EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 27 January 2014 in The Village Hall

Present: Councillors – G. Fagence (GF) ,J. Boddington (JB), H. Shepherd (HS), K. Simpson (KS), A. Tinsley (AT) and the Clerk; Barbara Shirley (BS)

Visitors: Councillor K. Bool (KB), Mrs I. Langford (IL), Mr N. Milne (NM)

Item	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Councillor Hawker, Councillor Crowden, County Councillor Waller	
2. Declarations of interest	None declared	
 Minutes of meeting held on November 2013 	Minutes agreed as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.	
4. Matters arising from minutes not on the agenda	None	
5. To note the current bank balance on the Parish Councils accounts	BS circulated the bank reconciliation for Q3	
	• Balance in Parish Council's accounts as at 31 December 2013:	
	 Current account £1537.95 	
	 Savings account £9576.73 	
6. To agree payment of invoices	It was agreed to pay the following invoices:	
	• Eon – quarterly maintenance charge - £86.18	
	• Lamin and White – quarterly payment - £36.00	
	• Mrs BM Shirley – stationery - £39.40	
7. Precept 2014/14 – proposed Parish Council budget	The Parish Council discussed the budget for 2014/15, and the following points were raised:	
	• The Parish Council should be mindful of the unresolved issue around electricity charges.	
	• There will be provision in the budget for a contribution from the Parish Council to the church clock, but the PCC will be invited to make an application for funds. AT informed the Parish Council that maintenance work needs to be carried out on access to the clock	
	• It was agreed that the Parish Council will begin a rolling replacement programme for seats in the village, starting with the seat outside the Village Hall	
	Safety measures –	
	 AT to find out the cost of installing gates on Normanton Road 	AT
	 The gates on Manton Road need repainting, but AT 	

	has the paint for this	
	 JB suggested the installation of a mirror on Manton Road, opposite Starlings, as this has now become a dangerous corner. It was agreed that the Parish Council will use the budget allocation for this, and any further safety measures will be funded from savings. GF to enquire about cost of installing a mirror. 	JB
	 Bus shelter – BS to seek confirmation from RCC that the maintenance of the bus shelter on Manton Road is the responsibility of the Ministry of Defence. 	BS
	• Defibrillator – a line to be included in the budget to cover the cost of batteries and replacement packs through the Community Heartbeat Trust. GF to identify costs.	GF
	It was also agreed:	
	• At the next meeting, the Parish Council will discuss how to invite village residents/groups to put forward suggestions for projects which the Parish Council could fund.	
	• HS suggested commemorating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a plaque on the Well Cross.	
8. Access to Edith Weston Glebe Land	• GF reported that he has written to the Land Agent to ask about installation of kissing gates on the Glebe Land.	
	• The response was that the Diocesan Board of Finance does not permit the installation of kissing gates on Diocesan land because of stock security. This response was also communicated to Rutland County Council.	
	• GF has looked at the Land Registry deeds for the hedge between Tommy's Close and the Glebe land, which seems to suggest this is Tommy's Close boundary, and a kissing gate could nevertheless be installed on Tommy's Close.	
	• There has been no maintenance to the Glebe land, or stock put on the land, for nearly three years. GF has informed the Land Agent of the tree which has fallen on the Glebe Land as a result of the recent storms, and which has crushed a fence. He has not received a response.	
	• GF will now pursue the matter direct with the Diocesan Board of Finance	GF
	• KS asked if the NFU have a view on the installation of kissing gate and stock security. GF to contact the NFU for advice.	GF
9. Update on ongoing safety issues in the Parish	• KS has contacted RCC about the poor condition of the grass verges on Weston Road, due to the heavy vehicles involved in the building work at 18 Weston Road. RCC have agreed to repair the verge by replacing the top dressing, smoothing	

	over and reseeding.	
	 In response to a request from HS, GF will look at the rubbish which has been revealed by the hedgecutting on Manton Road. 	
	• AT has not been in touch with Speedwatch, but will do so in April.	
10. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk	• KS to contact RCC in response to a request for Parish Council representation on the RCC Conduct Committee.	KS
	• GF to look at the possibility of securing funding from RCC for the installation of bicycle racks at The Wheatsheaf.	GF
	 RCC – Review of the statement of the licensing policy – no comment 	
	• BS to place request from RCC for foster parents on the Parish Council website	BS
	• KS confirmed that he has received confirmation from RCC that the draft Neighbourhood Plan has now been agreed for consultation. He hopes to bring this back to the Parish Council in February.	KS
11. To discuss any Planning Permission applications received	 Ref 2014/0025/FUL Lark Energy – installation of 3 no MW photovoltaic solar farm, Pit Lane, Ketton – not in the Parish Council boundaries 	
	 Ref 2013/1094/CLP Proposed siting of 1 no static caravan, Lyndon Lane, Hambleton –not in the Parish Council boundaries 	
	• Ref 2013/1088/CLE erection of timber shed for use ancillary to fruit growing, Lyndon Lane, Hambleton – not in the Parish Council, but BS to ask if this is linked to planning application above.	
	• Ref 2013/1095/FUL siting of 2 storage containers at rear of Rutland Cycles – objection on the grounds that this is not in keeping within the Rutland Water boundary, and with the surroundings	
	 Ref 2014/0072/CAT various works to 10 trees, 13-15 Church Lane – no objection 	
To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting	Date of the next Parish Council meeting confirmed as Monday 24 February, 7.15 pm, Edith Weston Village Hall.	