WESTON-sub-EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
VILLAGE BAR ON 25th OCTOBER 2016

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 6 members of the public parish clerk

16/080 **RECREATION GROUND:** the chairman introduced himself and addressed the members of the public present who being immediate neighbours to the site had been invited to this meeting to hear the parish council's plans for its improvement.
The chairman began by saying that the recreation ground is one of only two facilities for young people in the village, the other being the youth club. It is the intention of the parish council to improve the recreation ground in response to the survey carried out in 2010.
First by levelling, draining and re-seeding the surface. A contract has been placed to carry out this work which should take two weeks and take place in early 2017. The money to pay for this work has been largely raised from grants.
The second part of the work would be to provide some play equipment to cater for the 4 to 11 year age group. A meeting will be called to obtain the views of the parents with young children. Funding needs to be found.
Points raised expressed concerns over parking, anti-social behaviour, position of the play equipment, access; it was agreed that all of these views would be addressed before any decisions were made.
The chairman thanked those present for attending the meeting.

16/081 **COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA:** there were none.

16/082 **NOTICE OF ABSENCE:** there were none.

16/083 **CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27.09.16:** councillors unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes which were signed by the chairman as a true record of the business conducted.

16/084 **RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:** there was no report. The clerk reported that Lynden Stowe was unavailable because of a family commitment.

16/085 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING:**
1.0 Planning application before the parish council:
16/04203/OUT Bramleys – erection of one dwelling
Councillors **resolved** to object on the grounds that a shared driveway may not be safe, 5m is probably too narrow for access, sufficient space for a vehicle to turn round within the site should be stated on the application, height of the building should be stated and that 'reserved matters' are not understood.
2. Decision of the local planning authority to approve:
16/04081/DD Little Tree – fell dead silver birch

16/086 **FINANCE:**
1.0 RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT & BANK RECONCILIATION: the monthly financial statement and bank reconciliation were before the meeting. Bank balances as at 01.10.16 were for the General account £22583.95 and the Business deposit account £6322.58. The second precept instalment of £2904.00 has been received.
2.0 APPROVE PAYMENTS DUE:

Cheque	date	paid to	item	amount	VAT	total
222135	14.10.16	Land Registry	fee to lodge an application	40.00	0.00	40.00
222136	25.10.16	Chris Tombs	clerk's salary for Oct	116.67	0.00	116.67
222137	25.10.16	WSE Village Hall	hall hire	61.25	0.00	61.25

Rachel Hurley proposed and Wendy Clarke seconded making these payments which councillors unanimously **resolved** to approve.

16/087 **REVIEW VILLAGE MATTERS:**
HIGHWAY'S UPDATE: it was reported that items for inclusion in the Lengthsman scheme were discussed. The chairman agreed to forward the list to Bob Skillern (GCC) when ready.
YOUTH CLUB: numbers for October have been around 8 to 9. It is hoped that the young people will enjoy the programme of activities on offer. An incentive scheme is being tried in order to motivate the young people to become more aware of their involvement in the success of the club.

16/088 **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**

16/089	**CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** 16/067 Village celebration at St. Lawrence's church – the parish council did not take part. 16/067 Registration of the Recreation Ground with the Land Registry – **actioned**. 16/067 Lack of stock proof fence at the Recreation Ground, inform farmer – **actioned** but no result as yet. 16/057 Invite the immediate neighbours the Recreation Ground to the next PC meeting – **actioned**. 13/076 10.0 Register mineral rights.	**CT**
16/090	**NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:** Correspondence was before the meeting; the clerk was asked to circulate the documents.	**CT**
	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: there were no questions.	
	There being no other business the chairman thanked the councillors for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50p.m. Signed……Date…….	