WESTON-sub-EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
Online Microsoft Teams ON 23 February AT 7.30P.M.

PRESENT: District Cllr Lynden Stowe, County Cllr Gina Blomefield, Chairman Bill Carruthers, Cllrs Mike Jelley, Rachel Hurley, Wendy Clarke and Eddy Hoksbergen

IN ATTENDANCE: Lucy Print parish clerk, Adam Maxted, Matt & Katy McMinn, Nick Deverell-Smith, Sophia & Tom Whitehouse

21/10	**1.**Interests – none	
21/11	**2. NOTICE OF ABSENCE:** None	
21/12	**3. REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**: Gloucestershire District Councillor Lynden Stowe reported on: • Gloucestershire County Council elections in May • Budget confirmed 4.75% increase, 1.99% general fund, 2.76% levy on adult care. Demands higher than inflation and balance budget accordingly. • Will look to invest in highways at current levels. Principals of climate change since 2006 GCC has cut emissions by 97%. • Planting 35 million trees across county. Dealing with Ash die back, planting 2 trees for every one felled. Increasing wooded area from 13% to 20% • Following through on highways list of works needed in Weston sub Edge. Cotswold County Cllr Gina Blomefield reported on: • At last cabinet meeting council looking at all council owned buildings going carbon neutral • Budget setting tomorrow (24 February) • Recommend postal voting for GCC and police elections • Community Funding Spacehive project launched • New community funding, old system operating until mid Feb	
21/13	**4.CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26.1.20:** councillors Rachel Hurley and Mike Jelley **resolved** to approve the minutes which were signed by the chairman as a true record of the business conducted.	
21/14	**5.PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING:** **Planning application before the parish council:** ➢ Full Application for Restoration to former use as a residential dwelling house (C3) from House in Multiple Occupation (sui generis use) and erection of oak framed porch at Long Hill Cottage Long Hill Saintbury Broadway Gloucestershire no 21/00347/FUL **Councillors agreed no objections.** ➢ Full Application for Erection of two storey extension at Evesham Ltd Kolcraft Works 3 Weston Industrial Estate Honeybourne Road Honeybourne no 21/00021/FUL **Councillors agreed no objections.** **Awaiting -** ➢ Planning Consultation 20/02315/FUL Phase 1A Long Marston – traffic impact survey – clerk to follow up	
21/15	**6.FINANCE:** **6.1 RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT & BANK RECONCILIATION:** Bank balance as at 1 January were	

£17,528.35 for the 2 May General Account and £6333.73 for the business deposit account.

6.2 APPROVE PAYMENTS DUE:
Councillors Rachel Hurley proposed and Mike Jelley seconded payments.

Item	VAT	Amount	Total amount
Clerk's salary Jan			£165.62
Acorn Signs	£9.00		45.00

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7. Addressing CLIMATE CHANGE
Councillors to review Draft Environment Policy for comments with a view to publishing online. **ALL**

8. REVIEW VILLAGE MATTERS:

8.1 Impact of the Cornavirus (Convid-19) The vaccination programme is being rolled out and Gloucestershire on target. Neighbours are helping each other out.

8.2 Heavy traffic reduction meet with Glos. Highways to take forward, 18 March. Investigate traffic survey, ask Jack Theo. **EH**

8.3 Highways update: unable to meet with Glos. highways in current lockdown. **BC, MJ**
Speed sign on Church Street out of commission and unable to fix at current time. To investigate additional poles. Friday Street, opposite Manor Farm discussed.
Investigate school bus pick up point safety improvements.
Removal of sign opposite Manor Farm.
Road-surfacing, did yellow lane not Harris Lane
Safety at Bus Stop for school children – extra signage, crossing, move to safer place
Dovers Hill cut back tree at right on junction on corner
Upright sign out of Weston on way to Mickleton
Signage reducing heavy traffic, remove sign from outside Manor Farm

8.4 Recreation ground inspection record: Mike Jelley completed inspection; all equipment in good order. Mole hills ongoing issue.

8.5 Archive documentation update. On hold.

8.6 Village Improvements:

- Honeybourne cross roads safety improvement – pursuing with Glos. Highways improved visibility. Quotes to be obtained for replacing allotment hedge, schedule work after bird nesting season. Improve parking at allotment parking to take parking from buckle street. **LP**
- Flood protection, ditches need clearing after hedge cutting. Clerk to write to landowners, dirty lane, brook needs clearing back of Meon House. **LP**

8.7 Repreparation after Gigaclear and Thames Water – report back Spring 2021. Grips need clearing and some of the drains need attention. Action request to Glos. highways. **BC/MJ**

8.8 Car theft prevention. The Chairman noted that the Councillors had received a draft recommendation for home security as well as car theft prevention for consideration prior to issuing on the website following concerns raised after two recent car thefts. The Chairman then took inputs from parishioners outside the formal meeting for discussion purposes.
Nick Deverell-Smith reported on his recent car theft experience. Options for looking after property discussed including:

- Burglar alarms
- Lighting
- Vehicle security
- CCTV
- Signage
- Neighbourhood watch
- Proposed Phoenix Security patrols of the village. Cost to be shared between interested households.

Action agreed to review parishioners feedback and to agree next steps.

9. Recruitment of another Councillor/s The council continues to look to recruit new councillors to reach full complement. Matt McMinn to consider position after further discussion with Mike Jelley.

21/17	**10. CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** Confirmation of dog mess bin order – hall & green installed and completed. Additional request and removal of salt bin on Harris Lane; will keep until Spring – action awaited 17/38 10.0 Prepare detailed map of the location of the roadside drains and gullies – **action awaited** Oct 19 Public question time: investigate disposal of land asset ref MCC – clerk to action awaited Additional playground equipment: Survey current use and requirement for more equipment to be completed in better weather when playground in use. – clerk to action	**LP** **BC** **LP** **LP**
21/18	**11. NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:** ➢ Allotment agreements for 2021/22 ➢ Cotswold District Council - Local Government Association Model Code of Conduct for Members – circulated ➢ CDC Budget 2021-22 Council – response from Jenny Poole ➢ Annual Flood Forum Event invitation 5 March ➢ Crowdfunding Launch event 22 Feb ➢ DigiBus Gloucestershire - new community project ➢ Cotswold District Council's Licensing Act 2003 Policy Consultation, Chairman to re-spond.	**BC**
	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: ➢ None.	
	The chairman thanked the councillors for attending and closed the meeting at 21.27p.m. Signed……Date…….	