

EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 26 February 2018

Present: Councillors N. Milne (NM), N. Farmer (NF), R. Harris (RH), N. Appleby (NA), E. Jarron (EJ) and the Clerk, B. Shirley (BS)

Visitors: M. Ellwood-Wade (MEW), Lt Colonel N. Lakin (NL)

Item	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Cllr P. Coe, County Cllr K. Bool, County Cllr G. Waller	
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda	N. Farmer – agenda item 12 – reimbursement N. Milne – agenda item 12 - reimbursement	
3. Public Open Forum	Nothing reported.	
4. Minutes of the last meeting held on 30 October 2017	Minutes of 8 January – GW had asked for the following amendments to the minutes: Minute 7 – GW did not say Councillor Hemsley would resign from St George' Project Group. She said it was likely his deputy would take over and he would chair the overall Rutland One Public Estate Board. In the event, Councillor Hemsley has decided to stay with St Georges and is taking over its chairmanship. Minute 9 – GW did raise the issue of water on Normanton Road with David Brown, and was advised work has been completed. Subject to the above amendments, minutes were agreed as a correct record: Proposed – RH Seconded – NF All agreed, and minutes signed by the Chair.	
5. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda	The Clerk has written to Ellis's about the lorries on Pennine Drive. She will chase up for a response. NA has circulated further information he received about the waterborne killer weed	BS
6. Updates from the Army	NL reported that no decisions have yet been made about the move from St Georges. An assessment is being carried out during 2018 to decide	

	<p>whether the regiment moves to Cottesmore or Melton Mowbray when the camp closes in 2020/2021. NL confirmed that the best facilities are at Melton. In answer to a question from NM, NL confirmed that the dogs will be kept in their current quarters until the regiment moves.</p>	
7. Future of St George's Barracks	<p>EJ reported that further to discussions involving representatives from both Edith Weston and North Luffenham, it has been felt timely to send a letter to the RCC Chief Executive. The letter expresses concern that the proposed development of 1500 houses minimum on the St Georges site is too large. It is felt inappropriate to build a development larger than Uppingham on land which has been predominantly rural.</p> <p>This is a long term project, but formative decisions appear to be happening this year, so the two Parish Councils are working closely together to counter the actions coming from RCC.</p> <p>The MOD has confirmed that in their ownership, they have redeveloped the land, and are entitled to dispose of it as they feel appropriate.</p> <p>EJ expressed the view of both Parish Councils that a development of more than 500 houses is unacceptable. The first draft of plans for the St Georges site is expected in April, and it is now felt an appropriate time to carry out a residents' survey.</p> <p>NL confirmed that as this is not a political activity, the survey should include the married quarters.</p> <p>NM and EJ confirmed that the survey will ask views on the proposed size of the development, as well as the speed of development.</p> <p>It was agreed to approach the Chief Executive, the Leader of the County Council, the MP, and the Lord Lieutenant.</p>	
8. To discuss planning applications received	<p>NM reported:</p> <p>2017/1019/FUL, two storey extension, 18 Coniston Road. Despite the opposition from the Parish Council, planning permission has been agreed.</p> <p>2018/0058/PTA– felling of Norway maple, 35 Weston Road. This is a new application as RCC had put a temporary protection order on it – Parish Council has no objection, and will approve.</p> <p>2017/1235/CAT – fell ash tree and hawthorn tree, 65 Weston Road – Parish Council has no objection</p>	
9. Update on environmental issues in the Parish	<p>NF reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grit placed under the kissing gates. • No progress has been made on the village gates • Sourcing quotes for village grass cutting, but it is likely the current 	

	<p>contractors will continue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A number of ruts caused by contractors' vehicles working at 61 Weston Road have appeared in the grass verges around the village, and will need repairing. 	
10. Update on safety issues in the Parish	NM asked NL for views on the proposed to put a radar sign on North Luffenham Road. NL confirmed that vehicles do brake far later than they should. NA suggested that safety islands similar to those installed on Braunston Road, Oakham, might slow traffic.	
11. Finance	<p>The Clerk presented the finance report to the Parish Council:</p> <p>a) To note the current bank balance on the Parish Council's accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The balance on the current account, as 25 February was Community Account - £6453.80 Savings account - £14,100.69 <p>b) To present the reconciliation of the Parish Council's accounts for Q3. In answer to a question from RH, the Clerk confirmed that it is very likely that the Auditors will question the amount the Parish Council has in its bank accounts. The Chair confirmed that if the question arises, the auditors will be informed that the funds are set aside for the St Georges Development.</p> <p>c) To discuss revised arrangements for audit of Parish Council accounts. The Clerk confirmed that for the current financial year and beyond, Parish Councils with a turnover under £25k, an Annual Return will no longer be required provided the Internal Audit is judged to be satisfactory. The LRALC have agreed to provide an Internal Audit Service, at a cost of £210 per year. In order to join this service the Clerk asked the Parish Council to agree by a formal resolution that:</p> <p>That Edith Weston Parish Council wishes to join the LRALC Internal Audit Service scheme from 1st April 2018:</p> <p>Proposed – EJ</p> <p>Seconded – NA</p> <p>Agreed by all. The Clerk will confirm with LRALC that Edith Weston Parish Council wishes to join the LRALC Internal Audit Service scheme.</p> <p>d) To agree two signatories to the Parish Council bank account – BS explained that under the Parish Council's financial regulations there must be two signatories to the Parish Council's current account. There should also be two Parish Councillors who authorize internet bank payments.</p> <p>NA and EJ will act as signatories, and the Clerk will set this up.</p>	<p>BS</p> <p>BS</p>

12. To agree payment of invoices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BT – Village Hall broadband, January 2018 – BS made payment of £58.68 on 28 January <p>The following invoices were agreed for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leicestershire Footpath Association – subscription 2018 - £5.00 • N. Farmer for gravel under kissing gates - £54.95 • Council for the Protection of Rural England – subscription 2018 - £36.00 • Edith Weston PCC for contribution to the maintenance of the cemetery - £500 • Metasys – printing costs - £13.50 	
13. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from Peter Hawker on behalf of Edith Weston Academy, requesting contribution from the Parish Council towards sport kit. RH has asked for further details. After discussion it was agreed to respond to Peter Hawker, explaining that the Parish Council will not be supporting this request. It is felt at this juncture, the Parish Council should best serve the Parish by reserving funds for the proposed development of the St Georges Barracks site. • LRALC Articles of Incorporation consultation – NA has looked at the proposals to become an incorporated body. The Parish Council is disappointed that the LRALC is becoming a limited body, but will not be taking part in the consultation • NA reported on the Revision of Data Protection Regulations and implications for parish councils – it seems that Parish Clerks cannot act as a Data Protection Officer. The Parish Council will have to ensure that all records which include processing data will comply with the new regulations. NA recommended the Parish Council pay an external body/person to ensure compliance • Letter of introduction from new Leader of the County Council – noted by the Parish Council • LRALC Councillor Mentoring Scheme – noted by the Parish Council • RCC Bus stop enhancements for 2018 - noted by the Parish Council. 	RH
14. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting	Monday 26 March, 7.15 pm, Edith Weston Village Hall	

