WESTON-sub-EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
VILLAGE BAR ON 24/10/ 2023 AT 7.30P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Bill Carruthers, Cllrs Mike Jelley, Matt McMinn, Paul Wyatt and Wendy Clarke.

IN ATTENDANCE:, DC Gina Blomefield and Cllr Lynden Stowe, Lucy Print parish clerk and one parishioner.

23/70	**1. COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS OF THE AGENDA:** there were none.	
23/71	**2. NOTICE OF ABSENCE:** Cllr Tom Whitehouse, Cllr Gill Theo, District Councillor Tom Stowe sent apologies.	
23/72	3**. REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:** Report given by District Councillor Gina Blomefield: CDC Finances Finances are in a tricky position and significant cuts to services are required to balance the books. The budget set in February required the use of £861k of council reserves to deliver a balanced budget, a recent Revenue Budget Forecast projected a £448k over spend meaning a potential £1309k (10% of total budget) of reserves being required to balance the budget. Clean and Green Team have been disbanded. A review into the provision of public toilets is being carried out. Telephone/Customer Services hours to be reduced to 9am-2pm. VICs Following the decision to remove grant funding to VICs across the district the Conservative Group ran a petition asking for the cabinet to reverse the cuts. Over 2000 signed the petition including 1000 CDC residents. As a result a debate was held at Full Council on 20th September. Council voted to ignore the petition with Councillors voting 21 against and 10 for the petition. Sadly, this means that the vital CDC grant support to VICs, which has been in place for many years, will come to an immediate end, putting the future of some of the VICs including Chipping Campden, in peril and they are likely to either hugely scale back their activities or close all together. Public Conveniences Overview & Scrutiny has been asked by Cabinet to look at options for providing this service which is a non-statutory requirement for local councils. A Task & Finish group has been set up who will report back in January. One of the options to be considered is their adoption by Town or Parish Councils. Boundary Review The boundary commission has been notified to carry out a review of District Council Ward Boundaries ahead of the next CDC Elections in 2027. Currently, smallest ward in Cirencester is 1500 electors. Largest is Campden & Vale with 5200 electors (2600 each!) CDC Local Plan Housing Requirement The review of the adopted Local Plan five year supply of housing requirement has been undertaken. This concludes that the local housing need of the district has not changed significantly and the adopted Local Plan housing requirement does not require updating. GARDEN WASTE LICENCE There's still time to apply for your garden waste licence for the coming year. It costs £57 (per licence) for an annual subscription - 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024	

	If you are new to the service and need a bin, this can be ordered when subscribing https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/gardenwaste?mc_cid=ff2f0189dc&mc_eid=9720e6feff COTSWOLD VOLUNTARY WARDENS Cotswold National Landscape (AONB) are fortunate to have a collective of over 400 volunteer wardens. The Cotswold Voluntary Wardens were established in 1968 and have continued to grow year on year. Anyone can join: all you need is enthusiasm for the Cotswolds, and a willingness to offer your time and skills to help keep the Cotswolds special. https://www.facebook.com/groups/cotswoldwardens Report from Cllr Lynden Stowe Glos. County Council County Council finances in good place. No service cuts planned. Roads getting better. Javelin Park success. Grants of £500.00 available for capital projects. Councillors raised Highways issues still to be addressed in Village; drains on Friday Street not effectively cleared, Chapel Lane resurfacing, Church Steps, Honeybourne Cross Roads speed survey. Send locations to Lynden. Long Marston development phase B no consideration for increase in traffic travelling south of the development. Send planning consultation notification to Lynden.	
23/73	**4. CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26.09.23:** councillors Paul Wyatt and Mike Jelley **resolved** to approve the minutes which were signed by the chairman as a true record of the business conducted.	
23/74	**5.PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING:** **1.0 Planning application before the parish council:** New: • Full Application for Erection of two storey side extension at Westwood Weston Sub-edge,GL55 6QU – no objections recorded. • Tree situated at front of property showing signs of ash dieback. Diameter of stem is approx. 35cm. Fell to ground level. - Middle Hill Farm Saintbury Broadway Gloucestershire WR12 7PX – no objections recorded. Decided: • 23/02416/TCONR Orchard House Trees • 23/02853/TCONR Works to trees in conservation areas for As per previous Planning application all the same spec correct ownership of trees (23/02416/TCONR - Trees on rear boundary pruned back 2- 3m to reduce overhanging limbs) at Manor House Church Street Weston Subedge • Our ref: 22/04340/LBC Listed Building Consent for Internal and external alterations, demolition and replacement of rear single-storey extension at Top Farm Weston Subedge Chipping Campden, GL55 6QU • Our ref: 22/04339/FUL Full Application for External alterations, demolition and replacement of rear single-storey extension and detached garage at Top Farm Weston Subedge Chipping Campden, GL55 6QU • Our ref: 23/00914/LBC Listed Building Consent for Conversion of barn and cart shed to form single dwellinghouse with link extension and associated works at Top Farm Weston Subedge Chipping Campden Gloucestershire GL55 6QU • Our ref: 23/00171/FUL Full Application for Conversion of barn and cart shed to form single dwellinghouse with link extension, erection of ancillary detached garage and associated works at Top Farm Weston Subedge Chipping Campden Gloucestershire GL55 6QU Outstanding:	

