# *WESTON-sub-EDGE PARISH COUNCIL*

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE BAR ON 27th SEPTEMBER 2016

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

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

**16/070** **COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA:** there were none.

**16/071** **NOTICE OF ABSENCE:** there were none.

**16/072** **CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28.06.16:** councillors unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes which were signed by the chairman as a true record of the business conducted.

**16/073** **RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:** Lynden Stowe encouraged councillors to provide a list of work suitable for the forthcoming Lengthsman scheme in November.
Lynden Stowe reported that the signage at Raspberry Corner is being reviewed; a traffic survey is taking place on Emmas Lane to determine its use by HGVs; he is progressing the request for two dog bins and asked if the Youth Club grant for £1k could be re-applied for. **CR**
Councillors heard that the meeting with Bob Skillern (Glos Highways) in August went well. It was agreed that the larger projects in the parish have been completed well, not so the minor ones. This appears to be typical of the performance of Amey across the county.
Services are being shared across CDC, Forest DC, West Oxford DC and Cheltenham BC. The CDC plan is protect services despite a diminishing funding stream; Ubico is an outstanding success.
Councillors were asked to monitor gulley cleaning, scheduled for November. A map of gulley locations is available on the GCC website; could councillors check all are recorded on it. **ALL**
Asked why some separated recyclables are mixed on the lorry; answer some upstream separation is in operation and in the case of paper and card there is no price advantage in keeping them separate.
The chairman thanked Lynden Stowe for his report.

**16/074** **PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING:**
16/03730/TCONR Bank Farmhouse – fell cedar to avoid power lines
Councillors **resolved** to object suggesting appropriate pruning would be a better solution.

**16/075** **FINANCE:**
**1.0 RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT & BANK RECONCILIATION:** the monthly financial statement and bank reconciliation were before the meeting. Bank balances as at 02.09.16 were for the General account £20589.35 and the Business deposit account £6322.25.
**2.0 APPROVE PAYMENTS DUE:**

| Cheque | date | paid to | item | amount | VAT | total |
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| 222129 | 27.09.16 | Chris Tombs | clerk's salary for Aug/Sept | 233.33 | 0.00 | 233.33 |
| 222130 | 27.09.16 | WSE Village Hall | hall hire (50p too much!) | 46.00 | 0.00 | 46.00 |
| 222131 | 27.09.16 | HMRC | clerk's PAYE 2nd quarter | 87.50 | 0.00 | 87.50 |
| 222132 | 27.09.16 | Grant Thornton | external audit fee | 100.00 | 20.00 | 120.00 |
| 222133 | 27.09.16 | CC Youth Project | youth club service | 240.00 | 0.00 | 240.00 |
| 222134 | 27.09.16 | Hartwell & Co Ltd | replacement fence in allotment hedge | 101.00 | 20.20 | 121.20 |

Chris Rossington proposed and Mike Jelley seconded making these payments which councillors unanimously **resolved** to approve.
**3.0 AGREE ACTION REGARDING THE CHURCH STREET SEAT AND PARISH NOTICEBOARD:** councillors **resolved** to accept the quotation provided by Chris Hurley; the clerk was asked to liaise with him. **CT**

**16/076** **REVIEW VILLAGE MATTERS:**
**HIGHWAY'S UPDATE:** it was agreed that the top ten list should be reviewed each quarter. It was noted that work is still required in Chapel Lane and at the Harris Lane triangle, Dovers Hill Road now has two 30MPH signs and Parsons Lane is suffering some subsidence. The clerk has asked John Langston to cut the Church Street verges.
**RECREATION GROUND:** a specification has been agreed with Avonmore Associates and a contract placed with them. It is very likely that the work will take place until the early part of 2017. The immediate neighbours have been invited to the next PC meeting to hear the parish council's plans for the area.
**YOUTH CLUB:** the first meeting has taken place this school year with three young people present. A schedule of work has been worked out and a scheme of awards has been devised with prizes, in an effort to incentivise the young people. A letter has gone to parents with a programme of work for the year which is also on the website.

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| **16/077** | **DISCUSS WAYS TO FILL VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL:** two people were mentioned as possible candidates. The clerk was asked to confirm the residency requirement for a councillor. | **CT** |
| **16/078** | **CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**<br>16/067 Village celebration at St. Lawrence's church – the parish council did not take part.<br>16/067 Registration of the Recreation Ground with the Land Registry – **action awaited**.<br>16/067 Lack of stock proof fence at the Recreation Ground, inform farmer – **actioned** but no result.<br>16/057 Invite the immediate neighbours the Recreation Ground to the next PC meeting – **actioned**.<br>13/076 10.0 Register mineral rights. | <br><br>**CT**<br><br><br>**CT** |
| **16/079** | **NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**<br>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 8.45p.m.<br><br><br>Signed……Date……. | |