

David Smith explained that if the existing photo voltaic panel becomes covered in snow and during periods of overcast weather, it is unable to maintain the battery in charge. A mains supplied battery charger will be more reliable with a budget cost of £140 with £34 annual electricity use. Alan Edmonds proposed and Jenny King seconded accepting this suggestion: councillors unanimously **resolved** approval and asked David Smith to take the necessary action. **ACTION DS**

4.0 TO APPROVE CONTRACTS FOR VERGE CUTTING AND RECREATION GROUND MOWING:

Before the meeting were quotations from the contractors of last year; Ross Homans at £45 per month (single visit) for verge cutting between April and September and Glebe Contractors at £131.25 per month (3 to 4 cuts per month depending on the weather), again April to September, to mow the recreation ground. These quotations represent rises of 12% and 10% respectively. David Smith proposed and Mike Jelley seconded accepting these quotations; councillors unanimously **resolved** approval.

11/033 TO RESOLVE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO THE HYDER 2010 REPORT ON FLOODING IN THE VILLAGE:

1.0 The dumping of waste material in Buckle Street, such that watercourses have been blocked, was reported. The clerk offered to report it to PROW at Shire Hall. **ACTION CLERK**

2.0 David Smith reported being unable to contact Mary Dhonau, as she appears to have left the National Flood Forum

3.0 The chairman agreed to liaise with the Weston riparian flood action group over arrangements for the next brook clean up. It was also agreed that our MEP should be brought up to date with the flood resilience issues in the village and to enquire if EU money is available. **ACTION BC**

11/034 TO REVIEW AND RESOLVE ACTION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VILLAGE PLAN:

1.0 PROPOSED PLAY AREA AT RECREATION GROUND: the chairman reported comments now from two equipment suppliers, that the recreation ground is in the wrong place. An alternative site is being sought.

2.0 BUS SERVICE: Reported after the meeting: *the clerk has established that where the county council provides funding for a local bus service, they have an influence on the timetable. This is the case with services 21 and 606 and so it is willing to look at the Weston to Cheltenham route.*

3.0 YOUTH CLUB: the meeting heard that the Weston Leisure Group will assist the youth club set up their film events but can no longer routinely support the youth club. It is thought Steve McDonald's employment by GCC comes to an end in June. The suggestion was made that he should meet the parish councillors. The role of Young Gloucestershire was not clear; it was agreed that it should be contacted. **ACTION CLERK**

Councillors were agreed that the plan to hold film shows for the young people should go ahead following a response from WLG whilst provision of a youth leader for the youth club is the highest priority currently.

4.0 SPEED MONITORING: monitoring on B4632 will take place when the equipment becomes available. Various methods of reducing vehicle speed were mentioned. It was decided that Harry Roberts should be consulted on this matter. **ACTION DS**

5.0 FRESH PRODUCE MARKET: Jenny King reported visiting the Toddington village market and that it is a model that could work in Weston-sub-Edge.

11/035 TO REVIEW RISK ASSESSMENT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL:

The completed risk assessment record was before the meeting. Councillors noted that the parish noticeboard needs repair and the goal posts at the recreation ground need re-positioning.

11/036 TO RESOLVE ACTION TO PUBLICISE THE FORTHCOMING ELECTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL:

It was agreed that the clerk should prepare a leaflet for inclusion in the Messenger. Use of the Gloucestershire Echo and the Cotswold Journal and another similar leaflet to the one used in 2009 was agreed. **ACTION CLERK/DS**

11/037 TO NOTE MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE:

10/081 3.0 Response from HMRC regarding clerk's tax and NI. **ACTION CLERK**

10/115 2.0 Investigate Cidermill Orchard green waste collection problems – refer 11/030.

10/116 Trees of merit in the parish – since much of the village is in a conservation area it was agreed to consider trees at properties that come up for sale.

11/007 1.0 At year end move unspent parish council monies to the designated flood fund. **ACTION CLERK**

11/007 3.0 Purchase salt bin for Harris Lane – Glos Highways may provide one f.o.c. **ACTION CLERK**

11/007 4.0 Report registration costs of the clerk's CiLCA training course. **ACTION CLERK**

11/012 Reply to Geoffrey Clifton-Brown's letters - it was agreed that this action has been already covered.

11/017 Obtain costs of the youth club – **action awaited**. **ACTION BC**

11/018 Site visit to Weston Fields farm – **actioned**.

11/019 1.0 Explanation of precept for 2011/2 article – refer 11/036 – **actioned**

11/019 3.0 Internal auditor – **actioned** – Geoffrey Weaver has confirmed his willingness to act as auditor.

11/024 Correspondence with Barry Gibbs and Scott Williams – **actioned**.

11/038 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING:

A list of correspondence received was before the meeting.

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.05p.m.

Signed……Date…….