WESTON-sub-EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE

HALL OF FRIENDSHIP AT 7.15P.M. ON 25th JANUARY 2011

PRESENT: Cllrs Bill Carruthers (chairman) Alan Edmonds Jenny King Mike Jelley Chris Rossington

IN ATTENDANCE: C/D/Cllr Mark Annett Lynden Stowe 0 members of the public clerk

11/001 COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

11/002 NOTICE OF ABSENCE:

Notice of absence was received from Alan Cotton and David Smith.

11/003 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23.11.10: Councillors unanimously **resolved** approval of these minutes; the chairman signed the minutes as a true record of the business conducted

11/004 COUNTY COUNCILLOR' REPORT:

Lynden Stowe reported that the government settlement leads to a 25% cut in the county council's budget over the next two years, much as expected. Locally the mobile library service will be withdrawn; Campden library will remain open with volunteer help; £1000p.a. is available in each ward for youth services.

11/005 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT:

1.0 Lynden Stowe reported a 31% cut over two years in the CDC budget of £10m, necessary as a result of the lowest district council government settlement in the country. He thought front line services would be protected. In answer to a question from the chairman, savings of £800k are expected in 2010/11.

2.0 Councillors were concerned that the snow plough operator for the village used a bucket instead of a plough; this compacted the snow making the situation worse. The clerk was asked to contact the county council to enquire if a plough could be allocated to the operator. **ACTION CLERK**

3.0 Councillors praised waste collection over the Christmas period.

4.0 Lynden Stowe said that the core strategy would not impact on Weston-sub-Edge. The chairman pointed out that the village plan showed a need for low cost housing.

11/006 PLANNING MATTERS:

APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE PARISH COUNCIL:

10/05312/FUL Weston Industrial Estate new unit adjacent to Wilcox granite

Following a site visit on 24.01.11 and further discussion, councillors unanimously **resolved** no objection.

DECISIONS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY TO PERMIT/CONSENT:

10/03843/TCONR Meon Cottage various minor tree works

10/04876/TCONR Latimers remove beech tree

11/007 FINANCE:

1.0 TO RECEIVE INTERIM STATEMENT AND BANK RECONCILIATION:

The monthly financial statement and bank reconciliation were before the meeting. It was noted that some budgeted monies have not been spent. Councillors unanimously **resolved** that the balance remaining at year end for parish council flood resilience should be added to the £2000 designated fund. **ACTION CLERK**

2.0 TO APPROVE PAYMENTS DUE:

Cheque	date	paid to	item	amount	VAT	total
200378	25.01.11	Chris Tombs	clerk's salary for December/January	271.66	0.00	271.66
200379	25.01.11	Hall of Friendship	PC hall hire 03/12/10 08/10/10 25/01/11	45.00	0.00	45.00
200380	25.01.11	Cotswold Tree Wardens	grant	10.00	0.00	10.00
200381	25.01.11	GAPTC	councillor training course	80.00	0.00	80.00

Alan Edmonds proposed and Mike Jelley seconded making these payments which councillors unanimously **resolved** approval.

3.0 TO CONSIDER AND RESOLVE APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A SALT BIN:

The meeting heard that the recent bad weather showed up the need for a bin at the Church Street/Harris Lane junction. Councillors unanimously **resolved** approval for the purchase of a bin and asked the clerk to make the necessary arrangements. **ACTION CLERK**

It was noted that the bin near the entrance to Foxborough needs to be moved further down Dovers Hill and that some of the bins are now empty. The clerk was asked to enquire the process to get them refilled. **ACTION CLERK**

It was agreed that an article describing appropriate use of road salt should appear in the Messenger. **ACTION CR**

4.0 TO CONSIDER AND RESOLVE APPROVAL OF A CONTRIBUTION TO THE CLERK'S CiLCA TRAINING:

Councillors heard of the benefit of the clerk achieving this qualification. Jenny King proposed and Chris Rossington seconded making this payment of £125. Councillors unanimously **resolved** approval. Councillors also said that the £150 course registration fee should be met by the parish council. A bursary is available; councillors asked to be informed when the cost is known. **ACTION CLERK**

5.0 TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR EXPENDITURE IN 2011/2, RESOLVE TO SET A BUDGET AND A PRECEPT:

The draft budget based on designated funds of £2924 and a carry over figure of £2000 at 31.03.12 was before the meeting showing an expenditure of £14529 requiring a precept of £10162.07. Councillors discussed the merits of a bus shelter at Dovers View. It was thought it would not be well used. Councillors agreed not to commit to this expenditure, rather allocate the £3500 to enhancing the work of the youth club and other provisions for young people. Alan Edmonds proposed and Chris Rossington seconded a budget of £14529.00 giving a precept of £10162.07. Councillors unanimously **resolved** approval and asked the clerk to notify Cotswold District Council. **ACTION CLERK**

11/008 TO REVIEW THE IMPACT OF THE DRAFT HYDER REPORT ON FLOOD RESILIENCE IN THE VILLAGE:

The chairman outlined the parish council's response to the draft report as provided by Joel Hockenhull and commented on his inability to answer questions arising. Mark Annett reported that a response from Scott Williams has been sent; it has not yet been received. The concern of the parish council is that Hyder have only modelled resilience suggestions coming from the village and have used the cost/benefit analysis of the most costly scheme to show that resilience is beyond the reach of Defra funds. Lynden Stowe reported that £700k is locally available for parish resilience across CDC area and that a 'lot is left'. The parish council is looking for several small schemes to achieve resilience.

11/009 REVIEW PROGRESS OF THE VILLAGE PLAN:

1.0 The chairman reported on the meeting held in the Hall of Friendship on 08.12.10 at which 8 people and organisers attended; it was thought the bad weather contributed to the poor turn out. The main conclusion of the meeting was that there is no viability in opening a village shop and so the idea has been taken out of the village plan, although a market held in the Hall of Friendship is being investigated. Ellen Mustoe's name was mentioned as being willing to help.

2.0 It was noted that the bus service to Cheltenham is poor in that the service to Willersey does not link well with the Willersey to Cheltenham service. The results of monitoring vehicle use in Church Street are available and will be reported in the Messenger.

3.0 The village 'welcome pack' is in place but not widely known about; it could be put onto the village website. A parish council surgery and a 3 monthly newsletter were also mentioned.

11/010 TO APPROVE A SUITABLE NAME FOR THE PROPOSED B4035 ROAD SIGN:

Councillors were unanimously of the opinion that it should be Evesham Road. **ACTION CLERK**

11/011 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE:

10/016 1.0 Publication of the latest Hyder is still awaited – **action awaited**. **ACTION CDC/HYDER**

10/062 10/047 Names for Chipping Campden youth council – the leader of the youth council has declined.

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

10/115 2.0 Response to problems with green waste collection in Cidermill Orchard. **ACTION SJ**

10/116 Latimers – suggest owners plant a replacement tree – **actioned**

10/116 Tree survey of the village – **action awaited**. **ACTION SJ**

10/116 Planning permission for the toilet block at the Seagrave Arms was confirmed by the clerk.

10/118 3.0 Make contact with Ken Wilkins regarding equipment for the School Field – **actioned**.

11/012 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING:

A list of correspondence received was before the meeting.

11/005 Geoffrey Clifton-Brown – offering help to resolve finding a solution to flood resilience in the village. The clerk was asked to reply. **ACTION CLERK**

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.30p.m.

Signed……Date…….