

EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 28 October 2019

Present : Councillors N. Milne (NM) (Chair), H. Wood (HW), N. Farmer (NF), P. Boggust (PB), P. Coe (PC) and the Clerk, C. Gwilliam (CG)

Visitors: Sue Walling, Les Allen, Simon Boston and County Councilor Bool

Item	Description	Action
1. Apologies	County Councillor Waller and Parish Councillor E. Jarron (EJ)	
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda	N. Milne – agenda item 7 payment of invoice.	
3. Public Open Forum	Mr. Les Allen brought before the council a recent open invitation to broadcast on the Radio 4 20 questions program inviting villages to apply to take part. He suggested that it may be an opportunity for Edith Weston and felt that an application from the Parish Council would hold more weight. He will provide the clerk with the details and an application will be placed.	CG
4. Minutes of the last meeting held on 30 September 2019	Minutes of the last meeting held on 30 September 2019 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	Minute item 9 – Application 2019/0871/Full has been granted. Concern is still expressed regarding the movement of lorries travelling around the school during school hours. No reply has been received when this was raised as a concern against the application and no traffic impact statement has been submitted.	
6. Finance	a) To note the current bank balance on the Parish Council's accounts (as at 25 October 2019) Current account - £2,626.36 Savings account - £35,649.73 Following a request from the Clerk, it was agreed to draw down £3,000 from the saving account into the current account. Proposed by PB All in agreement	

	<p>b) Precept 2010/2021</p> <p>Presentation by PB provided documentation on projected budgetary requirements for 2020/2021 based on previous years spending and proposed increases.</p> <p>It was suggested by PB and agreed by PC that the budget for SGB, currently proposed at £8000 may be a little low however there are reserves in the interim that can be drawn from subject to agreement at a special meeting if needed. Extra expenditure on legal advice and any future campaign support will most probably be required.</p> <p>c) Freedom of Information Request – Budgeting and Expenditure</p> <p>Following our initial response, we are currently seeking advice from RCC regarding further responses to this request. Councillor Bool is going to chase the officer dealing with our request for further advice. CG is also chasing the LRALC for the audit report for 2018/2019. As soon as both advice and the audit report have been received CG to send a second response to the original FOI request.</p>	CG
7. To agree payment of invoices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biffa - Grass Cutting covering the period of 01/04/19 to 23/07/19 - £928.80 • Hills Accountants monthly Payroll - £52.80 • N. Milne – Computer software EWPC Clerk Computer - £77.90 • Scribe Licence Invoice INV-0718 - £34.80 <p>Proposed by PB</p> <p>All in agreement</p>	CG
8. Updates from the Army	No report available from the Army.	
9. Neighbourhood Planning update	<p>Letters were sent to Oliver Hemsley and all County Councillors on 4 October from PCLG regarding the Local Plan and the SGB Advisory Working groups. This letter was also sent to the local newspaper. Copies are available to anyone wishing to see it. No response has been received from RCC or any Councillors.</p> <p>The Advisory Group Meeting due to be held on 31 October was again cancelled on 28 October. CG to draft a letter requesting the reasons for such a last-minute cancellation.</p>	CG

10. To discuss planning applications received	2019/1111/CAT – PROPOSAL: (T8) 1 no. Yew Tree – Removal to ground level No objections made.	CG
11. Update on environmental issues in the Parish	<p>Access Only Signs – Deferred to a later meeting</p> <p>Tommy's Close Trustees Ash Tree – RCC have not responded to our letter.</p> <p>Pingle Footpath Improvement & Tommy's Close access footpath Improvement – RCC have announced at the recent Parish Council Forum meeting that Parish Councils can apply to adopt areas of land owned by RCC. These areas can be added to Public open spaces or used to enhance the village appearance. These transfers will be free of charge with the only cost to the parish being maintenance and as these areas are minimal there will not be a huge addition to grass cutting etc. The Parish Council are to look at any areas they maybe interested in and if a Land Registry search confirms they are RCC owned then they can approach RCC with the details.</p> <p>It was agreed that it would be a good opportunity for the Parish Council to take control of these two footpaths and to consider any other areas in the village.</p> <p>Future Emergency Budgeting (i.e. Village Look, Fallen Trees, Wildflowers) – Deferred to a later meeting</p>	CG
13. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLCC Membership renewal was required so paid £76.00 subscription on 25 October 2019. • Community Speed Watch have invited Parish Councils to take part. HW suggested that the School have expressed concerns about speeding past the school. HW to approach the school. • RCC invitation to take part in Snow Warden Training. All agreed that it was not required this winter. • LRALC invitation to take advantage of their annual audit service for 2019/2020. Agreed by all. • Request from Adrian Gombault, Ryhall Parish Council regarding the supply and cost of gates marking the village entry/exit roads. NF to provide clerk with details. 	<div>HW</div> <div>CG</div> <div>NF/CG</div>
14. Other business	HW asked if Road Sweepers came from Parish Council budget or RCC? It was confirmed it was RCC. A resident of Well Cross had complained to her that the road sweeper had gone through at 07:10 on a Saturday morning and because everyone was at home at that hour the road	

	sweeper had to miss the majority of the street due to all the parked cars. Clerk to send a letter to RCC.	CG
14. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting	Date of next meeting – Monday 25 November 2019, 7.15 pm, Village Hall, Edith Weston	