WESTON-sub-EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE BAR ON 24th JANUARY 2017

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

IN ATTENDANCE: C/D/Cllr Lynden Stowe 0 members of the public parish clerk

17/01 **COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA:** there were none.

17/02 **NOTICE OF ABSENCE:** there were none.

17/03 **CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22.11.16:** councillors unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes which were signed by the chairman as a true record of the business conducted.

17/04 **RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:** Lynden Stowe reported that the GCC council tax is likely to rise by 4% amounting to £45 - £60 per household, in order to meet the rising costs of social care. The highways budget is also being increased. The CDC council tax might rise by up to 2%; he commented that the financial pressures on CDC are less than for GCC because of efficiency savings over the years and the availability of other income streams. Lynden Stowe agreed to forward contact details of the person from whom to claim the GCC youth club grant. **LS**

The chairman reported on the very useful quarterly meetings with Bob Skillern (Glos Highways). Pot holes have been filled in Chapel Lane. Providing surface planings for the car parking area in Chapel Lane has been promised. Part funding for the proposed Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) display on Stratford Road is available. It is noted that a street light is available as a power source north of the junction with Church Street.

Councillors were informed of a fund from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC); however bids need to made before September of each year.

Lynden Stowe encouraged councillors to read his review of the local ambulance service; the clerk to circulate. **CT**

Changes to the response to a 999 call with regard to providing access to local defibrillators were discussed. It is understood this is now only available to a caller if they are within 200m walking distance of a defibrillator. Councillors discussed the options of locating more defibrillators in the village; in the phone box and at the Village Hall were considered. Lynden Stowe suggested that grants are available and that the effectiveness of defibrillators is now more widely recognised. Lynden Stowe agreed to contact the ambulance service to better understand the 999 response protocol with regard to defibrillators. **LS**

The chairman thanked Lynden Stowe for his report.

17/05 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING:**

1.0 Planning application before the parish council:

16/04998/LBC Bank Farmhouse – replacement of modern doors.

Councillors **resolved** to no objection.

16/04759/FUL Post Office – create one bedroom dwelling.

Councillors **resolved** to no objection.

2. Decision of the local planning authority to approve:

16/04447/FUL Dovers Hill car park – installation of pay and display machine and associated signage

Councillors requested the opportunity to be part of the National Trust review process. **CT**

16/04775/ADV Dovers Hill car park – erection of a sign

16/04545/FUL 8 Cidermill Orchard – single storey timber orangery to rear

16/04203/OUT Bramleys – erection of one dwelling

17/06 **FINANCE:**

1.0 RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT & BANK RECONCILIATION: the monthly financial statement and bank reconciliation were before the meeting. Bank balances as at 31.12.16 were for the General account £21133.96 and the Business deposit account £6323.37.

2.0 APPROVE PAYMENTS DUE:

Cheque	date	paid to	item	amount	VAT	total
222142	12.12.16	J Lees	verge maintenance Stratford Road	175.00	0.00	175.00
222143	12.12.16	WSE Village Hall	hall hire PC/Seniors/Youth Club	45.50	0.00	45.50
222144	12.12.16	J R Langston	verge mowing in Church Street (twice)	200.00	40.00	240.00
222145	24.01.17	Chris Tombs	clerk's salary for December/January	233.33	0.00	233.33
222146	24.01.17	HMRC	clerk's PAYE	29.17	0.00	29.17
222147	24.01.17	GRCC	annual subscription	25.00	0.00	25.00
222148	24.01.17	Bill Carruthers	reimburse cost of Christmas tree & lights	45.00	0.00	45.00

Chris Rossington proposed and Wendy Clarke seconded making these payments which councillors

	unanimously **resolved** to approve. Councillors agreed to make an advance payment of £2k plus VAT to Avonmore Associates now that the drainage part of the project has been completed. **3.0 DISCUSS AND APPROVE A BUDGET FOR 2017/18 AND SET A PRECEPT:** a budget was before the meeting consisting of administration £50; audit £100; flood resilience fund £1000; grant to the Village Hall £1000; grant to the Recreation Ground £850; grant to the Seniors £200; section 137 grant £50 (Royal British Legion); Village Hall hire by the parish council £200; insurance £350; subscriptions £200; training £190; village improvements £3450; village maintenance £1500 and youth club £500. This budget amounts to a spend of £11640 and requires a precept of £11620. This represents no increase on the 2016/17 precept. Councillors unanimously **resolved** to approve this budget and precept setting.	**CT**
17/07	**REVIEW VILLAGE MATTERS:** **HIGHWAY'S & PARISH UPDATE:** it was agreed that the Saintbury bund needs to be inspected and a request made to Glos. Highways to check the feasibility of connecting the Church Street north side ditch to the new eastern flood bye-pass. It was reported that some work has been done in the village under the Lengthsman scheme; some grips and drains have been cleared. It was agreed that Mike Jelley and Bill Carruthers should make another village walk to check on work required and mark up a map with positions of the drains. The chairman agreed to write to Bob Skillern (Glos. Highways) regarding provision of a Vehicle Activated Speed sign (VAS) for Stratford road in terms of its location, specification and funding. **YOUTH CLUB:** numbers attending remains low whilst the enjoyment of the young people attending is high. Efforts to increase attendance have frustratingly come to nothing.	**CT** **BC** **MJ** **BC**
17/08	**AGREE DATES AND TIMES FOR MEETINGS IN 2017:** councillors unanimously agreed to continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7.15p.m., except August and December when there is no meeting.	
17/09	**CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** 16/097 Chairman to contact Alyson Jessop – **actioned** – meeting arranged for 2nd February. 16/094 Lynden Stowe to forward a copy of a map of the location of drains in the parish – it appears no such map exists. 13/076 10.0 Register mineral rights – **action outstanding**.	**CT**
17/10	**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 8.36p.m. Signed……Date…….	