WESTON-sub-EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE BAR AT 7.15P.M. ON 27th JANUARY 2015

PRESENT: Cllrs Bill Carruthers (chairman) Wendy Clarke Andy Irvine Mike Jelley John Measey Chris Rossington

IN ATTENDANCE: 0 members of the public D Cllr Mark Annett C/D Cllr Lynden Stowe parish clerk

15/001	**PRESENTATION BY NEIL ANDERSON GLOUCESTERSHIRE FIRE SERVICE:** the meeting heard a very clear overview of the work of the fire and rescue operation out of the Chipping Campden fire station and in particular their action to identify vulnerable members of the community to bring to them an awareness of risk prevention. To this end links have been made with village agents, home help providers, PCSOs and town and parish councils. The parish council welcomed this approach and agreed to help by publicising this message in the Messenger and on the parish website. It was agreed to hold regular meetings, at least quarterly, with the a representative of the local fire service. Neil Anderson was thanked for his excellent presentation and invited to come to the youth club and the annual parish meeting in May.	
15/002	**COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA:** there were none.	
15/003	**NOTICE OF ABSENCE:** the chairman announced that Joan Jenkins has resigned from the parish council because of ill health and agreed to write to her accordingly.	**BC**
15004	**CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25.11.14:** councillors unanimously **resolved** approval of these minutes and were signed by the chairman as a true record of the business conducted.	
15/005	**RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:** Lynden Stowe reported that some lining work has taken place in the village. Mike Jelly reported on his useful meeting with Bob Skillern (Glos. Highways). The repairs schedule for the parish is an effective way of achieving road repairs. The meeting heard that a number of high vehicles are using the B4632 towards Mickleton and having to reverse south from the low rail bridge turning in the entrance to Norton Grounds farm. This is a serious road safety hazard and could be avoided with multi-lingual signing. Mike Jelley was asked to obtain frequency data. Lynden Stowe reported that funds are available for youth provision. The parish council was advised to ask Laurence King (West Oxford District Council) to write a robust letter to riparians alongside Dirty Lane and Buckle Street calling for their action.	**MJ** **CT**
15/006	**PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE MEETING:** 14/05049/FUL Badgers Bank – outbuilding & change of use of land to domestic Councillors asked the clerk to contact the planning officer to enquire why this building which looks like an agricultural structure is being erected on land within a domestic curtilage. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING** 15/00078/TCONR Little Tree Lodge – various tree works 14/05049/FUL Badgers Bank – outbuilding & change of use of land to domestic 14/05084/FUL Canonbourne – new gate piers, walling and entrance gates 14/05085/LBC Canonbourne – new gate piers, walling and entrance gates **DECISIONS OF THE PLANNING AUTHORITY TO CONSENT/PERMIT:** 14/04947/TCONR Latimers – various works to black pine	**CT**
15/007	**1.0 FINANCE – RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT & BANK RECONCILIATION:** the monthly financial statement and bank reconciliation were before the meeting.	
	2.0 FINANCE – APPROVE PAYMENTS DUE:	

222038	25.11.14	Bill Carruthers	13" MacBook Pro for the Village Hall	767.00	0.00	767.00
222039	25.11.14	GRCC	annual subscription	25.00	0.00	25.00
222040	15.01.15	Neal Services	re-pointing bus shelter	100.00	0.00	100.00
222041	27.01.15	Chris Tombs	clerk's salary for December/January	120.00	0.00	120.00
222042	27.01.15	WSE Village hall	Village Hall hire PC, Seniors & youth club	91.00	0.00	91.00
222043	27.01.15	HMRC	clerk's PAYE 3rd quarter	87.50	0.00	87.50
222044	27.01.15	CC Youth Project	Youth Club provision of leader	280.00	0.00	280.00

Councillors unanimously **resolved** approval to make these payments.

3.0 APPROVE A BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2015/16: a draft budget was before the meeting preserving the reserve fund of £10118 and a providing a spend of £4500 on village improvements suggested at the October parish council meeting and by parishioners in the village questionnaire to cover a picnic area and work on the wild flower area and a summer social event at the recreation ground, two extra handrails at the church steps, dog friendly stiles, to re-establish neighbourhood watch and a youth club summer event. This gives a budget of £11655 and a precept of £11636 which means an increase for a band D household on last year of £4.56. Councillors unanimously **resolved** approval of this budget and the precept.	**CT**

15/008	**REVIEW VILLAGE MATTERS:** **VEHICLE SPEEDING:** Mike Jelley reported on his meeting with Bob Skillern (Glos. Highways) who is now convinced it is a problem on the B4632 and has suggested reflective chevron boards, a gateway, combining an enlarged village sign with the 30MPH sign and sharks teeth in the road; he is also concerned about the state of some of the drains and gutters; is willing to look at using road planings to provide a parking area in Chapel Lane. Some white lining has been done in the village, more to come and patching work is promised for the Evesham Road, Buckle Street cross roads to the B4632 junction. **PUBLICATION OF THE WW1 BOOKLET:** the chairman reported that Paul Hughes is planning to publish in November his history of those from Aston and Weston-sub-Edge who gave service in the First World War. Councillors agreed that a grant of £200 could made to help with publication costs. The parish council booklet should be ready for publication around September or October and can be funded by the grant of £220 received in May 2014 from CDC. A launch for both will be arranged. **RECREATION GROUND:** councillors were agreed that any plans to improve the area have to be proceeded by draining the field. It was agreed that quotations should be obtained. **CHURCH STEPS:** a quotation has been received to re-mortar the stone steps for £400 – a quotation to provide two hand rails is awaited. **BROADBAND FIBRE OPTIC CABLE JUNCTION BOX:** councillors agreed that whilst the proposed box is larger than the present one opposite the Moat House in Church Street it is the most appropriate location and is therefore acceptable.	**BC** **CT**
15/009	**CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA:** 14/082 3.0 Refurbishment of the phone box – BT has agreed to assess what is required 14/082 3.0 Consult with Lynden Stowe about creating a parking area in Chapel lane – refer 15/008 14/082 3.0 Establish support needed to help Paul Hughes publish his WW1 book – he has sufficient funding 14/074 Coombe brook level monitor re-instatement 14/074 1.0 Clerk agreed to purchase some bark for Latimers verge and crown raise trees at Dovers View 14/071 Provide breakdown of highway spend across the county. 14/044 3.0 Bus shelter has been re-pointed – litter clearance at parish quarry required 14/026 Gather information about VAS equipment – action not needed at the moment 13/076 10.0 Register mineral rights 13/029 Revised standing orders	**BC** **LS** **CT** **CT** **CT**
15/010	**NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:** *Correspondence was before the meeting.* CDC Local Plan Consultation Environment Agency flood risk data set CDC elections timetable CDC leader's update CDC gReeeeN initiative GRCC parish network day CDC parish planning alert – update of new system Councillors asked to receive the elections arrangements.	**CT**
	There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.20p.m. Signed……Date…….	