WESTON-sub-EDGE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL

AT 7.15P.M. ON TUESDAY 27th MAY 2014

PRESENT: Bill Carruthers (parish council chairman) C/D/Cllr Lynden Stowe
Wendy Clarke Mike Jelley Joan Jenkins Andy Irvine John Measey
0 members of the public Chris Tombs (parish clerk)

14.01 WELCOME AND REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN BILL CARRUTHERS:

Bill Carruthers welcomed those present and spoke of the roll of the parish council as being the link between the higher tier councils of the district and the county and the parishioners, to sustain the community and to provide general maintenance in the parish. The questionnaire that is about to go out will yield information about the needs of the community.

The parish council's budget has hardly changed over the last three years and is consistent with other councils. The housing needs survey carried out in 2013 showed that housing for 6 households is required; 27% of the 197 households canvassed responded.

We have experienced the wettest winter in 250 years. The new drain in Church Street and other measures provided with massive support from Cotswold District Council meant that no property flooding was reported.

The parish council has funded a defibrillator which has been installed at Dovers View; the youth club which continues to function and attract up to 20 young people; the Seniors club for the older generation; the Village Hall and Village Bar and a revitalised village website which is commended to all in the parish to search for information about the village.

14.02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

An apology for absence was received from Chris Rossington.

14.03 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22nd May 2013:

Minutes of last year's meeting were before the meeting and were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman.

14.04 REPORT FROM THE LOCAL POLICE:

An apology has been received for the local policewoman and the absence of a report.

14.05 REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:

Lynden Stowe reporting that it is the fourth year that Gloucestershire County Council has frozen any increase in their element of the council tax; there is 1600 fewer staff in Shire Hall than four years ago. The highways budget has been protected from any reduction; indeed an additional £5m has been found for road repairs. The high speed broadband roll out is going to plan and should be in operation by the end of 2015. GCC is the only authority in the country which has not applied any cuts to its adult care budget. Lynden Stowe was very impressed with the restored footway surfaces in the village.

Cotswold District Council has frozen all charges for car parks, leisure activities and green bin collection. The emerging local plan draft will go out for consultation in the autumn.

Lynden Stowe mentioned his campaign to secure three more ambulances for the north Cotswolds, citing the very poor time to call out. He asked everyone to visit the website and join the campaign.

The chairman thanked him for his reports.

14.06 PRESENTATION AND DEMONSTRATION OF THE USE OF A DEFIBRILLATOR:

This was available but not shown because there were no members of the public present.

14.07 PRESENTATION AND REVIEW OF WRITTEN REPORTS FROM THE VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS IN THE VILLAGE:

The clerk summarised the written reports which are attached. It was agreed they should appear on the website. It was noted that no report had been received for the Village Hall.

14.08 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: there was none.

14.09 DATE OF NEXT YEAR'S MEETING:

It was agreed that it should be held on 26th May 2015 at 7.15p.m..

14.10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

1.0 The response from CDC planning department to the request for enforcement action over the non appearance of the two extra parking spaces at the Seagrave Arms, part of the permission when the barn was converted, Lynden Stowe recommended writing to Phillipa Lowe to put the justification for the extra spaces. **ACTION CLERK**

2.0 Lynden Stowe was asked what action should be taken following the rejection by CDC planning department of the two sites put forward by the parish council as possible locations for the proposed social housing. Lynden Stowe agreed to contact Martin Perks.

ACTION LS

3.0 The parish council has noted that the mobile police visiting schedule now does not include Weston-sub-Edge. Mike Jelley agreed to contact Gloucestershire Police with a view to getting it re-instated. **ACTION MJ**

4.0 The clerk was asked to obtain reports from the local groups missing from those currently available, namely NHW, Seniors, Outings Club, Recreation ground and the Village Hall. **ACTION CLERK**

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.12p.m.

Signed……Date……