WESTON-sub-EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE BAR ON 25th APRIL 2017 AT 7.15P.M.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 0 members of the public parish clerk

17/32 **COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA:** there were none.

17/33 **NOTICE OF ABSENCE:** there were none.

17/34 **CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28.03.17:** councillors unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes which were signed by the chairman as a true record of the business conducted.

17/35 **RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:** there were no reports.

17/36 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING:**

1.0 Planning application before the parish council: none.

2.0 Awaiting a decision of the local planning authority:

17/973/LBC Meon Cottage – alterations to garden room

17/00906/FUL 38 Dovers View – first floor side extension

17/00440/LBC Meon Cottage – internal & external alterations & re-pointing

3.0 Decisions of the local planning authority to approve/consent: none.

17/37 **FINANCE:**

1.0 RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT & BANK RECONCILIATION: the monthly financial statement and bank reconciliation were before the meeting. Bank balances as at 01.04.17 were for the General account £18349.95 and the Business deposit account £6324.15.

The meeting considered the parish council's reserve funds. It was agreed that the fund for young people and a portion for the youth club fund could be used to meet the cost of play equipment at the Recreation Ground. The fund allocated to the Village Hall will cover the proposed paving to the area in front of the building; the Calor Prize, being non specific in how it should be spent, need no longer be listed as such.

2.0 APPROVE PAYMENTS DUE:

Cheque	date	paid to	item	amount	VAT	total
222166	01.04.17	B Pettifer	repair of fence damaged by storm Doris*	133.00	0.00	133.00
222167	25.04.17	Chris Tombs	clerk's salary for March	116.67	0.00	116.67
222168	25.04.17	HMRC	clerk's PAYE	29.17	0.00	29.17
222169	25.04.17	WsE Village Hall	hall hire PC/Seniors/Youth Club	61.25	0.00	61.25

*Cheque 222166 issued to replace cheque 222161 which was made out to the wrong payee.

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

3.0 REVIEW THE PARISH COUNCIL ASSET REGISTER: councillors agreed to the removal of insurance cover for the rainfall monitor and the Coombe brook level monitor; both no longer functioning.

The value of the village green in front of Bank House and Kiftsgate House is now recorded at £1. Section 68 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 gave value to the access by the owners of Bank House across this land. However this section of the act was repealed in 2006 following intervention by the House of Lords in 2004. (Strictly speaking this ruling applies to common land but as no test case has been brought with respect to village greens since 2000 it is presumed that such cases will equally fail). The change in the law has reduced the financial value of the right of access effectively to zero.

The recreation ground seat has also been taken off cover.

The resulting insurance premium of £374.80 is an increase on last year's premium of £361.88 by the increase to 10% for the insurance tax.

Councillors asked the clerk to obtain the Land Registration for Bank House in order to see if the ownership of the access is acknowledged as belonging to the parish council, technically the land is vested in the parish council. **CT**

17/38 **REVIEW VILLAGE MATTERS:**

1.0 RECREATION GROUND: it was noted that Avonmore Associates are on site this week levelling and re-seeding the surface. Councillors talked of organising a publicity event when the work has been completed. Phase 2 which is the provision of a play area is being investigated by a sub committee of the parish council which has met once and needs to be formally constituted at the parish council annual meeting. **CT**

2.0 LAND REGISTRATION OF THE RECREATION GROUND: the clerk reported that all of the necessary documents are now with the local Land Registry office. Saunders Roberts have been instructed to take action to restore the right of way to the Recreation Ground which was lost in 1995 when the Headmaster's house was divided into School House and Lychgate cottage.

	3.0 MARKING THE END OF WW1: councillors noted that Cotswold District Council will be making available a fund to local communities to celebrate the end of WW1. Councillors agreed that an application should be made for this money, £150 and nearer the time to think about what form it could take. **4.0 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE (GRASS CUTTING):** contractors are in place to maintain the Church Street and Stratford Road verges and when the time is right to continue cutting the Recreation Ground grass.	
	5.0 UPDATE ON VILLAGE MAINTENANCE: it was noted that the new acrylic doors on the parish notice board need to be eased as one of them is difficult to slide. The backing paper needs to be replaced and the softwood needs treating. **6.0 HIGHWAYS:** it was noted that some repair work has taken place on Dovers Hill but not the work requested by the parish council. **7.0 UPDATE ON THE QUARRY BEECH TREE:** felling is in hand. **8.0 YOUTH CLUB:** numbers remain very low. Alyson Jessopp is unavailable on May 4th; councillors were insistent that she arranges appropriate cover and takes steps to increase the membership. The chairman agreed to get in touch. **9.0 DEFIBRILLATOR FUNDING & DEPLOYMENT:** Mike Jelley reported that three devices would cover most of the village, five would give full cover. This is using the 200m rule which is believed to be used by SWAS in determining whether a caller should be given the access code to a local defibrillator. A full explanation of the protocol is awaited. New externally mounted defibrillators are thought to cost about £1500. CDC have announced a grant to participating parishes of possibly £400. **10.0 FLOOD MITIGATION:** Bob Skillern has agreed to meet with the parish council on site at 10.30a.m. on 24th May to discuss taking the remaining Church Street water which discharges into Coombe brook by Meon Cottage into the new eastern drain. It was noted that this year is the tenth anniversary of the 2007 flood. The Environment Agency 'blue' map still blights the village. A map of the location of the roadside gullies is still required.	**RH** **BC** **CT** **BC** **BC** **MJ**
17/39	**CONSIDER WAYS TO FIND A NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR:** names of several possibilities were put forward.	
17/40	**CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** 13/76 10.0 Register mineral rights – Saunders Roberts has been instructed to take this action forward. 17/07 Steps cut in the verge outside the church – the clerk was asked to report this to Glos. Highways – **action awaited**. 17/17 Nuisance parking in Church street – incident number 78 has been created so that councillors can report to the local police, using the 101 phone number, incidents of inappropriate parking in Church Street. It was agreed that this action is posted on the parish website. 17/25 Clerk to forward contact details of those attending the first Recreation Ground meeting to the chairman – **actioned**. 17/27 3.0 Clerk to make it clear to contractors of the need to carry out their work when agreed – **actioned**. 17/29 Refer to 17/38 5.0 above.	 **CT** **ALL**
17/41	**NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:** Correspondence was before the meeting; the clerk was asked to circulate the Chipping Campden NDP.	 **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……	