WESTON-sub-EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE HALL OF FRIENDSHIP AT 7.15P.M. ON 22nd SEPTEMBER 2009

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

IN ATTENDANCE: D/Cllrs Mark Annett 0 members of the public clerk

09/103 CHAIRMAN TO WELCOME NEW COUNCILLORS:

Mike Jelley having signed his declaration of office was welcomed to the parish council by the chairman.

09/104 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

09/105 ABSENCE:

Notice of absence was received from Anne Barrott, Jenny King, Sue Jepson and Lynden Stowe.

09/106 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21.07.09 AND 01.09.09:

Minute 09/098 CORRESPONDENCE 09/052 should read: 'CDC resilience funding – Chris Rossington agreed to find out if the Emergency Plan group required more funding.' It was noted that reference to discussions over the swimming pool at Latimers, signage for Yellow Lane and Harris Lane, the need for speed restrictions on Dover Hill Road near Philips Farm and bushes overhanging Stratford Road had not been minuted. In view of this the minutes were not approved or signed.

09/107 COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT:

Mark Annett reported that hot tar repairs of pot holes is now taking place.

09/108 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT:

1.0 Mark Annett reported that from November 2009 waste collection will be zoned reducing vehicle movements and a saving of £200k p.a. Residents will be informed of any changes. The equipment in the Chipping Campden Sports Centre has been updated resulting in increased membership. A leaner management team at CDC is proposed as well as further job share with West Oxfordshire staff, saving £400k - £500k p.a.

2.0 The CDC response to the Weston-sub-Edge Hyder report was requested and the village response asked to go to CDC.

09/109 PLANNING:

APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE PARISH COUNCIL:

09/02630/FUL Latimers retrospective application for a swimming pool 08/10/09

Following discussion councillors objected to the reduction of ground permeability in this critical area of the flood plain that provides one of main exists for surface water to Coombe Brook, possible noise and nuisance caused to the neighbour, proximity to the brook in event of leakage of pool water and that a number of trees and bushes have been removed contrary to the information in the application document. The council's response was deferred until the opinion of the planning officer has been obtained. **ACTION CLERK**

08/03036/FUL W L Dingley amended elevation and plan drawing

Councillors requested information about the detail of the amendment. **ACTION CLERK**

DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY TO PERMIT AND/OR GIVE CONSENT:

09/02828/TCONR Meon Cottage reduce by 50% poplar – trim hawthorn

09/00848/FUL Weston Ind. Estate erection of two new units. The clerk reported that a condition of the permission is that before commencement of the work the applicant must submit plans to mitigate the effect of flooding on the site as a result of the increase in the built environment.

09/110 FINANCE:

1.0 RECEIVE MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BANK RECONCILIATION:

The monthly financial statement and bank reconciliation were before the meeting.

2.0 APPROVE ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT:

Cheque	date	paid to	item	amount	VAT	total
200327	22.09.09	Chris Tombs	clerk's salary Aug/Sep	268.00	0.00	268.00
200328	22.09.09	Moore Stephens	external audit fee	135.00	20.25	155.25
200329	22.09.09	Glebe Contractors	School Field grass cutting	350.00	52.50	402.50
200330	22.09.09	Hall of Friendship	hall hire for EP 19.09.09 meeting	16.00	0.00	16.00

Chris Rossington proposed and Alan Cotton seconded making these payments which councillors unanimously **resolved** approval.

3.0 RECEIVE EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT:

The external auditor for the year ending 31.03.09, Moore Stephens, reported that 'no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met'.

4.0 APPROVE PAYMENT FOR NEW COUNCILLOR TRAINING:

Alan Cotton proposed and Alan Edmonds seconded making available about £120 for training for both new councillors; councillors unanimously **resolved** approval.

5.0 CALOR GAS PRIZE:

Chris Rossington read out the citation naming the role in the village of the Hall of Friendship and the support to the victims of the 2007 flooding as being the basis for awarding the prize. Chris Rossington proposed awarding £400 to the Hall of Friendship and £100 to the Emergency Planning group for their administration costs. Alan Cotton proposed £300 to the Hall of Friendship, £100 to the EP group and £100 for provision for the young people in the village. Alan Edmonds proposed putting the money for the purchase of land to provide a playing field. After discussion Alan Cotton seconded Chris Rossington's proposal which was approved 4 votes for, 0 votes against and 1 abstention.

