WESTON-sub-EDGE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL

AT 7.15P.M. ON TUESDAY 19th MAY 2015

PRESENT: Chris Rossington (parish council vice-chairman) Wendy Clarke Rachel Hurley Andy Irvine Mike Jelley John Measey 0 members of the public
C/D Cllrs Lynden Stowe Chris Tombs (parish clerk)

15.01 WELCOME AND REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRMAN CHRIS ROSSINGTON:

Chris Rossington welcomed those present and reviewed the last year. The 21% response to the parish plan was disappointing. Speeding in Friday Street and Church Street remains a problem with little chance of a remedy. The condition of the roads is again poor with many pot holes and drains not cleared. Highways are still the responsibility of Glos. Highways with the repair work contracted to Amey. Coombe brook and the new eastern by-pass have coped very well with the rainfall. The Village Hall is well supported by the parish council, the Seniors group and other hirers. The verge in Church Street is now cut at least twice each year and the steps outside the church steps have been repaired, both at the expense of the parish council. The parish defibrillator has been installed and commissioned and to date has not needed to be used. A recent housing needs survey has shown a need for a small number of affordable homes. Cotswold District Council planning officer has turned down the preferred site so another is being sought. The parish website has been constructed with many thanks to John Measey.

15.02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: an apology for absence was received from Bill Carruthers.

15.03 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27th May 2014:

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

15.04 REPORT FROM THE LOCAL POLICE:

The crime statistics for the year are available on the parish website. Thefts from vehicles at Dover Hill car park may have been included with Chipping Campden's statistics. A mobile police station is now deployed across the whole county and will come to the rural communities when needed. A suggestion was made that its presence could be appropriate at the village fete.

15.05 REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:

Lynden Stowe reported that GCC council tax is frozen for this year despite an increase in demand of 4% for adult care services. £6m has been budgeted for highways. In the village kerbing in the Evesham Road is planned; Glos Highways is looking for a local contribution. Asked if road planings could be supplied to repair the Village Hall car park and for the verge in Parsons Lane. Lynden Stowe thought that all of these projects could be rolled into one. It was noted that much needed gulley cleaning is overdue particularly opposite the Seagrave and in Parsons Lane.

The meeting heard that CDC council tax frozen for this year. Grants are available for young people. Lynden Stowe was asked if there is funding for the Recreation Ground. A £10k

fund exists for young people.

The chairman thanked Lynden Stowe for his report.

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

ALLOTMENTS: the clerk reported that all plots are let with probably four not being tended as well as they should be, illness being the reason for two of them. A tree in Buckle Street required pruning to clear it from overhead cables and Hartwell & Co requested a gate to plot 35 on the Evesham Road to be installed; apparently this had been used as a route for material being taken from their yard. Together with the water service charge meant that expenditure at £760 considerably exceeded income at £200 leaving a balance of £340.

BOWLING CLUB: despite a slight reduction in membership the club managed to play almost all of its scheduled matches although some matches were lost because of wet weather. Several successful and profitable fundraising events were organised. The club looks forward to a successful outdoor season in 2015.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST: during the year the Rev'd. Debbie Forman as vicar and the Rev'd. Celia Woodruff as curate took over from Rev'd. Fred Dawson. Barrie Knight retired as church warden having served for 51 years. As recognition of this long service he was honoured by the Bishop of Gloucester at a service in the cathedral by being made a companion of St. Kynaburga. The Harvest Festival and Palm Sunday services were very well attended but congregations on Sundays are unfortunately very small. The sad point of the year was the death of Mary Knight who had served the parish for over 51 years. A very large congregation attended her funeral as a mark of the respect she was held in the village.

OUTINGS CLUB: this club is run by Margaret Bird and Rita Jones who organise trips out each month during the summer for the elderly from the village and Chipping Campden. The highlight of the year is the Christmas pub lunch at the Lygon Arms in Chipping Campden Sadly each year some members become too infirm to attend and indeed some die, however numbers are keeping up. The most successful trip was to Chatsworth House despite being a long journey. The high cost of coach hire is making it very difficult to keep costs manageable to the members.

U3A GROUPS: the University of the Third Age groups, history, new age kurling and mixed dancing have met throughout the year in the Village Hall; they have been well supported and given much enjoyment to those attending. The excellent facilities of the Village Hall are much appreciated.

VILLAGE HALL: John Measey reported that a hearing loop, fire and smoke alarms have been installed during the year. Revenue was up slightly on last year because of a few bookings for weddings and parties. New signage and a carpet have been purchased.

YOUTH CLUB: membership is down; efforts are being made to increase attendance by advertising widely. A programme is in place for the coming months; 18th June will be an open day and Andy Irvine offered a fudge making demonstration for the 20th August. Games equipment and craft materials have been purchased; mini-football goals are needed to be purchased.

15.07 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: there was none.

15.08 DATE OF NEXT YEAR'S MEETING:

It was agreed that it should be held on 24th May 2016 at 7.15p.m..

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.17p.m.

Signed……Date……