EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 29 July 2019

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

Visitors: County Councillor Bool (KB), County Councillor Waller (GW), A. Walling (AW), S. Walling (SW), Captain K. Manson (KM), S. Boston (SB), M. Ellwood-Wade (MEW), T. Clegg (TC), J. Gray (JG)

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1.	Apologies	None received	
2.	Declarations of interest in items on the agenda	None received	
3.	Public Open Forum	SB spoke about the noise coming from those using the grass below the Normanton car park, especially at weekends. He asked if it would be possible for visitors to Rutland Water to make less noise. The Parish Council agreed the following actions:	
		 That Rutland County Council be asked to send an Environmental Health Officer to assess the extent of the noise nuisance. 	BS
		 A letter to be sent to the Rutland Water Partnership, c/o the Chair, Councillor Edward Baines, to express the concern of the Parish Council that local residents are being disturbed by noise from visitors to Rutland Water. Copy to Councillor Bool. 	BS
4.	Minutes of the last meeting held on 26 June 2019	 NF confirmed that the broken kerb on Church Lane has now been repaired. The problem with Fix My Street was probably his error. There has been no response from Langstaff re. the condition of the road at 33 Rectory Lane. GW suggested that NF might like to report the problem via Fix My Street. 	
		 The Clerk has contacted RCC about the ownership of the street lights around ex MOD properties. HW agreed it was likely to be Preim, but the Clerk is awaiting confirmation from RCC. 	
		Minutes of the last meeting held on 26 June, 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	KM reported he had little further to add on the Officers' Mess site and believes plans for the development have stalled.	
		• Funding for dog kennels will drive the timing of the permanent move to Kendrew, and will probably set the agenda for the process of developing the St Georges Barracks site. GW said that kennelling can be done at any time. Planning permission will need to be applied for, but KB felt this shouldn't be an issue.	
7.	Future of St George's Barracks	• EJ reported that the Neighbourhood Planning group will meet this Thursday, but he is still unsure if this is the right time for a redraft of the current plan.	
		 GW reported that the Spatial Strategy, which will form part of the Local Plan, will go to the Cabinet in August – not the entire Local Plan. The Growth and Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee will meet on 12 September to discuss Stamford North and the Spatial Strategy. 	
		 It seems that RCC may be distancing themselves from the St Georges Masterplan, because reference is now being made to the "MOD Masterplan" 	
		 Discussions of the Spatial Strategy are not an attempt to avoid the Local Plan revision. 	
		 Woolfox and Quarry Farm will also need to be considered in the revised Local Plan. 	
		• KB expressed concern that three large sites have the potential to undermine the principal towns in the county.	
		• St Georges Advisory Group will meet on Thursday.	
		 NM asked the group to note that Paul Cummings has now stepped aside as North Luffenham Parish Council chair. He wished the minutes to record the thanks of Edith Weston Parish Council for the fantastic job he has done on the St Georges Barracks development proposals on behalf of the residents of Edith Weston and North Luffenham. 	
8.	To discuss planning applications received	The following planning applications have been received:	
		2019/0453/LBA – replacement of 2 doors, 17 Well Cross – approved	
		2019/0512/CAT – crown reduction of tree 26 King Edward's Way – approved	
		2019/0460/FUL – variation of condition - to move garage away from the road. EJ to ask Mr and Mrs Green for their views on the requested variation to check they have no objection.	EJ
		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. NM reported that he had been to see the lorries parked on the site, and after this, an Enforcement Officer from RCC had been to look at the site.		
	Concern was expressed at the numbers of vehicle movements up and down Pennine Drive, and KM confirmed that potholes in the road had recently been repaired. He was also concerned that with the regiment returning from Cyprus, more mothers and children are likely to be using Pennine Drive to walk to the school which is admitting 24 more pupils as a result. NM asked if an assessment has been done on a safe route to school?		
	It was agreed:		
	• The request for tenure is inappropriate given that it will use over half of the industrial space allocated on the St George's masterplan.		
	• The request for 10 year access is unlikely to fit in with the timescale for development on the St George's site.		
	 PC to draft a letter to Councillor Edward Baines, Chair of Development Control Committee, cc KB and GW, with a recommendation this is considered by the Planning Committee. 	PC	
	• Deadline for comments on this application is 15 August.		
9. Update on environmental issues in the Parish	 NF reported that the hedge at the cemetery has been cut again this year. He has received a quote from Biffa to cut the hedge twice a year at a cost of £48.70 per cut plus VAT. It was agreed by all present that this should be added into the current contract with Biffa. It was also agreed to ask Biffa and a tree surgeon about cutting back the trees around the cemetery. KB reminded the Parish 	NF	
	Council that under the 1894 statute Parish Council precept money should not be used to fund the Church, but in this case, the invoice for this work will go straight to the Parish Council. NM reminded the Parish Council that there are funds available under Village Look and it was agreed this work should go ahead.		
	• HW will speak to the owners of Puddle Cottage, Rectory Lane, where the hedge is now overgrown and has spread on to the road.	нw	
	 A tree in Tommy's Close has grown over Manton Road. NM asked if this a highways matter for RCC to speak to the Tommy's Close Trustees about. 		

10. Neighbourhood Watch	NA reported that the recent Parish Council Forum had drawn attention to the Rutland Neighbourhood Watch app. After details were circulated to the meeting, the Chair asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to support the app with funding. The Parish Council was asked to agree that £250 should be made available:	
	Proposed – PB	
	Seconded – NA	
	All in agreement.	
	It was also agreed that details of a Neighbourhood Watch Champion in the village will be placed on the website, Facebook and Twitter.	
11. Finance	a) To note the current bank balance on the Parish Council's accounts (as at 28 July 2019)	
	Current account - £2,257.17	
	Savings account - £40,630.25	
12. To agree payment of	The following invoice was agreed for payment:	
invoices.	Scribe – Parish Council accounts package £308.40	
	• The Clerk confirmed that £100 would be paid to Rutland Citizens Advice Bureau, as per the discussion at the last Parish Council meeting.	
	• NM asked the Parish Council to agree an ex-gratia payment of £400 to the Clerk in respect of the extra hours worked to put the accounts online. This was agreed by all present.	
13. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk	 Call Connect Roadshow, 21 August 2019 – the Parish Council discussed where the bus would be sited. It was agreed that if appropriate, Sean should be asked if it could go into the pub car park. 	
	• St Georges Advisory Group – 1 August – NM and EJ will attend.	
	 Honours event, HM Lord Lieutenant of Rutland, 4 March 2020 – no action required. 	
	• Party in the Park, 8 September - no action required.	
	 Macmillan village ambassadors – information to go on to the noticeboard and website 	BS

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 Apologies - EJ	