WESTON-sub-EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE HALL OF FRIENDSHIP AT 7.15P.M. ON 24th NOVEMBER 2009

PRESENT: Cllrs. Anne Barrott Alan Edmonds Mike Jelley Jenny King Chris Rossington David Smith (chairman)
IN ATTENDANCE: D/Cllrs Mark Annett Sue Jepson C/D/Cllr Lynden Stowe 0 members of the public clerk

09/133 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
There were none.

09/134 ABSENCE:
Alan Cotton was not present.

09/135 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27.10.09:
Councillors **resolved** approval and the chairman signed the minutes as a true record of the business conducted.

09/136 COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT:
1.0 Lynden Stowe reported an expected rise in county council tax of 2.5% for 2010/11. Double the amount of road salt will be held for this winter compared to last year, with a new salt store held at Moreton-in-Marsh.

09/137 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT:
1.0 Lynden Stowe reported that CDC has tasked Hyder to provide a cost benefit analysis of the various proposals for flood resilience for the communities of Chipping Campden, Moreton-in-Marsh, Naunton and Weston-sub-Edge. This work needs to be available by March 2010 to be in time for CDC to apply for funds from Defra to pay for the work identified. Funding is expected to come from Defra 70%, GCC 15% and CDC 15%. A contribution from the parish council would be very helpful, perhaps 5 – 10%. It is hoped that the proposed meeting with Hyder and the parish council can take place soon and before commencement of the review mentioned above.
2.0 The meeting heard that CDC is proposing a council tax increase of 2.5% for 2010/11. A bespoke refuse/recycling vehicle for the Cotswolds is proposed which should reduce kerbside collection costs.
3.0 Sue Jepson reported that travel tokens are being withdrawn except for the disabled. A LDF is being prepared to update the Local Plan. Consultation with local communities will be part of the process.

09/138 PLANNING:
APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE PARISH COUNCIL:
There are none.
DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY TO PERMIT/CONSENT:

09/03246/FUL Dovers Hill House	rebuild garage and erect a new shed
09/03377/TCONR Bank House	reduce two acers by 50%

09/139 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
200334	24.11.09	Chris Tombs	clerk's salary Nov	134.00	0.00	134.00
200335	24.11.09	Chris Tombs	clerk's travel cost to VAT training	7.30	0.00	7.30
200336	24.11.09	Royal British Legion	donation	50.00	0.00	50.00

Chris Rossington proposed and Alan Edmonds seconded making these payments which councillors unanimously **resolved** approval.
3.0 APPROVE GRANT TO THE COTSWOLD TREE WARDENS:
The clerk reported receiving a request from the Cotswold Tree Wardens for a grant of £10 to help with their running costs now that they have to be self financing. Mike Jelley proposed and Alan Edmonds seconded making this payment which councillors unanimously **resolved** approval.
4.0 DISCUSS AND AGREE PRECEPT FOR 2010/11:
A draft budget was before the meeting based on the 2009/10 budget plus inflation. After discussion councillors agreed the following budget items; administration £50, audit fees £170, clerk's salary

£1630, contingency £500, insurance £568, CPRE subscription £37.50, donations £1000 (Hall of Friendship), flood resilience £1542.60 (£1000 brook clearance, £240 annual service charge for brook level indicator, £302.60 funds to restore PC flood fund to £2000), GAPTC subscription £85, section 137 £100, hire of the Hall of Friendship £140, recreation ground maintenance £850 (£700 grass cutting), training £160, village improvements £1500 and village maintenance £360 (£280 verge cutting). Jenny King proposed and Anne Barrott seconded adoption of this budget with a precept of £8255 which councillors unanimously **resolved** approval.

09/140 CONSIDER CDC/WSE ACTIONS FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF HYDER 2 REPORT:
Refer to minute 09/137.

09/141 VILLAGE MATTERS:
1.0 Village improvements – new notice board: in view of the imperative to contribute to flood resilience for the village it was agreed to defer this expenditure for a year.
2.0 Verge maintenance: of the three contractors asked to quote, only Ross Homans from Ebrington provided a quotation; namely £280p.a. once each month from April to October to cut the verges in Stratford Road by the bus shelter, around the phone box and the seat in Church Street. Councillors unanimously agreed to accept this quotation and asked the clerk to confirm acceptance in writing. Councillors agreed to ask Ross Homans to spend a day in the village to provide an autumn tidy-up; Alan Edmonds was asked to co-ordinate this work. **ACTION AE/CLERK**

09/142 BT PHONE BOX UPDATE:
The clerk reported that apparently CDC has the final say over withdrawal of the BT service. On advice from the clerk that the parish council want the service to remain BT will be duly informed.

09/143 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE:
09/067 Overhanging vegetation letter has been delivered to 90% of the village. **ACTION CLERK**
09/087 2.0 Raise issues around junction safety in the village with the GCC estimates committee – **action not reported** – the clerk was asked to contact Lynden Stowe. **ACTION LS**
09/087 3.0 Chairman to contact Rosemary Lynn – **action awaited**. **ACTION DS**
09/094 Letter to allotment holders about dog fouling – **actioned**.
09/099 Signage for Harris Lane and Yellow Lane – CDC has agreed to erect two signs for Harris Lane at its junction with Dovers Hill Road – no-one lives on Yellow Lane so no sign.
09/099 Move 30MPH speed restriction zone on Dovers Hill Road – request made to Bob Skillern – Glos Highways report extending the zone to just south of Brick Kiln Cottages.
09/099 Overhanging vegetation in Stratford Road at Latimers - **action awaited**. **ACTION CLERK**
09/112 Parish council to 'adopt' the Church street phone box – refer minute 09/142.
09/112 Repair broken glass in Church street phone box – BT responsibility - the clerk was asked to request repairs from BT. **ACTION CLERK**
09/115 Speed check equipment – Mike Jelley reported that it will be available in January/February 2010 – extra 30MPH speed signs are in place around the village and effective.
09/119 Clerk's Piece – it was reported that Glos Highways have trimmed the hedge and verge as a safety cut. The area still looks a mess. The clerk was asked to contact Fred Dawson and John Robbins requesting action. **ACTION CLERK**
09/125 1.0 Set up meeting Glos Highways,CDC, Hyder & WSE PC re-Hyder 2 report. **ACTION LS**
09/126 09/03246/FUL Dovers Hill House - arrange site visit – **actioned**
09/128 3.0 Written WSE PC response to Hyder 2 for CDC - **actioned**
09/129 2.0 Verge maintenance specification – **actioned** – Alan Edmonds to decline contractor's quotation – **actioned**.
09/129 3.0 Dog fouling notice at the allotment – **action awaited**. **ACTION CLERK**
Dog waste bins on private land are not emptied by CDC.
09/130 Messenger notice - trustee for the Frances Ellis trust – **actioned –** chairman to email councillors with names of those responding. **ACTION DS**

09/144 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING:
A list of correspondence received was before the meeting.
09/094 Glos Street Lighting – request to re-site Bank House light in the verge which is owned by the parish council – councillors unanimously rejected this request; clerk to reply. **ACTION CLERK**

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.45p.m.

Signed……Date…….