WESTON-sub-EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE BAR AT 7.15P.M. ON 24th MARCH 2015

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 members of the public parish clerk

15/020	**COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA:** there were none.	
15/021	**NOTICE OF ABSENCE:** there were none.	
15/022	**CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24.02.15:** councillors unanimously **resolved** approval of these minutes which were signed by the chairman as a true record of the business conducted.	
15/023	**RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:** there were no reports.	
15/024	**PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE MEETING:** 15/00819/FUL Church Orchard Cottage – remove existing conservatory – replace with a larger one 15/00816/FUL Flowers Farm – convert first floor of garage building to holiday let 15//00549/FUL Badgers Bank – proposed outbuilding to house a tractor and ancillary equipment Councillors considered the above applications and unanimously **resolved** no objection to them all and asked the clerk to inform CDC planning authority accordingly. **DECISIONS OF THE PLANNING AUTHORITY TO CONSENT/PERMIT:** 15/00632/TCONR Brooke Bend – re-pollard willows	**CT**
15/025	**1.0 FINANCE – RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT & BANK RECONCILIATION:** the monthly financial statement and bank reconciliation were before the meeting. Councillors reviewed the spending for the year and noted that the precept exceeded expenditure by £123. The chairman congratulated the councillors on this fact. It was noted that there had been an under spend on flood resilience because the planned brook clean had not taken place and on the youth club operational costs. This was offset by an over spend on the new bus shelter under village improvements. The clerk was asked to liaise with the village hall treasurer to sort out a recent grant to the parish council.	**CT**
	2.0 FINANCE – APPROVE PAYMENTS DUE:	

222050	24.03.15	Centre Wire Ltd	3 no. dog latches	117.00	23.40	140.40
222051	24.02.15	WSE PCC	annual payment for Messenger articles	40.00	0.00	40.00
222052	24.03.15	Chris Tombs	clerk's salary March	116.65	0.00	116.65
222053	24.03.15	WSE Village Hall	hall hire PC, Seniors, Youth Club - inv 731	45.50	0.00	45.50
222054	24.03.15	HMRC	clerk's PAYE 4th quarter	87.50	0.00	87.50
222055	24.03.15	Neal Services	repair of Church Steps	530.00	0.00	530.00
222056	24.03.15	Chris Tombs	postage stamps	14.88	0.00	14.88
222059	24.03.15	GAPTC	audit training course	15.00	0.00	15.00

Chris Rossington proposed and Mike Jelley seconded making these payments which councillors unanimously **resolved** approval.

15/026	**REVIEW WORK NEEDED AROUND THE PARISH:** **FOOTPATH WORK AROUND THE PARISH:** the clerk reported that the work in Church Orchard to install the dog latches and repair the stiles is expected to take place in the week following Easter. **CHURCH STEPS INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL RAILS:** the clerk reported being unable to get a commitment from Chris Small to look at the job or provide a quotation. Paul Neal has re-pointed the steps. **RECREATION GROUND:** three councillors met Graham Ross secretary of the Gloucestershire Playing Field Association and heard his advice which was to hold a public meeting in order to engage with parishioners; obtain suggestions for its use; then form a committee to carry through the project. Examples of similar projects were given and a promise to forward sources of funding and names of contractors able to carry out drainage and levelling work. **HIGHWAYS UPDATE:** the repairs schedule is with Bob Skillern. Drains have not been jetted and some are still blocked. The chairman reported forwarding a marked up map of the drains needing clearing. No action on traffic calming measures or repairs to the Evesham Road was reported. White lining work is still not done. Signing was promised for March, now unlikely to be met. **FORTHCOMING ELECTION:** the clerk distributed nomination papers and reminded councillors of the need to register their intention to stand as early as possible. **PARISH COUNCIL LAND OWNERSHIP:** the clerk was asked to consult the Land Registry. **COMPLETE THE ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT:** this was done. It was noted that urgent action is required to repair the parish noticeboard and secure the seats in Church Street and the Recreation Ground.	**GR** **CT** **CT**

15/027	**DISCUSS THE FORMAT OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:** councillors agreed to repeat the format of previous years. The clerk was asked to prepare a report of the various amenity groups in the parish.	**CT**
15/028	**CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA:** 15/019 Clerk to forward correspondence received – **actioned**. 15/017 Enquire about parish council land ownership – the clerk reported advice given by GCC that Gloucestershire Records office could provide the information required. 15/017 Survey blocked drains – **actioned**. 15/017 Contact GPFA regarding drainage at the Recreation Ground –**actioned**. 15/016 3.0 Purchase dog latches for the Church Orchard footpath – **actioned**. 15/008 Obtain quotation to provide handrails at the Church Steps – the clerk reported that Chris Small the blacksmith is proving very difficult to communicate with. 15/008 Obtain quotations to drain the Recreation Ground – **on going** – refer 15/026. 15/005 Clerk to request help with riparians – further **action** required by the parish council following receipt of Laurence King's email. 15/005 Obtain frequency of HGVs reversing south from the Mickleton railway bridge – level of incidence has not been reported by the owner of Norton Grounds farm. 14/082 3.0 Consult with Lynden Stowe about creating a parking area in Chapel lane – refer 15/008 14/074 Coombe brook level monitor re-instatement – to date no company has been found who is willing to reinstate existing equipment. The chairman agreed to consult with David Smith. 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 Litter clearance at parish quarry required – all visible from the road litter has been removed. Some bulky litter including lorry tyres remains within the site. It was agreed to take no further action at the moment. 13/076 10.0 Register mineral rights. 13/029 Provide revised standing orders.	**CT** **CT** **CT** **BC** **CT** **LS** **BC** **CT** **LS** **CT** **CT**
15/029	**NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:** *Correspondence was before the meeting and is available for circulation by the clerk on request.* GRCC NDP event - Brockworth Community Centre 25th March 5.00p.m. to 8.30p.m. Management of Roadside Verges – Adlestrop village hall 10.00a.m. 5th March or Doynton Village hall 5.00p.m. 26th March Glos transport plan consultation 16th February to the 27th March go to – http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/ltp3 Glos Highways – missive confirming Bob Skillern as the Cotswolds area contact Cotswold funder finder Master composting courses CDC leader's message regarding council tax Cotswolds tree wardens – orchard training day Open space in your area Local bus survey CDC press release on litter National plant monitoring/survey CDC ward £2k grant to help clean up parishes Moreton-in-Marsh minutes of flooding meeting New CAB office in Moreton opens 12th March	
	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: a question was asked about the parish council's intentions over future use of the Recreation Ground. The chairman replied by saying that the intention is to bring it into use for a wider section of the community. That is to provide facilities which will appeal to a range of young people. Because of the proximity of housing and the high cost of play equipment only modest apparatus can be considered. Local people will be involved in the process. Asked about a mobile police station the meeting heard that it no longer visits the village. Curate Celia Woodruff expressed her concern about the survival of the church and wanted its presence to have more visibility in the village. The chairman replied by saying that he sees one of the rolls of the parish council is to support all of the various activities in the village in order to foster a sense of community.	
	There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.40p.m. Signed……Date……	