

EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 25 March 2019

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

Visitors: D Wilkin (DW), T.Wilkin (TW), J Gray (JG), P. Allen (PA), L. Allen (LA), Captain K. Manson (KM)

Item	Description	Action
1. Apologies	County Councillor G Waller	
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda	E. Jarron – agenda item 8 – planning N. Milne – agenda item 11 -payment of invoices	
3. Public Open Forum	Nothing declared	
4. Minutes of the last meeting held on 5 February 2019	Minutes of the last meeting held on 25 February, were agreed by the Parish Council as a correct record: Proposed – PB Seconded EJ The minutes were signed by the Chair.	
5. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda	No matters arising.	
6. Updates from the Army	KM reported that the Army have until 2022 to leave the site for Kendrew. In response to a comment from EJ, KM said he had not heard that the Army are leaving Melton Mowbray, but because of the cost, he did not feel there was much truth in the rumour. The dogs should move into the new kennels at Kendrew by 2022.	
7. Future of St George's Barracks	EJ reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• He attended at St Georges Advisory Group meeting with PC on 27 February. The MOD and Homes England have created a partnership to make for more rapid progression with the development of a number of MOD sites. North Luffenham is not included on the first list.• There is no agreement on whether the value of the minerals on the	

	<p>St Georges site can offset the cost of infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Local Plan consultation will take place in the summer. • Woolfox – much of the work required to submit a formal planning application to RCC has now been done, and the full case is being presented to RCC this Friday. There is also a public presentation of the proposals at the Victoria Hall on 12 April. The PC agreed that this proposal must be taken seriously by RCC. • Councillor Brown has carried out his own viability study against the cost of infrastructure. No deficit if the site is built with 2,000 homes, and a 57% deficit if 250 homes are built. • Working groups are being set up for employment, highways, layout but the Advisory Group is reluctant to join these groups if membership is seen as giving approval to the St Georges development. • Officers Mess site – RCC feels that the risks are too high for them to develop the site. The cost of the demolition of existing buildings will be very high. KB has expressed his concern to RCC about the MOD figure of £3m for the site, which he feels is unrealistic. The Officers' Mess may still be listed. There is also likely to be issues with contamination on the land. • PCLG has agreed to take a close interest in the developing Local Plan, particularly the level of housing proposed in Rutland, compared with the 2015 Local Plan. • The group is seeking sympathetic candidates standing against some current County Councillors who favour the development of the St Georges site. • The Chair thanked KB and GW on behalf of the Parish Council for supporting the Parish Council in opposing the proposals for the development of the St Georges site. • It was also agreed that the PCLG representations made to RCC were a very good standard, particularly that from Andrew Johnson (Morcott PC) which will be attached to these minutes. • EJ noted that RCC is suggesting 14 hectares of employment only, and RCC should in his view, be looking at at least 40 hectares. He will be discussing this with Councillor Brown. EJ has suggested that perhaps local universities like Loughborough might be interested in moving to the St Georges site. • The PCLG is due to meet on 25 May, and the Advisory Group after the local elections. • PA and JG will be putting an article in the village magazine, informing the village of current developments. 	PA/JG
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8. To discuss planning applications received	The following planning application has been received: 2019/0274/CAT, 27 Weston Road – felling of trees - agreed	
9. Parish Council elections, 2 May	The Clerk provided a brief presentation on key dates and nomination forms in connection with the upcoming Parish Council elections on 2 May.	
10. Update on environmental issues in the Parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing further to report on the installation of the solar panels at the Rutland Water dam or on the new parking measures around Rutland Water. NF said the village grass cutting was imminent. 	
11. Finance	<p>a) To note the current bank balance on the Parish Council's accounts (as at 24 March 2019):</p> <p>Current account - £745.09</p> <p>Savings account - £23433.14</p> <p>The Clerk asked for permission to transfer £1500 from the savings account into the current account to cover bills to the year end. This was agreed.</p>	
12. To agree payment of invoices	<p>The following invoices were agreed for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Campaign to Protect Rural England, 2019/20 subscription - £36.00 LRALC Internal Audit Service - £210.00 N.Milne – St Georges postage - £20.10 B. Shirley – Norton renewal and Microsoft Personal renewal - £139.98 2Commune – website hosting and SSL certificate management fee - £522.00 Leicestershire Footpaths Association annual subscription - £5.00 	
13. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCC survey of services and facilities of Rutland Parishes – The Clerk to complete and return. E mail from KB re. Fingerpost direction signs refurbishment – no action Clerk to Preston Village asking for help on ponds and village signs – no action School Readers charity – poster to go up on Parish noticeboard 	<p>BS</p> <p>BS/NF</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter of thanks received from PCC Treasurer – no action • North Luffenham Scout Group – to be invited to attend a PC meeting at some stage • RCC Digital Rutland LFFN Project – expression of interest. NM has completed this on behalf of the Village Hall Committee 	
14. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting	<p>Date of next meeting - The Parish Council discussed if another meeting was needed before the local elections. It was agreed to cancel the April meeting, and the Clerk will find a date in May for the Annual Parish meeting</p> <p><u>Date now agreed - Thursday 23 May, 6.30 pm, Annual Parish Council meeting.</u></p>	