	- Compliance with conditions 3 (sample materials), 4 (sample panel) and 6 (external lighting) of permission 22/04339/FUL and conditions 2 (sample materials), 3 (sample panel), and 4 (Method Statement) of consent 22/04340/LBC - Internal and external alterations, demolition and replacement of rear single-storey extension and detached garage. Top Farm Weston Subedge Chipping Campden Gloucestershire GL55 6QU. Ref. No: 23/02989/COMPLY. Status: Awaiting decision - 23/02425/LBC (The Hollies) Saintbury Status: Awaiting decision - Full Application for Proposed conservation lake at Norton Hall Mickleton Chipping Campden Gloucestershire GL55 6PX 23/01522/FUL Status: Awaiting decision - Reply RE: Planning Consultation 20/02315/FUL Phase 1A Long Marston – traffic impact survey - Phase 1B Long Marston Airfield; Application reference: 23/01794/OUT - All Things Wild – traffic impact – keep an eye on this	
23/75	**6.FINANCE:** **6.1 RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT & BANK RECONCILIATION:** Bank balances as at 2 October were £18,120.85 for the General Account including Allotment & Recreation Account and £7,251.75 for the business deposit account. **6.2APPROVE PAYMENTS DUE:** Councillors Paul Wyatt and Wendy Clarke approved these payments. Clerk's salary Oct £141.68 HMRC PAYE payment ,£36.20 Village Hall PC Hire £20.00 Village Hall PC Meeting Hire £24.00 M Parkinson Oct £206.40 GigaClear £72.00 PlusNet (Lucy Print) £26.92 AEL – CCTV Inv 50717 £648.00 The Royal British Legion donation (Lucy Print) £50.00 **October Receipts:** Cotswolds DC Precept payment £3,506.00 Interest £11.95	
23/76	**REVIEW VILLAGE MATTERS:** 7.1 Heavy traffic reduction. Highways update on maintenance issues & Honeybourne Cross roads. Maintenance meeting to be scheduled early November. Whitegates and ASW camera installation ongoing. 7.2 Recreation ground inspection record: Mike Jelley completed inspection; all equipment in good order. Hedges have been cut and signs in place. 7.3 Flood protection. No issues known following a lot of rain recently. 7.4 Village Communication Update. Website owners agreed. Clerk to gather feedback and action with Parish Websites. 7.5 Village improvement projects. Team to form a new Neighbourhood plan for next 3 to 4 years (MM/PW/GT) Gain community support for plan and possibility of extending conservation area. MM to look at current area and where might we extend to. 7.6 Village Allotments, nothing new to report. 7.7 Footpaths & Stiles. Work needed on stiles half way up Dirty Lane and over to Saintbury. Add to Cotswold Wardens to do list.	**LP** **MM**

	7.8 Village Hall. There is a shortfall in funding needed for the Hall. Investigations are being made into possible grants / funds. A programme of events booked in and coming up. 7.9 Church Orchard. Clerk Action to write to CDC to find out if will Article 4(1) be made permanent 11th November. Message current known plot holders for contact details to send hedge cutting invoice. Will hear back on Church Orchard signage and funding next week. 7.10 Village Security Measures. CCTV bridging device to be installed to put all cameras on network. Work scheduled to take place. Training to be arranged and date confirmed. Village opening event to be scheduled in January. Village website to be updated with cameras are working.	**LP** **MM** **PW**
23/77	**CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** Consider village communications forming part of a D of E project. Pocket Radar PR1000 Traffic Speed Radar now received. Campaign plan to worked. Church Street sign faulty, can an electrician to look at fault. Full Application for Erection of a bat barn at Top Farm Weston Subedge Chipping, Campden Gloucestershire GL55 6QU. Granted. Will the PC receive CiL – Clerk to Check 23/12 New sign big sign Please clean up After Your Dog. Purchased to be put up. Now in place 7.11 Digi Bus Gloucestershire – will await feedback on in interest recorded in parish questionnaire. Analysing results from near miss survey on crossroads and will give to GCC. Drain unblocking – action update on Latimers. Footpaths: Issue with barbed wire and Dirty Lane to Saintbury – action: review stiles and electric fencing. Clerk to investigate new gate with combination lock and any other security measurers suitable for allotment. Under review with allotment holders. Oak tree donation offered – location needed. Location at top of the recreation ground to be considered with tree guard protection and plaque – Coronation Oak. Review this action in the spring – tree planting season. National Grid taking down overhead power cables on Parsons Lane. No date given will this work be done in conjunction with GCC highways who are closing road and repairing footpath. Clerk to write to Midway Surveying to clarify. Midway Surveying confirmed in communication with Highways. Highways work delayed. MM progress with Mel Barge signage for Church Orchard. Historic England branded – QR code for more historical info an option. Investigate artistic impression of what the site could have looked like. (David Birch or other) Gauge interest in Village for a First Aid basics at the Village Hall. Include what you need to know to use a defib. Mike to investigate possibility of a local First Responder to run session.	**MJ** **BC** **MJ** **MM** **MJ**
23/78	**NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:** • Letter reference The Rectory Grounds, Fred Dawson. Councillors reviewed and confirmed full support of Chairman. Clerk to reply. • Councillor Advocacy Scheme Invitation – Mike to attend proposed event. • bOnline Phone Quote • Proposed Electricity Supply Alterations – Parsons Lane Midway Surveying & GCC Highways • Car Incident	**LP** **MJ** **LP** **LP** **LP**

	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: None	
	There being no other business the chairman thanked the councillors for attending and closed the meeting at 10.00p.m. Signed……Date……	