WESTON-sub-EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.15P.M. ON 22nd SEPTEMBER 2015

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

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

15/073	**COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA:** there were none.	
15/074	**NOTICE OF ABSENCE:** there were none.	
15/075	**CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28.07.15:** councillors unanimously **resolved** approval of these minutes which were signed by the chairman as a true record of the business conducted.	
15/076	**RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:** Lynden Stowe reported that it is very likely that sufficient money will be available to kerb the short section of Evesham Road at the village boundary as well as providing road planings for the Chapel Street verge. The parish council was asked to provide the top three highway repairs; councillors agreed the kerbing mentioned above, unblocking of the drain opposite the Seagrave Arms and re-surfacing at Dovers View. It was noted that 'sharks teeth' remain to be installed on the B4632. The chairman noted that key performance indicators for Amey have not been made available; it would appear that Amey is either under staffed or could have under bid the contract. Lynden Stowe reported that GCC has funds for youth expenditure. Mention was made of the process called 'devolution' which is a new government initiative to give local authorities the opportunity to bid for the running of local services presently controlled by central government. GCC has submitted such a bid together with other authorities such as the police and the local clinical commissioning group. Lynden Stowe said there is a good chance of approval by the government because all of these organisations operate on a county basis; an announcement is expected in November. Councillors were reminded that district councillors have a £4k fund available to parish councils to pay for the likes of verge cleaning, extra dog bins and grass cutting. The criteria was given in an email earlier in the year. Councillors asked Lynden Stowe to liaise with the enforcement officer at CDC regarding the loss of three candle stick features in the north west facing wall of Manor Farm Barn. The chairman thanked Lynden Stowe for his report.	**LS**
15/077	**1.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE MEETING:** 15/03233/FUL Popfosters – single storey extension. Councillors unanimously **resolved** no objection. 15/03234/LBC Popfosters - single storey extension. Councillors unanimously **resolved** no objection. 15/03745/FUL Manor Farm Barn – (amendment to 14/03466/FUL regarding installation of an escape window). Councillors unanimously **resolved** object on the grounds that it is hard to see how it can be considered as an escape window when it is perhaps 4m above ground; the offset position of the window to the centre of the building is highly detrimental to the appearance of the building particularly in view of its listed status; Cotswold District Council should be very protective of this building in view of the fact that several years ago CDC took out an enforcement action to require the then owner to restore the roof, it having been removed. 15/03297/FUL Hirons Piece – subdivision, extension and other alterations to create two dwellings. Councillors unanimously **resolved** no objection and ask that provision is made in the decision notice to minimise the nuisance caused to the neighbours. This could be to control the hours of work to say 8.00a.m. to 5.00p.m. Monday to Friday in view of the considerable amount of work that will be undertaken and the close proximity of the adjacent dwellings, all movements of material will need to use the shared vehicle access, it should not be unduly obstructed. **2.0 DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY TO PERMIT:** 15/02883/FUL Goodflex Rubber – extension to existing building	**CT** **MJ** **CT** **MJ** **CT** **CT**
15/078	**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:

Cheque	date	paid to	item	amount	VAT	total
222081	05.08.15	Anna Edmonds	bark for Latimers corner verge	25.00	5.00	30.00
222082	05.08.15	Top Plants	bark for Latimers corner verge	25.00	5.00	30.00
222083	05.08.15	Bill Carruthers	grant in memory of Mary Knight	50.00	0.00	50.00
222084	24.08.15	Grant Thornton	external audit fee	100.00	20.00	120.00
222085	24.08.15	Campden Youth Project	youth club service charge	320.00	0.00	320.00
222086	01.09.15	MGB Sheds	grant to Village Hall	508.33	101.67	610.00
222087	22.09.15	Chris Tombs	clerk's salary for August/September	233.34	0.00	233.34
222088	22.09.15	WsE Village Hall	hall hire PC/Seniors/Youth Club	75.25	0.00	75.25

Chris Rossington proposed and Rachel Hurley seconded making these payments which councillors unanimously **resolved** approval.

3.0 RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR: the report from Grant Thornton dated 24th July 2015 recorded no comment. However the auditor wished to draw to the attention of Weston-sub-Edge parish council that the representation of the annual precept for 2014 was wrongly presented and should have been shown as £10360 precept and £3122 CDC grant instead of £10340 and £3142 repectively.

15/079 **REVIEW WORK NEEDED AROUND THE PARISH:**

FOOTPATHS, FOOTWAYS, HIGHWAYS AND VERGES: councillors reported an abundance of dog fouling and agreed to another spraying campaign; to purchase 6 orange cans of paint; provide three more dog bins via the CDC 'clean up' fund; obtain more lamp post signs; a flyer in the Bulletin; an article in the Messenger and an enhancement to entry on the website. **AI** **CT** **CR** **JM**

It was agreed that the Church Street verges should be cut. **CT**

RECREATION GROUND: the clerk was asked to arrange for the Recreation Ground hedges and field edges to be cut, report the hole in the fence and obtain a further quotation for draining the field. Two quotations have been received so far with two more promised by the end of the week. **CT**

YOUTH CLUB: the meeting heard that the August meetings were a disaster in terms of attendance (1 member on the first night, none on the second); it was agreed that it would be better not to open in August in future. Attendance in September were 7 and 10. It was noted that Alex will be on her own on 1st October. Chris Rossington agreed to email Alyson Jessop to ensure a program is available for that night. **CR**

It was agreed to write to parents to encourage them to volunteer. **CR**

OTHER MATTERS: Flyer and arrangements for the Paul Hughes book launch need to be arranged **BC**

15/080 **CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

15/072 Forward winter preparations message to John Robbins - **actioned**

15/069 Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator – a convenient date to meet the new warden hasn't been found as yet **MJ** **CT**

15/068 Report broken dog latch – Cotswold Wardens have made a repair and installed a second stile

15/068 Latimers corner, reply to letter and re-imburse cost of bark used - **actioned**

15/067 Increase in broadband monthly charge is in line with the contract - **actioned**

15/066 Photos of Canonbourne and Manor Farm developments taken and sent to CDC - **actioned**

15/054 Letter to Environment Agency regarding Weston-sub-Edge flood risk blue map **BC**

15/054 Letter of support for a weight restriction on Emmas Lane – **actioned**

15/047 3.0 Quotation to secure the Church street seat requested and is awaited

15/040 Emergency contact list – the requirement is for CDC's of local contacts to be updated. **CT**

15/036 4.0 Sale of emergency resilience two-way radios - **actioned**

15/026 Consult the Land Registry for information about parish council ownership of land. **CT**

15/005 Write again to Buckle Street riparians requesting action to clear their ditches, copy Laurence King and Lynden Stowe. **CT**

14/071 Provide breakdown of highway spend across the county. **LS**

13/076 10.0 Register mineral rights. **CT**

15/081 **NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

Correspondence was before the meeting and is available for circulation by the clerk on request.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: there were no questions.

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.10p.m.

Signed……Date…….