WESTON-sub-EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.15P.M. ON 23rd FEBRUARY 2016

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

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

16/011	**COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA:** there were none.	
16/012	**NOTICE OF ABSENCE:** an apology of absence was received from and accepted by the meeting.	
16/013	**CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26.01.15:** councillors unanimously **resolved** to approve these minutes which were signed by the chairman as a true record of the business conducted.	
16/014	**RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:** Mark Annett announced that the Gloucestershire county council element of council tax will rise by 3.99% for 2016/17. 2% of this increase will be spent on adult social care where demand is rising at 5% each year and in total forms half of the budget for GCC. After a successful trial in the Forest of Dean district a lengthsman scheme is being introduced across the county to provide such things as verge and gully maintenance. Cotswold district council has approved a freeze in its element of the council tax with parking and green waste collection charges remaining at last year's level. £0.5m from GCC and CDC is being provided to assist the roll out of high speed broadband. A working party has been formed to make sure all areas achieve adequate broadband cover. Mark Annett agreed to follow up concerns about the breaches of listed building consent at Manor Farm barn with respect to the so called emergency escape window and the three blocked up candle stick features. The chairman thanked Mark Annett for his report.	**MA**
16/015	**PLANNING APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE MEETING:** there were none.	
16/016	**1.0 FINANCE – RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT & BANK RECONCILIATION:** the monthly financial statement and bank reconciliation were before the meeting. Bank balances as at 02.02.16 were for the General account £15233.61 and the Business Deposit account £6318.76. The clerk reported being asked to adjust the balance of the grant for the Village Hall in place of the usual refund which covers its share of the broadband cost.	
	2.0 FINANCE – APPROVE PAYMENTS DUE: Cheque date paid to item amount VAT total 222103 23.02.16 Chris Tombs clerk's salary for February 116.67 0.00 116.67 222104 23.02.16 WsE Village Hall hall hire PC/Seniors/Youth Club 61.25 0.00 61.25 Mike Jelley proposed and Chris Rossington seconded making these payments which councillors unanimously **resolved** to approve.	
16/017	**REVIEW WORK NEEDED AROUND THE PARISH:** **CONSIDER A VILLAGE CELEBRATION TO MARK THE QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY:** it was agreed that this would be a good event for the village to organise; ideas and organisation to be brought to the next meeting. **HIGHWAYS WORK – TOP TEN WISH LIST:** councillors agreed that there remains much outstanding highway maintenance. However in the face of this criticism Bob Skillern (Glos. Highways) has written to the chairman robustly defending the level of work carried out in the parish as being more than its share compared to elsewhere in the county. The chairman and Mike Jelley have walked the village to identify work needed and concluded that the wish list adequately covers currently outstanding work needed. **UPDATE ON RECREATION GROUND APPLICATIONS:** the chairman reported that the Environment Trust has promised £4000, less than asked for and requiring clearer proof of ownership of the site. This is proving difficult to achieve. **UPDATE ON SPEED CAMERA USE:** a date has now been arranged for training. **VILLAGE LITTER COLLECTION:** councillors agreed that litter is not a problem and that the verges did not require clearing. **YOUTH CLUB:** it was reported to be running well and a programme of events is in place. However great difficulty is being met with liaising with Chipping Campden youth club over plans to combine activities at another venue such as Willersey village hall. It is not clear why this situation exists and is such that no way forward can be seen.	**ALL**

16/018	**CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** 16/010 Circulate correspondence from last meeting – **actioned**. 16/008 Pre 1949 footpath survey – the clerk has obtained a map of existing paths. 16/007 Celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday with a beacon – the clerk confirmed that Chipping Campden town council is willing to organise this event. 16/007 Youth club film – a successful event although poorly attended. 16/004 Apply for CDC youth project grant – the clerk was ask to forward the application form to Chris Rossington. 15/097 Winter performance of solar powered road signs has improved – not possible to obtain an answer as every installed situation is different. The clerk has obtained information about systems which are supported by a re-chargeable battery. 15/094 Consult the Seniors over acceptability of the local bus service. 15/040 Emergency contact list – **actioned** 15/026 Consult the Land Registry for information about parish council ownership of land. 15/005 Buckle Street riparians requesting action to clear their ditches – it was agreed that this action is not needed for the moment as the ditches whilst overgrown with vegetation are running freely. 14/071 Provide breakdown of highway spend across the county. 13/076 10.0 Register mineral rights.	**CT** **BC** **LS** **CT**
16/019	**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 8.50p.m. Signed……Date…….	