WESTON-sub-EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.15P.M. ON 27TH OCTOBER 2015

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

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

15/082	**COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA:** there were none.	
15/083	**NOTICE OF ABSENCE:** apologies of absence were received and accepted from Rachel Hurley and John Measey.	
15/084	**CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22.09.15:** councillors unanimously **resolved** approval of these minutes which were signed by the chairman as a true record of the business conducted.	
15/085	**RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:** Lynden Stowe reported that plans to respond to the recent government 'devolution' initiative are going well with a decision expected in November. Public consultation will take place if the bid is successful. Parish council concerns over the appearance of a window in the south west elevation at Manor Farm barn is with the enforcement officer at CDC. Lynden Stowe is willing to support two new dog litter bins for the village from his 'clean up parishes' budget. The clerk was asked to confirm the precise location. Councillors suggested the grass verge in Church street between Middle farm barn and Dovers cottage and in Friday street in the vicinity of the entrance to the Rectory where there is a suitable post. The chairman enquired about the recent survey of the performance of Amey circulated to parish councils by GCC. It implies a direct link exists between Amey and parish councils over requesting work, when the contract is between Amey and the county council. Lynden Stowe was unaware of the survey and asked to see a copy which was sent during the meeting. The chairman reported that key performance indicators for Amey have not been received from Bob Skillern. It was noted that gulley emptying for the village has now been moved to October; no action to date. In addition the blocked drain opposite the Seagrave Arms, first reported a year ago, still has not been cleared in spite of being put on Bob Skillern's action list. The clerk was asked to report these three items to Lynden Stowe. The chairman thanked Lynden Stowe for his report.	**CT** **CT**
15/086	**1.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE MEETING:** 15/03390/FUL Bank House – new garden room (part retrospective) – councillors unanimously **resolved** no objection. It was reported that a satellite dish has appeared at Manor Farm Barn. The clerk was asked to report this to the CDC conservation officer, copy to Lynden Stowe. **2.0 DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY TO PERMIT:** 15/04104/TCONR Bank Farmhouse – fell ash and an acacia 15/04217/TCONR Manor House – pollard sycamore on stream bank; reduce another sycamore by 20% 15/04234/TCONR Brookbend – thin apple trees	**CT** **CT**
15/087	**1.0 FINANCE – RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT & BANK RECONCILIATION:** the monthly financial statement and bank reconciliation were before the meeting. It was noted that the second precept payment and the proceeds from the sale of the two-way radios have been received. Bank balances for the General account is £17001.54 and the Business Deposit account is £6317.06.	
	2.0 FINANCE – APPROVE PAYMENTS DUE: Cheque date paid to item amount VAT total 222089 05.08.15 Chris Tombs clerk's salary for November 116.67 0.00 116.67 222090 05.08.15 WsE Village Hall hall hire PC/Seniors/Youth Club 61.25 0.00 61.25 Mike Jelley proposed and Wendy Clarke seconded making these payments which councillors unanimously **resolved** approval.	
15/088	**REVIEW WORK NEEDED AROUND THE PARISH:** **FOOTPATHS, FOOTWAYS, HIGHWAYS AND VERGES:** an update on the schedule of work was not available. The clerk was unable to give a date for the cutting of Church Street verges. **RECREATION GROUND:** the meeting noted the quotations received so far to drain the field. The advice from the Gloucestershire Playing Field Association is that, from the point of view of applying for grants, it better to split the project into the restoration of the surface and provision of the play equipment. Evidence is needed of a consultation with the parishioners. The chairman agreed to apply for grants. **YOUTH CLUB:** a programme of activities has been drawn up to January. The Saturday film was poorly attended, but enjoyed by those who did. Chris Rossington was asked to send a letter to parents requesting help on youth club nights.	**BC** **CR**

15/089	**CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**	
	15/079 Purchase six cans orange spray paint	**AI**
	15/079 Apply to the Community Clean Up fund for 3 more dog litter bins and obtain more signs	**CT**
	15/079 Article in the Messenger bringing attention to the increase in dog fouling	**CR**
	15/079 Place similar notice on the parish website	**JM**
	15/079 Arrange for the verges in Church Street to be cut; arrange for the Recreation Ground hedges to be cut; report hole in the fence to the owner/tenant of the adjoining field; obtain more quotations to drain the field	**CT**
	15/079 Email Alyson Jessop to ensure there is adequate youth leader cover for 1st October; write to parents to enlist their help on Youth Club nights	**CR**
	15/079 Prepare a flyer and make arrangements for the launch of Paul Hughes book on local WW1 participants - **actioned**	
	15/077 Respond to Manor Farm Barn and Hirons Piece planning applications - **actioned**	
	15/076 Lynden Stowe to liaise with the enforcement at CDC regarding the removal of three candle stick apertures in Manor Farm Barn	**LS**
	15/069 Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator – find a convenient date to meet the new warden	**MJ**
	15/054 Letter to Environment Agency regarding Weston-sub-Edge flood risk blue map - **actioned**	**BC**
	15/047 3.0 Quotation to secure the Church street – **actioned** - Ross Homans has declined to quote	
	15/040 Emergency contact list – the requirement is for CDC's of local contacts to be updated.	**CT**
	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**
15/090	**TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**	
	Correspondence was before the meeting and is available for circulation by the clerk on request. The clerk was asked to forward to the chairman minutes of recent GCC and CDC cabinet meetings.	**CT**
	TO TAKE PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: there were no questions.	
	There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.40p.m. Signed……Date…….	