

## **EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 30 September 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, C. Gwilliam (CG)

Visitors: Barbara Shirley (BS), Chris Gwilliam (ChG)

Item	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Councillor P. Boggust (PB), County Councillor Waller and County Councilor Bool	
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda	H. Wood – agenda item 9. 2019/0872/FUL – retrospective application for the erection of Timber Log Cabin within shop courtyard to be used as a coffee shop.	
3. Public Open Forum	None	
4. Minutes of the last meeting held on 19 August 2019	Minutes of the last meeting held on 19 August 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minute item 8 - Nominations for the various working groups were not forthcoming.</li><li>Minute item 11 - Work must begin soon on setting the precept, a volunteer will be needed to help carry the work needed.</li></ul>	NM  CG/BS
6. Updates from the Army	No report available from the Army.	
7. Neighbourhood Planning update	EJ reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Solicitors report on legal standing of the Neighbourhood Plan has been received and confirms that the Neighbourhood Plan holds status above the Local Plan while it is being reviewed. However, once the Local Plan under review has been agreed and adopted it will then supersede the Neighbourhood Plan.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The advice was to use this time analyse carefully the upcoming Local Plan consultation</li><li>The situation therefore remains in a state of flux.</li></ul></li><li>The committee had discussed future actions regarding SGB development and it was agreed that further lobbying of</li></ul>	

	<p>Councilors should take place. It was therefore agreed that Julie Gray (JG) would Contact to be made with Abigail MacCartney, Councilor for Cottesmore to discuss the best way to approach Councilors.</p> <p>NM thanked EJ for the update and added that it has been noted that within the recently released Rutland County Council (RCC) Annual Report, the Leader of the Council had softened his wording regarding development and confirmed that nothing further has been received in connection with the HIF Fund.</p>	JG
8. Future of St Georges Barracks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PC reported that himself and Hugh Palmer (HP) had met with Hanson and although much of what was discussed was commercially sensitive enough to not be published in minutes, it had been confirmed that the lime stone under the development site was not as commercially interesting to them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PC is looking into Government policy to see if the policy is specific in which minerals they wish to protect.</li> </ul> </li> <li>It was discussed and agreed by all Councilors present that both the PCLG and the EWPC would formally write to the Leader of the Council detailing their stance that the working groups are too soon and inappropriate. EJ and CG to work on draft to be submitted no later than Friday afternoon.</li> </ul>	PC  EJ/CG
9. To discuss planning applications received	<p>2019/0871/FUL - CS Ellis - SGB Hard standing and Warehouse Permission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PC confirmed that he could find no evidence of previous planning consent so felt this was not retention of, but a new planning application.</li> <li>PC would continue to develop the Parish Council's objections on the grounds that the application was incomplete and that insufficient information had been provided.</li> </ul> <p>2019/0872/FUL – retrospective application for the erection of Timber Log Cabin within shop courtyard to be used as a coffee shop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All councilors agreed to support this application on the grounds that it was no impact on the street scene and was providing a valued community service.</li> <li>CG to submit comments.</li> </ul> <p>2019/0858/FUL – Application for change of roofing material from lead (stolen) to Terne coated stainless steel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PC confirmed that he had done some research on the materials proposed and had found that its appearance was very much like</li> </ul>	PC  CG

	<p>lead and in keeping with the Churches appearance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All councilors agreed to support the application. CG to submit comments.</li> </ul> <p>NF confirmed that the application to remove trees at 33 Weston Road had already been refused by Council and TPO's had been put in place. No further action required.</p> <p>NA gave a brief update from the Parish Council Forum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He reported that Cliff Bacon had been elected Chair and that draft terms of reference were being considered.</li> <li>• The Local Plan would be out to consultation early 2020.</li> <li>• The forum invited PCs to put forward items for discussion at future meetings but urged them to be general topics not specific issues.</li> <li>• The next Forum meeting scheduled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 21 October 2019.</li> <li>○ 13 January 2020.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	CG
10. Update on environmental issues in the Parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work at the cemetery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ NF presented the quote received from Wilby Tree Surgeons Ltd as a fair and reasonable price for the work to be undertaken.</li> <li>○ It was agreed by all councillors to go ahead with the long overdue work.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Rutland Water parking consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ NA had attended the Rutland Water partnership meeting where the parking trial had been discussed.</li> <li>○ It was confirmed that the trial had now ended and the temporary signs would be removed in due course.</li> <li>○ 991 infringement notice letters had been issued to cars parked on verges and 1600 man hours had been spent in placing these letters on car windscreens.</li> <li>○ 40 submissions from the community (all negative) had been received so far.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	NF

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed changes to Rutland Water boundary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NM circulated a plan showing the proposed changes to the Rutland Water Boundary. These changes have been proposed to protect the views and skyline from within the Rutland Water boundary itself. Thus enhancing the overall environment for locals and visitors alike</li> <li>The proposed boundary includes Edith Weston but still omits the married quarters. This has been communicated to the responsible RCC Officer</li> <li>NM circulated a second plan with suggested alterations to include the married quarters, thereby protecting the views from places like Hambleton peninsula. The skyline to the south could be severely impacted by SGB developments Day and Night.</li> <li>Comments to be submitted by 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	NF
11. Finance	<p>a) To note the current bank balance on the Parish Council's accounts (as at 27 September 2019)</p> <p>Current account - £3947.29</p> <p>Savings account - £33,643.63</p> <p>Following a request from the Clerk, it was agreed to draw down £3,000 from the saving account into the current account.</p> <p>Proposed by NA</p> <p>All in agreement</p>	
12. To agree payment of invoices.	<p>a) The following invoices were agreed for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs B. Shirley, for stamps - £16.80</li> <li>Shakespeare Martineau – for Advice in connection with the Edith Weston Neighbourhood Plan - £3,000.00</li> <li>Matthew Pope – refurbishment of benches and gates - £940.00</li> <li>Defence Infrastructure Organisation – adjustment of payment for bus shelter - £15.00</li> <li>Hills Accountants – monthly payroll - £52.80</li> </ul> <p>b) The Council agreed the Contract of Employment for Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NM confirmed that the hours had been increased from 2.8 hours to 5 hours to reflect the increased workload caused by</li> </ul>	

	<p>SGB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NM confirmed that the pay scale was set in accordance with the National Agreement on Pay and Conditions of Services as set by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services.</li> <li>The Council will keep a watching brief on the hours that may well increase in the future due to SGB issues.</li> <li>The contract was then signed.</li> </ul>	NM/CG
13. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RCC has sent an invoice for grass cutting in error and BS confirmed that RCC would be sending a corrected remittance in due course.</li> <li>Rutland CAB have invited EWPC to attend their AGM on Monday 7 October 2019, 5.30pm at Barnsdale Lodge Hotel.</li> <li>RCC have failed to fill all vacant seats for Parish Council representatives on the Conduct Committee. Interested members are invited to complete the expression of interest form and return to Joanna Morley, RCC Governance Officer before 1 November 2019.</li> <li>NA read out a letter of resignation detailing his reasons for standing down as Parish Councillor. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All present wished him well in his future endeavors and expressed that he would be sorely missed.</li> <li>Letter of resignation to be sent to RCC to set the process for filling the casual vacancy.</li> <li>NM asked for the filling of the casual vacancy to be added to the next meeting agenda.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	CG CG
14. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting	Date of next meeting – 28 October 2019, 7.15 pm, Village Hall, Edith Weston	