

## **EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 19 August 2019**

Present: Councillors N. Milne (NM) (Chair), H. Wood (HW), N. Farmer (NF), N. Appleby (NA), P. Boggust (PB) and the Clerk, B. Shirley (BS)

Visitors: County Councillor Bool (KB), S. Walling (SW), H. Palmer (HP), M. Ellwood-Wade (MEW), C. Gwilliam (CG), L. Allen (LA)

| Item  | Description   | Action |
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| 1. Apologies  | Councillors Jarron and Coe, County Councillor Waller  |        |
| 2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda    | N. Milne – agenda item 12.  |        |
| 3. Public Open Forum                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>MEW asked who was responsible for maintenance of the street lights on Ullswater Road. HW informed MEW that the responsibility will lie with the DIO. MEW to liaise with NA to get them fixed, and if the Parish Council is needed, they will make appropriate representations.</li><li>HW confirmed that the hedge has 6 Coniston Road has been cut back.</li></ul>   | NA     |
| 4. Minutes of the last meeting held on 29 July 2019   | Minutes of the last meeting held on 29 July were agreed by the Parish Council as a correct record and signed by the Chair.  |        |
| 5. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda | No matters arising.   |        |
| 6. Updates from the Army                              | No report available from the Army.  |        |
| 7. Neighbourhood Planning update                      | HP reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Councillors will visit Ketton to see Hanson expansion plans. Still no confirmation about the commercial viability of the minerals under the St Georges site. PC to be asked to pursue with RCC.</li><li>HP has contacted Matt Cotton at Natural England to get their views on the development of the St Georges site. No particular concerns about the development of St Georges were identified. HP has</li></ul> | PC     |

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|                                  | <p>established the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Eggleton Trust has responsibility for the western end of the reservoir, and the rest is the responsibility of the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust, Natural England and Anglian Water. HP will contact Simon Bentley at the Wildlife Trust about St George because it is not clear what the Wildlife Trusts will be facing in the forthcoming Local Plan.</li> <li>○ Sir David Attenborough is President Emeritus of The Wildlife Trusts, and it would be appropriate to contact him about what is proposed.</li> </ul> <p>NM thanked HP for the points he has raised, and asked if anyone else was prepared to support him with the work needed to make links with other organisations connected with Rutland Water, which might be affected by the proposals at St Georges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It was confirmed that nothing further has been received in connection with the HIF Fund.</li> </ul>  | HP/NM |
| 8. Future of St Georges Barracks | <p>NM referred to the St Georges Advisory Group briefing, circulated to the Parish Council prior to the meeting, and hoped it would be possible to find bodies for the sub groups on Highways and Transportation, Design and Layout, and Employment. The following points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The advice is that the Parish Council should be involved in the Advisory Group</li> <li>○ Nominations from the Parish Council Advisory Group are required for the St Georges Advisory Group</li> <li>○ Concerns whether RCC have the necessary skills to take forward a project of this nature?</li> <li>○ Concerns about the format and recording of the Advisory Group meetings</li> <li>○ PB suggested it may be necessary to pay for someone with the right skillset who can get involved.</li> <li>○ The Parish Council is seeking volunteers from the community for the various project groups.</li> <li>○ HP asked why there is a St Georges Delivery Group when the proposals for the site have yet to be agreed? It was discussed that the Local Plan is currently being revised to include Woolfox and St Georges, and that it is with regret that doing this will mean that the historic Rutland model of a village every 2.5 miles will no longer exist. In his view, RCC are no longer protecting villages, and are making assumptions (ie the inclusion of 30 houses on the school</li> </ul> |       |

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|  | site released to the press) that the development proposals have already been agreed.   |          |
| 9. To discuss planning applications received     | <p>2019/0736/FUL – retrospective change of use from hardstanding from an airfield to a vehicle storage with associated access for a period of 10 years, and employment for 4 people.</p> <p>Evidence has been found of lizards on the site, and that verges are already been chopped in order to accommodate more vehicles on the site. It was agreed to write again to the Planning Officer, with the photographic evidence, and to express the Parish Council's concern and opposition to the planning application.</p> <p>2018/0229/FUL – change of use of agricultural land to the south and west side of the existing property to garden area - Lakewood Lodge, Weston Road – planning permission has been refused.</p>   | NM       |
| 10. Update on environmental issues in the Parish | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Parish Council agreed to the quotation from Matthew Pope of £940 for the various works in the village, including the removal of the bench on Manton Road. The Parish Council also agreed to pay for the repainting/refurbishment of the gate to the cemetery and a small section of the adjoining fence. NF to take this forward.</li> <li>It was also agreed to write again to Langstaff Property Developments as the road on Rectory Lane is still caked with mud. KB suggested writing to Cllr Brown and Cllr Stephenson as this is a health and safety issue. The Clerk to take this forward.</li> <li>The Clerk asked anyone with comments re. the noise nuisance from below Normanton car park to let her know as the Environmental Health Officer at RCC is compiling evidence.</li> </ul> | NF<br>BS |
| 11. Finance                                      | <p>a) To note the current bank balance on the Parish Council's accounts (as at 18 August 2019)</p> <p>Current account - £1,268.22</p> <p>Savings account - £40,636.91</p> <p>Following a request from the Clerk, it was agreed to draw down £2,000 from the saving account into the current account.</p> <p>Proposed by NA</p> <p>Seconded by PB</p> <p>All in agreement.</p> <p>b) Freedom of Information request, Mr P. Hawker, for a three year financial plan for the dispersal of current assets. The following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Parish Council has not set a plan because it sets an annual</li> </ul>  |          |

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|  | <p>budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is the responsibility of the Parish Council to set a precept, and following consultation with the community on the proposals for St Georges' development, a positive response was received to the suggestion that funds were required to counter the proposals.</li> <li>• The Parish Council is setting aside funding for this purpose.</li> <li>• In line with transparency regulations, the Parish Council records all its transactions in the minutes of each meeting.</li> </ul> <p>The Clerk to draft a response to Mr Hawker by 27 August.</p> | BS |
| 12. To agree payment of invoices.                          | <p>The following invoices were agreed for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N. Milne, printing costs for Parish Council and St Georges £23.70</li> <li>• Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) - £15.00 (not £10 as per the agenda)</li> <li>• Rutland County Council, charge for Parish Council elections - £213.69</li> </ul> <p>The Parish Council also agreed a payment of £10 to the DIO for the bus shelter in perpetuity.</p>  |    |
| 13. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RCC will no longer be sending remittance advices to suppliers by post after 1 September. These will be sent by e mail – no action required.</li> <li>• Letter of thanks received from CAB Rutland for the donation of £100.00</li> <li>• KB – reminded the Parish Council of the health conference re. Rutland Health Plan, on 4 September.</li> </ul>   |    |
| 14. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting | Date of next meeting – 30 September 2019, 7.15 pm, Village Hall, Edith Weston   |    |