WESTON-sub-EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE BOWLING CLUB AT 7.15P.M. ON 21ST JULY 2009

PRESENT: Cllrs. Alan Edmonds Chris Rossington David Smith (chairman)

IN ATTENDANCE: C/D/Cllrs Sue Jepson Lynden Stowe 0 members of the public clerk

09/084 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
There were none.

09/085 ABSENCE:
Notice of absence was received from Jenny King and Mark Annett.
Alan Cotton was also not present.

09/086 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23.06.09:
Councillors **resolved** approval and the chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

09/087 COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT:

1.0 Lynden Stowe said that the Hyder report giving proposals for flood resilience for the village should be available in two weeks time. Gullies and drains have now been cleaned; should any have been missed could their location be reported to Bob Skillern. **ACTION DS**

2.0 Lynden was asked to follow up the work done to consider the re-design of the small traffic island at the junction of the Evesham Road and Friday Street. Bob Skillern has commented that the stop line is in the wrong place and that he might be able to budget for an improvement there. Also a study is said to have taken place over the safety of the Buckle Street crossroads. Lynden asked for email evidence of these discussions and agreed to investigate the situation ahead of the GCC estimates meeting scheduled for 29th July. **ACTION DS/LS**

3.0 The chairman asked for support for the village youth club. Finding appropriate adults to run it is the problem; to this end Gloucestershire Youth Service and Young Gloucester have been really helpful. Is it possible to have more of their support? Lynden suggested speaking to Claire Dowan at CDC. **ACTION DS**

09/088 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT:

1.0 Lynden reported that a local connection was not part of the original agreement when Fosseway took over Dovers View. However Lynden said that he will enquire if an informal arrangement of this nature could be reached. He suggested involving the Community Safety Officer to visit the families in difficulty in the village. **ACTION DS**

2.0 Lynden congratulated the village on winning the 'Natural and Built Environment' category of the Gloucestershire Calor village of the year competition; it will be featured in the next edition of the Cotswold News.

09/089 PLANNING:
APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE PARISH COUNCIL:
There were none.
DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY TO PERMIT AND/OR GIVE CONSENT:
There were none.

09/090 FINANCE:

1.0 RECEIVE MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BANK RECONCILIATION:
The monthly financial statement and bank reconciliation were before the meeting. The chairman initialled the balances on the bank statements as being that stated on the financial statement.

2.0 APPROVE ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT:

Cheque	date	paid to	item	amount	VAT	total
200326	21.07.09	Chris Tombs	clerk's salary July	134.00	0.00	134.00

Alan Edmonds proposed and Chris Rossington seconded making this payment which councillors unanimously **resolved** approval.

09/091 DISCUSS HYDER REPORT IF AVAILABLE:
The report was not available.

09/092 UPDATE ON PREPARATION OF THE VILLAGE PLAN:
The clerk read out the Messenger article written by William Carruthers which gave an overview of the responses in the returned questionnaires from the parish.

09/093 VILLAGE EMERGENCY PLAN:
Chris Rossington reported writing to the members of the community response team with a view to arranging a date when the emergency plan can be 'talked through' and job descriptions prepared. The initial timetable includes 1.) Conclude review 5th August. 2.) Followed by talk-through, prior to 3.) decision end of Sept on release of information. 4.) An Autumn trial

09/094 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE – AGREE ACTION FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE VERGES:
Since nothing has been heard from Alan Cotton's contact from Aston-sub-Edge it was agreed to ask J T Lees from Chipping Campden to cut the verges as per his quotation of £50 per cut. The clerk was asked to get in touch with him. **ACTION CLERK**
Councillors agreed that more areas in the village would benefit from a regular cut. Alan Edmonds agreed to liaise with Mr Lees to obtain a further quotations. **ACTION AE**
It was reported that dog fouling is taking place at the allotments. The clerk was asked to contact all tenants reminding them not to bring their dogs on to the site. **ACTION CLERK**

09/095 PARISH COUNCIL PUBLICITY – UPDATE USING THE MESSENGER:
The clerk read out the correspondence between the chairman and the vicar. It was noted that the vicar gave his approval to this idea. Councillors agreed that Chris Rossington should be the parish council author of PC news with David Smith as deputy. It was thought one/two pages of the Messenger each month would be sufficient space for parish council news. A new Web page of village website is also to be allocated to the publication of the formal minutes.

09/096 DISCUSS AND AGREE CO-OPTION PROCEDURE FOR THE NEW COUNCILLORS:
With a closing date of 25th August councillors heard that two parishioners have come forward so far. It was agreed to hold interviews with the candidates and appoint at an extra meeting to be held on 1st September at a venue to be determined. **ACTION DS**

09/097 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE:
07/032 1.0 Connection of allotment paddock water trough – **action awaited**. **ACTION AC**
09/056 08/03036/FUL W L Dingley & co. planning application – **actioned**.
09/066 1.0 CDC local connection policy at Dovers View – **actioned** – refer 09/088 1.0.
09/066 2.0 The chairman to write to Mr & Mrs Williams-Brown – **action not reported**. **ACTION DS**
09/067 Overhanging vegetation over Church Street footway – **action awaited**. **ACTION CLERK**
09/071 4.0 Drainage issues at Dirty Lane – discuss with Bob Skillern – **action awaited**.**ACTION LS**
09/071 5.0 Provide list of missed gullies during recent cleaning operation – **actioned**.
09/075 Invite Rupert Brice to parish council Hyder report discussion – **actioned**.
09/077 Village emergency plan – various – **actioned**.
09/079 Public liability insurance quotation – **actioned** – premium at £125/£5m cover includes working alongside the highway.
09/080 Publicity leaflet – **actioned**.

09/098 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING:
A list of correspondence received was before the meeting.
09/051 CDC chairman's reception for the voluntary sector – several suitable people were mentioned - the clerk was asked to reply. **ACTION CLERK**
09/052 CDC resilience funding – Chris Rossington agreed to apply for costs involved in the emergency plan project. It was noted that the resilience grant received to date by the parish council is short of the £10k limit by £500. **ACTION CR**
09/054 Appoint a snow warden – Alan Edmonds agreed. **ACTION CLERK**

09/099 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (not an agenda item):
It was agreed that it would be a good idea to include a notice in the Messenger and the parish notice board about swine 'flu based on the latest Government advice. **ACTION CR**

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.10p.m.

Signed……Date…….