WESTON-sub-EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE HALL OF FRIENDSHIP AT 7.15P.M. ON 28th SEPTEMBER 2010

PRESENT: Cllrs. Bill Carruthers (present from item 10/089 on) Alan Cotton Alan Edmonds Jenny King Chris Rossington David Smith (chairman)

IN ATTENDANCE: C/D/Cllr Mark Annett Lynden Stowe 9 members of the public (including 4 young people) P.C. Rob Wells clerk

10/088 CO-OPTION OF BILL CARRUTHERS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL:
Following the resignation of Anne Barrott, the name of Bill Carruthers has come forward as a new member of the parish council. Alan Edmonds proposed and Jenny King seconded making this appointment. Councillors voted 5 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions; Bill Carruthers was welcomed on to the parish council by the chairman; his declaration of office was duly signed.

10/089 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
There were none.

10/090 ABSENCE:
Notice of absence was received from Mike Jelley and Sue Jepson.

10/091 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27.07.10:
Councillors unanimously **resolved** approval of these minutes; the chairman signed the minutes as a true record of the business conducted.

10/092 UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES AROUND THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTIONS:

1.0 The chairman closed the meeting to allow contributions from the members of the public present under this agenda item.

2.0 The chairman invited Donna Miles to present her view of the situation in the village surrounding the young people. She said that she was fed up with the parish council blaming her three boys for everything that is going wrong; the break in at the church; there is only one youth club night each month; the children have been told not to play in the School Field; the goal posts are leaning over; the children play in Church Street because there is nothing for them to do; the parish council phoned the police because the children were on the Hall of Friendship fire escape; why did they only come and interview her son. There is vehicle speeding in Parsons Lane.

3.0 The chairman responded by utterly refuting the allegation that the parish council has made accusations about the break-in at the church; incidents such as young people smoking in a hay barn and climbing on the Hall of Friendship roof are extremely dangerous things to do. When such things happen in the village, which the residents are not pleased about, quite naturally they will report them to the police.

4.0 Since 2009 a more frequent cutting regime has taken place at the School Field.

5.0 P.C. Rob Wells reported speaking to a witness of an incident of children being on the Hall of Friendship roof; that several churches were broken into in this area at around the same time, making it very unlikely that local people to Weston-sub-Edge are involved.

6.0 A councillor reported coming to the youth club one evening and witnessing inappropriate behaviour in the hall; it was suggested he talks to the youth leader about this incident.

7.0 The meeting heard that boys from Chipping Campden come into the village and cause trouble; P.C. Rob Wells asked for their names.

8.0 The meeting was told that the youth club is valued by the young people. The chairman reported that it is on a knife edge unless parental help is forthcoming. Requests for help have been made repeatedly over the last two years. Two offers of help came from the meeting, Donna Miles and Tammy Fletcher, with the agreement to find others willing to help.

9.0 The village plan was outlined by Bill Carruthers. The meeting was told that if anything is to come from it, help will be needed from the community - to date that has been zero.

10.0 The members of the youth club have agreed to run a stall at the village Christmas fair and have come up with their top three wish list; a shop with a take away; a weekly youth club; changes at the School Field to include safer play, a shelter and equipment like at Broadway. The chairman said that the village plan addresses some of these ideas and is being worked on now, but play equipment is very expensive. Lynden Stowe said that expenditure on facilities for young people is usually generated locally; some money is available from CDC.

11.0 The chairman thanked everyone for coming along and contributing to the discussion.

10/093 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

1.0 Lynden Stowe reported that the revised junction at the Buckle street cross roads is complete except for white lining. The section of the B4632 now under investigation will be re-surfaced at the contractors cost, date unknown as yet but the road will need to be completely closed for a week.

2.0 Budget cuts of 25% amounting to £120m, expected to be reached in four years time, are being planned. Schools' expenditure is ring fenced. There will be no increase in council tax for the county and district for 2011/12. Councillors were invited to use www.meetingthechallenge.org.uk to input their own money saving ideas.

10/094 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT:

1.0 No report.

2.0 Lynden Stowe suggested typical funding for youth related projects could be available, such as £10k from CDC and £20k from the community. Money can be available from crime and disorder initiatives; best to talk to Rosemary Lynn and Joseph Walker at CDC, GRCC, consider lottery funding and 'grant.net'.

