WESTON-sub-EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE HALL OF FRIENDSHIP AT 7.15P.M. ON 26th JANUARY 2010

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

IN ATTENDANCE: D/Cllr Sue Jepson 1 member of the public clerk

10/001 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

10/002 ABSENCE:

Notice of absence was received from Anne Barrott, Alan Cotton, Mark Annett and Lynden Stowe.

10/003 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24.11.09:

Councillors unanimously **resolved** approval; the chairman signed the minutes as a true record of the business conducted.

10/004 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

No report.

10/005 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT:

1.0 Sue Jepson thanked parishioners for putting up with the disrupted waste collections during the recent wintry weather. The decision whether the conditions were safe enough to make a collection was with SITA.

2.0 The meeting heard that limited or no gritting took place north of the A44 by edict from central government namely that only principal routes should be treated.

10/006 PLANNING:

APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE PARISH COUNCIL:

10/00152/FUL Seagrave Arms internal/external modifications, change to entrance, alter toilet block

10/00153/LBC Seagrave Arms internal/external modifications, change to entrance, alter toilet block

After consideration of the plans and discussion councillors unanimously **resolved** no objection; councillors welcomed the proposed changes.

DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY TO PERMIT/CONSENT:

09/03969/TCONR Leyclose pollard, reduce, fell various trees and shrubs

Councillors noted that only major tree work is brought to their attention. Sue Jepson recommended carrying out a survey of notable trees in the parish and applying tree preservation orders on them. It was agreed that this should be an agenda item for next meeting. **ACTION COUNCILLORS**

10/007 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
200337	24.11.09	Cotswold Tree Wardens	donation	10.00	0.00	10.00
200338	26.01.10	Chris Tombs	clerk's salary Dec/Jan	268.00	0.00	268.00
200339	26.01.10	Allianz Insurance	premium for rain monitoring equipment	50.97	0.00	50.97
200340	26.01.10	Lewis & King	electrical work at the Hall of Friendship	1801.00	315.18	2116.18

Jenny King proposed and Mike Jelley seconded making these payments which councillors unanimously **resolved** approval *(refer minute 09/010 3.0 - balance of Section 137 budget as donation to the Hall of Friendship – clerk).*

10/008 VILLAGE MATTERS:

1.0 UPDATE ON THE ACTIONS ARISING FROM SEPTEMBER 2009 MEETING WITH BOB SKILLERN: *(this minute to be read in conjunction with the minutes of that meeting).*

1) Buckle Street crossroads – councillors were of the opinion that it can only be made safer by making Buckle Street a staggered junction with the B4035. Councillors continue to be very concerned over the lack of a 40MPH buffer and the closeness of the 30MPH sign to the village on the B4035. Mike Jelley was asked to obtain accident statistics at this junction. **ACTION MJ**

2) Councillors noted that the latest design proposal will encourage drivers to take their vehicles over the proposed new kerb by Latimers.

3) The drainage here now works well however one riparian at Pound Corner still needs take action. Tim Dowans is taking action.

4) The section of footway mentioned as under consideration is not known to councillors.

5) Actioned.

6) The clerk reported that the Dover Hill Road 30MPH extension will shortly go to public consultation.

7) Mike Jelley reported that the speed recording equipment will be available in the spring.

8) Actioned.

9) In hand at CDC.

10) Mike Jelley agreed to take some photographs of the poor state of the road surface with a view to sending them to Glos. Highways.

11) Action awaited.

2.0 EMERGENCY PLANNING IMPLEMENTATION DURING JANUARY: Chris Rossington reported that some members were put on stand-by and that a note went round to parishioners offering help to those likely to be in need – no requests were received. The chairman thanked Chris Rossington and Rob Greenway for the action taken.

3.0 PROVISION OF SALT/GRIT BINS IN THE VILLAGE: it was agreed to place a bin at the Dovers View/Church Street and at the Church Street/Stratford Road junctions. The clerk was asked to get details of bins, which are not yellow. **ACTION CLERK**

10/009 DISCUSS APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERNAL AUDITOR:

Councillors were asked to bring possible names to next meeting when this would be an agenda item. The clerk agreed to obtain and circulate beforehand details of what is required.

ACTION CLERK/COUNCILLORS

10/010 APPROVE PARISH COUNCIL APPOINTEE TO THE FRANCES ELLIS TRUST:

The chairman read out a letter of application from Geoffrey Weaver. Two councillors spoke favourably of his suitability for the role. Councillors unanimously agreed to his appointment and asked the clerk to contact him and Lord Harrowby. **ACTION CLERK**

10/011 CONSIDER THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE BANK HOUSE STREET LIGHT:

Councillors had before them an email from George Surman (Glos Street Lighting) suggesting that the light is repositioned rather than removed. After further consideration the chairman suggested that the light is retained and positioned on the Village Green. Councillors were unanimously in agreement. The clerk was asked to request that councillors must have choice over design, position and that the light is in the 'part time on' scheme. **ACTION CLERK**

10/012 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE:
09/067 Overhanging vegetation letter has been delivered to 90% of the village – **actioned.**
09/087 2.0 Lynden Stowe has reported that with the burden of pothole filling there will be little or no new money available – **actioned**
09/087 3.0 Chairman reported that funding should be available for a leader enabling the youth group to meet monthly. As yet no one has been found for the role.
09/094 Letter to allotment holders about dog fouling – **actioned**.
09/099 Signage for Harris Lane and Yellow Lane – approved by CDC and awaiting action.
09/099 Move 30MPH speed restriction zone on Dovers Hill Road – refer 10/008 1.0 6) above.
09/099 Overhanging vegetation in Stratford Road at Latimers – **actioned.**
09/112 Repair Church street phone box – BT aware – work awaited.
09/119 Clerk's Piece – some work has taken place, more is needed
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09/125 1.0 Hyder meeting will be arranged for four weeks time. Joel Hockenhull and Tim Dowans visited recently to familiarise themselves with the parish. With the chairman, they walked over the water courses and gained further local information in preparation for the forthcoming meeting. CDC tend to favour of balancing ponds at Badgers Bank and the moat site and that the chairman; the chairman, Alan Edmonds and Rupert Bryce plan to repeat the walk.
09/129 3.0 Dog fouling notice at the allotment – **actioned.**
09/130 Messenger notice - trustee for the Frances Ellis trust – **actioned.**
09/141 2.0 Autumn verge maintenance – this has not happened - the clerk agreed to contact Ross Homans again **ACTION CLERK**
09/144 09/094 Bank House light – **auctioned** – refer 10/011 above

10/013 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING:
A list of correspondence received was before the meeting.

10/014 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:
The parish council was asked to enquire about a lorry route sign at the top of Saintbury Hill.
ACTION CLERK
The parish council was asked if it has a view on the impact on the village of the proposed development at Middle Quinton to build a leisure village as well as housing and industrial units. The clerk was asked to seek more information from the Mickleton parish clerk.
ACTION CLERK

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

Signed……Date…….