WESTON-sub-EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.15P.M. ON 26TH JANUARY 2016

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

IN ATTENDANCE: C/D/Cllr Lynden Stowe 1 member of the public parish clerk

16/001 **COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA:** there were none.

16/002 **NOTICE OF ABSENCE:** an apology of absence was received from Andy Irvine and accepted by the meeting.

16/003 **CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24.11.15:** councillors unanimously **resolved** approval of these minutes which were signed by the chairman as a true record of the business conducted.

16/004 **RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:** Lynden Stowe encouraged the parish council to keep the highways action list up to date. The county council element of council tax is likely to rise by 3.99%; 2% of this increase will fund adult social services only. There is an online consultation on this increase at present. Generally the increase is as a result of recent cut back in funding from central government. Lynden Stowe thought the CDC council tax element might rise by 1.0% to 1.5% and overall this might mean a rise of 3%.

Equipment in the gym at the Chipping Campden leisure centre has been up graded. It is presently under used.

The chairman asked what was being done about the poor performance of Amey against its key performance indicators and suggested GCC should find out why they are failing. Lynden Stowe said he monitors Amey locally and thinks they do well with the large projects, for instance more highway resurfacing has taken place in the north Cotswolds around Moreton and Stow than further south.

Lynden Stowe reminded councillors that CDC funds remain to be claimed for youth activities. The meeting heard that plans are being made to combine with Chipping Campden Youth Group with the extra meetings in Willersey village hall. Clerk to contact Lynden Stowe to make an application for funding. **CT**

The chairman thanked Lynden Stowe for his report.

16/005 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE MEETING:** it was thought that there is a revised application removing the new escape window at Manor Farm Barn and replacing it with another in the adjacent elevation. No action appears to have taken place to open the blocked candle stick vents. Mike Jelley agreed to check the situation and the chairman agreed to draft a response to CDC regarding both issues. **MJ BC**

16/006 **1.0 FINANCE – RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT & BANK RECONCILIATION:** the monthly financial statement and bank reconciliation were before the meeting. Bank balances as at 02.01.16 were for the General account £15753.96 and the Business Deposit account £6318.33. The clerk apologised for not being able to balance the account this month.

2.0 FINANCE – APPROVE PAYMENTS DUE:

Cheque	date	paid to	item	amount	VAT	total
222095	24.11.15	Vale Press	WW1 booklet printing	90.00	0.00	90.00
222096	26.01.16	Chris Tombs	clerk's salary for December/January	233.34	0.00	233.34
222097	26.01.16	WsE Village Hall	hall hire PC/Seniors/Youth Club	106.75	0.00	106.75
222098	26.01.16	HMRC	clerk's PAYE 3rd quarter	87.50	0.00	87.50
222099	26.01.16	Hartwell & Co. Ltd.	support for Christmas tree	8.19	1.64	9.83
222100	26.01.16	Westhill Direct	village hall grant	220.00	44.00	264.00
222101	26.01.16	Bill Carruthers	Christmas tree	45.00	9.00	54.00
222102	26.01.16	GRCC	annual subscription	25.00	0.00	25.00

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

3.0 CONSIDER & APPROVE A BUDGET FOR 2016/17 & SET A PRECEPT: a draft budget was before the meeting including £1000 flood resilience fund; grants of £1000 to the village hall and £200 to the Seniors; £3000 for village improvements of which £2500 is earmarked for the Recreation Ground; £950 village maintenance and £1500 for the youth club making a budget of 11640 and a precept of £11620. This represents a zero increase in precept from 2015/16.

Mike Jelley proposed and Chris Rossington seconded accepting this budget which councillors unanimously **resolved** to approve.

4.0 CONSIDER AND APPROVE AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2017/18: since the demise of the audit commission an alternative audit arrangement for parish councils for 2017/18 is required. NALC/GAPTC are proposing to provide this service at an anticipated cost of £100 for five years. Other options will be available such as Grant Thornton or a local auditor; costs for these alternatives are as yet unknown. Councillors agreed that using the NALC/GAPTC scheme would be an acceptable arrangement with an internal audit being conducted.

16/007	**REVIEW WORK NEEDED AROUND THE PARISH:** **FOOTPATHS, FOOTWAYS, HIGHWAYS AND VERGES:** the chairman and Mike Jelley agreed to walk the village to identify work needed. **UPDATE ON SPEED CAMERA USE:** training provided by the police should have taken place today but unfortunately they failed to turn up; a future date will be arranged. The meeting heard that motorists found to be exceeding the speed limit can receive a warning letter from the police as a result. **YOUTH CLUB:** it was reported to be running well; communication could be better and an increased membership would be welcome. There is no space in the village hall booking diary for additional time so hall use is being sought elsewhere, most probably in Willersey. If the group combines with Chipping Campden youth club then it would be responsible for the funding and running of the extra meetings. A film night was discussed; arrangements need to be made. **OTHER ITEMS:** the chairman agreed to look out the recent housing needs survey and check the conclusions. Celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday: the clerk will contact the Chipping Campden town clerk with a view to a potential joint celebration in the form of a beacon. Other celebration suggestions will be considered.	**BC** **MJ** **MJ** **CR** **BC** **CT**
16/008	**IDENTIFY PRE 1949 PATHS IN CURRENT USE AND NOT ON THE DEFINITIVE FOOTPATH MAP:** if such paths exist they can be extinguished from 2026 according to the Right to Roam Act 2000 unless given public access status beforehand. Mike Jelley agreed to compare an 1885 ordnance survey map of the parish and the current definitive map. Councillors were asked to think of any paths that might come into this category.	**CT** **MJ**
16/009	**CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** 15/099 Ambulance response times data – **actioned** – 'Red 8' calls in the north Cotswold have got worse over the last 18 months and are now achieving 25% (target is 85%); most often the response is a First Responder rather than an ambulance which might not be a problem 15/097 Enquire if the winter performance of solar powered road signs has improved 15/094 Consult the Seniors over acceptability of the local bus service 15/094 Obtain comparative precept data across Cotswold district - **actioned** 15/088 Apply for grants to upgrade recreation ground – on going 15/086 Report Manor Farm Barn planning opinion and satellite dish at Manor Farm **- actioned** 15/085 Confirm precise location for the new dog litter bins - **actioned** 15/079 Purchase three cans orange spray paint – **actioned** 15/040 Emergency contact list – the requirement is for CDC's list of local contacts to be updated. 15/026 Consult the Land Registry for information about parish council ownership of land. 15/005 Write again to Buckle Street riparians requesting action to clear their ditches, copy Laurence King and Lynden Stowe. 14/071 Provide breakdown of highway spend across the county. 13/076 10.0 Register mineral rights.	**CT** **BC** **BC** **CT** **CT** **CT** **LS** **CT**
16/010	**NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:** Correspondence was before the meeting and is available for circulation by the clerk on request. The clerk was asked to circulate information about the Queen's birthday celebrations, public transport consultation, register of electors application details and the GRCC newsletter.	**CT**
	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: there were no questions.	
	There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.50p.m. Signed……Date…….	