10/095 PLANNING:

APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE PARISH COUNCIL:

10/03465/6/FUL/LBC Seagrave Arms conversion of barn to form holiday let accommodation.

Concern was expressed about the lack of sufficient parking at the Seagrave. Jenny King proposed and Alan Edmonds seconded **no objection** to these applications; councillors voted 5 for, 1 against, 0 abstentions.

DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY TO PERMIT/CONSENT:

10/03125/FUL Mulberry house erection of agricultural store

10/096 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
200365	28.09.10	Chris Tombs	clerk's salary Aug/Sep	271.66	0.00	271.66
200366	28.09.10	David Smith	see below	64.98	0.00	64.98
200367	28.09.10	Alan Edmonds	plants for Latimers corner verge	63.69	0.00	63.69

Chris Rossington proposed and Jenny King seconded making these payments which councillors unanimously **resolved** approval *(cheque 200366 - £30 travel for the services of a drainage consultant, £19.98 weed killer for Latimers corner verge, £15 printing and binding of drainage report)*.

3.0 DISCUSS AND APPROVE REPLACEMENT OF THE SEAT AT THE LITTLE TREE:

Several designs were considered by councillors; the cheapest and most durable is made of steel and green recycled plastic from Earth Anchor at £318 and is the same as the seat in Church street; installation at £100. Alan Edmonds proposed and Jenny King seconded making this expenditure which councillors **resolved** unanimous approval. **ACTION CLERK**

10/097 REVIEW PROGRESS OF PARISH PLAN:

1.0 Provision of a village shop: the meeting heard that the volunteer run shop at Longborough has a turn over of £150k p.a., pays its manager £18k p.a. and is heavily subsidised. The action group was advised to produce a statement of facts to demonstrate the viability or otherwise of village shop.

2.0 Emergency plan walk through: Saturday 23rd October 9.00a.m. to 12.30p.m. in the Hall of Friendship has been arranged; the chairman has produced a procedure for the event which Rob Greenslade has approved. It was agreed that it is essential that 90% of those involved with key roles should take part.

3.0 Brook clearance: the chairman reported obtaining a quotation of £300 to have the concrete slab in Coombe brook at Latimers substantially removed. The owner has agreed to this work taking place. Removal will increase the water flow rate in the brook downstream of the Friday street culvert and reduce silt deposition. A second quotation is being obtained. Councillors were in agreement that this work should go ahead at a cost no more than £400. **ACTION DS**

10/098 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE:

10/016 1.0 The Hyder report is still not available, however Hyder have evaluated the effectiveness of the proposed holding pond behind Middle farm showing that it does not have sufficient capacity on its own to achieve the required level of retention – **action awaited**. **ACTION HYDER**

10/060 2.0 Arrange installation of grit/salt bins – **actioned** - the clerk reported that Glos Highways will carry out this job in the autumn.

10/060 3.0 Obscured road signs – **actioned.**

10/062 10/047 Names for Chipping Campden youth council – **action awaited** – its next meeting Tuesday 12th October at 5.00p.m. in the upper town hall in Chipping Campden. **ACTION DS/GY**

10/068 Report of the complaint regarding the re-instatement of the steps in the verge on Church Street – **actioned** – awaiting further response from Glos Highways.

10/071 3.0 Extend the water system at the allotments – to be actioned when Ted Smith is ready.

10/078 2.0 GCC funding for re-modelling Buckle street crossroads; the work is taking place now.

10/081 3.0 Response from HMRC regarding clerk's tax and NI. **ACTION CLERK**

10/083 Latimers corner planting – on going – soil needs treating with nutrient.

10/099 10/060 Wheelie bin stickers – councillors decided not to proceed with this offer.

10/099 10/061 Confirm snow plough operator – **actioned**.

10/099 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING:

A list of correspondence received was before the meeting.

10/069 Clerk to confirm the dates of the water course management event to councillors. **ACTION CLERK**

10/078 Clerk to send copies of the drainage notes to councillors. **ACTION CLERK**

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.24p.m.

Signed……Date……..