## **EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 24 June 2019

Present: Councillors N. Milne (NM) (Chair), H. Wood (HW), N. Farmer (NF), N. Appleby (NA), E. Jarron (EJ), P. Coe (PC), and the Clerk, B. Shirley (BS)

Visitors: County Councillor Bool (KB), County Councillor Waller (GW), A. Walling (AW), S. Walling (SW)

| Item |  | Description  | Action |
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| 1.   | Apologies  | Cllr Boggust, Captain K. Manson  |        |
| 2.   | Declarations of interest in items on the agenda          | N. Milne – agenda item 11 -payment of invoices   |        |
| 3.   | Public Open Forum  | Nothing declared   |        |
| 4.   | Minutes of the last<br>meeting held on5<br>February 2019 | Minutes of the last meeting held on 30 May, were agreed by the Parish Council as a correct record:  Proposed – NA Seconded - HW The minutes were signed by the Chair.  |        |
| 5.   | Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda       | No matters arising.  |        |
| 6.   | Updates from the<br>Army                                 | No update received from the Army.  It was noted that canteen staff are being recruited on the St Georges site.   |        |
| 7.   | Future of St George's<br>Barracks                        | EJ reported that a PCLG meeting and a Project Group meeting had been held recently.  KB is attending a meeting on 24 July to discuss the proposals to develop the Officers Mess site. Both KB and GW are concerned that the number of houses to be built do not add up against the costs of acquiring and refurbishing the site. The officers mess site is seen as too risky for RCC to acquire, and it will have to go to a developer.  On the main site, the Growth Infrastructure and Resources Scrutiny Committee will meet to sign off the local plan and the Stamford North development plan. The local plan goes to Cabinet on 20 August for sign |        |

| 8. To discuss planning applications received    | off prior to consultation. Both meetings will be held in public. Deputations from the public must be submitted a few days prior to each meeting.  In response to a question from EJ, KB confirmed that the Woolfox proposals are moving forward. But this is not seen as an alternative site to St Georges.  The following planning applications have been received: 2019/0360/FUL 6 Crummock Avenue – no objection 2019/0406/FUL Wayfield, St Marys Close – no objection  |          |
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| 9. Update on environmental issues in the Parish | <ul> <li>NF has reported the broken kerb via Fix My Street. Not only has the report disappeared but the kerb has not been fixed. KB would like to see a direct line for reporting issues for Parish Councils. NF to send KB and GW details of the problem, and they will look into it.</li> <li>NF has also drafted a letter to Langstaff Property Developments, expressing concern that the recent Hymac excavator being used at 33 Rectory Lane, has damaged the road surface. In addition, there are mud deposits on the highway. It was agreed that the Clerk will draft a letter to Langstaff Property Development accordingly.</li> </ul>  | NF<br>BS |
| 10. Finance                                     | <ul> <li>a) To note the current bank balance on the Parish Council's accounts (as at 23 June 2019)</li> <li>Current account - £444.72</li> <li>Savings account - £42,623.24</li> <li>The Clerk asked for permission to transfer £2,000 from the savings account into the current account. This was agreed.</li> <li>The Clerk reported that the internal audit of the Parish Council accounts has now been completed, and that the financial records of the Parish Council for 2018/19 are now on the village website.</li> <li>As a result of the discussion with the internal auditor, NM has looked into the possibility of acquiring Scribe, a web based accounts packaged built for Parish Councils. He has had an online demonstration, and recommended to the Parish Council should purchase the package at a cost of £250 per year, including support. For a further £29 a read only package can be bought. Proposed by NF, seconded by NA, all in agreement. NM will contact Scribe.</li> </ul> | NM       |

| 12. To agree payment of invoices.                          | The following invoice was agreed for payment:  N. Milne – stationery expenses - £9.00   |    |
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| 12. Asset Register   | The Clerk explained that the Parish Council is required to review its Asset and Risk Register annually. A copy of the register was circulated and the following was agreed:                                 |    |
|  | Risk register point 4 – street lights, remove as RCC now maintain all street lighting in the village  |    |
|  | Add to risk register – the impact on the community of winter weather  |    |
|  | The asset register will be updated to reflect numbers of benches and grit bins  |    |
|  | The Clerk will update accordingly.  | BS |
| 13. To discuss correspondence received                     | CPRE Rutland Branch, Annual General Meeting and Summer Drinks     Party, 21 July – no action required.  |    |
| by the Clerk   | Citizens Advice Rutland – request for donation. BS to find out how much the Parish Council donated previously, and to circulate to confirm if the Parish Council are prepared to make a further donation.   | BS |
|  | The Chair noted that RCC are recruiting another Planning Officer.     GW expressed concern that South Kesteven Council do not have the capacity to support RCC.   |    |
|  | The Chair also expressed concerned that he is still waiting for a response from Roger Ranson to the e mail sent to him in February about the Neighbourhood Plan. He will e mail again, copy into GW and KB. | NM |
| 14. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting | Date of next meeting – 29 July 2019, 7.15 pm, Village Hall, Edith Weston  |    |