09/111 DISCUSS HYDER REPORT ON FLOODING IN THE VILLAGE:

The chairman reported that it is a good report and outlined its main features, noting that no specific recommendations were made as the best solution and that all the recommendations made were those of the flood action group. He said that the parish council needs to prepare an official response to the report and asked all councillors to read it so that it can be discussed at next meeting.

09/112 REVIEW AGREED ACTION TO ADOPT THE PHONE BOX IN CHURCH STREET:

After discussion councillors agreed to 'adopt' the phone box at a cost of £1 without its electricity supply. Alan Edmonds agreed to repair the windows. **ACTION AE/CLERK**

09/113 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE – AGREE MAINTENANCE OF THE VERGES REVIEW BUDGET:

J T Lees has failed to cut the verges in Stratford Road and Glebe Contractors have declined to quote as the equipment used to cut the School Field is not suitable for verges. The chairman agreed to approach George Osborn, place an advert in the Campden Bulletin, the clerk to look in Yellow Pages and Mike Jelley agreed to ask Rob Robinson from the village to quote. **ACTION MJ**

09/114 REVIEW VILLAGE PLAN, QUESTIONNAIRE AND RECENT PUBLIC MEETING:

1.0 The results from the questionnaire show that 52% of parishioners would be willing to contribute £12 p.a. each towards improvements in the village and flood defences. It was agreed that this item should be considered again at the budget review meeting in November.

2.0 The chairman said that he was disappointed that so many at the public meeting appeared not to know what was happening in the village; it was said that the Messenger is not widely read. The meeting was well attended with a range of views put forward. PC Minutes are now posted in full on the Website following approval.

09/115 SHARING SPEED SIGN EQUIPMENT WITH HONEYBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL:

The meeting heard from Mike Jelley that to mount an effective campaign to get vehicle speed reduction, evidence must be collected and presented to Glos Highways. He is able to borrow a radar gun. Use of a movable sign needs permission from Glos Highways. The chairman is meeting with Bob Skillern (Glos Highways) at 10.00a.m. on 30/09/09. Clerk to contact Honeybourne PC to keep open interest. **ACTION CLERK/MJ**

09/116 PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE AS TRUSTEE ON THE FRANCES ELLIS TRTUST:

It was agreed that a name should be sought at a parish council meeting with full attendance.

09/117 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**

09/066 2.0 The chairman to write to Mr & Mrs Williams-Brown – **actioned by the clerk.**

09/067 Overhanging vegetation – it was agreed the clerk should send a letter to all households requesting overhanging vegetation is cut back. **ACTION CLERK**

09/071 4.0 Drainage issues at Dirty Lane – discuss with Bob Skillern – **action awaited**.**ACTION LS**

09/087 1.0 Identify drains not cleared to Bob Skillern – **actioned**.

09/087 2.0 Raise issues around junction safety in the village with the GCC estimates committee – **action not reported**. **ACTION LS**

09/087 3.0 Chairman to contact Claire Dowan – **actioned** – no response yet. **ACTION DS**

09/088 2.0 Involvement of Community Safety Officer – **action not reported**. **ACTION DS**

09/094 Refer 09/113.

09/094 Letter to allotment holders about dog fouling – **action awaited**. **ACTION CLERK**

09/096 Refer 09/102.

09/098 09/051 CDC reception for the voluntary sector – **action not reported**. **ACTION CLERK**

09/052 09/052 Resilience funding for the EP group – **actioned** – refer 09/110 5.0.

09/054 Notify GCC name of new snow warden – **actioned**.

09/099 Swine 'flu notice on parish noticeboard – **actioned**.

09/099 Latimers swimming pool report to CDC planning – **actioned** – refer 09/109

09/099 Signage for Harris Lane and Yellow Lane – **action not reported** **ACTION CLERK**

09/099 Move 30MPH Move speed restriction zone in Dovers Hill Road to beyond Philips Farm – **action awaited.** **ACTION CLERK**

09/099 Overhanging shrubs in Stratford Road – **action awaited**. **ACTION CLERK**

09/118 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING:

A list of correspondence received was before the meeting.

A letter from Peter Welstead was read out. The clerk was asked to reply stating that councillors have good reports of the Weston seniors and that they are unable to comment of arrangements with other autonomous bodies in the village. **ACTION CLERK**

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.38p.m.