

EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 29 September 2014 in The Village Hall

Present: Councillors – G. Fagence (GF) , J. Boddington (JB), D. Crowden (DC), H.Shepherd (HS), P. Hawker (PH) and the Clerk; Barbara Shirley (BS)

Visitors: Mr N. Milne (NM) PC Paul Le Pla (PLP), Mr R. Lee (RL), Mrs I. Langford (IL), County Councillor Bool (KB)

Item	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Cllrs Simpson and Tinsley, County Councillor Waller	
2. Declarations of interest on items on the Agenda	None	
3. Minutes of meeting of extraordinary meeting of 11 August	Minutes agreed as a correct record.	
4. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda	No matters arising.	
5. To note the current bank balance on the Parish Council's accounts	As at 15 September, the balance in the Community Account was £2012.30. BS asked if the Parish Council would agree to the transfer of £2,000 from the savings account to the current account. Agreed PH, seconded by GF.	
6. To agree payment of invoices	Payment of invoices was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eon – quarterly maintenance payment £86.18• Society of Local Council Clerks – annual subscription - £64.00• Edith Weston Recreation Group – grant - £1,000• Edith Weston Village Hall – grant - £1,000• Edith Weston Village Hall – hall booking for 11 August - £10.00	
7. Asset Register	BS reminded Parish Councillors that HS had asked for a review of the Asset Register at this meeting, to discuss the inclusion of Well Cross. HS said that this is a recognized asset to the village, which should be maintained. She requested that this should be included in the asset register. Agreed by all those present.	

<p>8. Ongoing safety issues in the Parish</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC Paul LePla reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Crime spike at Lyndon campsite with thefts from motor vehicles (14 September) ○ 2 sheep stolen from Manton road, 85 from North Luffenham – no leads ○ Dog bite incident in Edith Weston on 30 August. Dog warden involved. ○ Theft from Sailing Club • Police solving plan for car parking around Rutland Water has just finished. The dam was a hotspot for thefts from cars. The barrier system to the car parks is reducing thefts from cars. Wooden posts on Normanton Road have also stopped cars parking in verges. • New police solving plan will be thefts from unattended motor cars. Recent thefts from vans belonging to builders staying at Redwings Lodge on the A47 at Morcott. • Changes to Leicestershire and Rutland Constabulary – at the request of KB, PLP informed the PC of the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Beat Officers and PCSOs will remain in post ○ From April 2015, response officers will come in from Melton Mowbray and other areas ○ Oakham Police Station is to close, and a police facility will be available from Rutland County Council offices at Catmose during working hours. ○ PLP confirmed that neighbourhood policing remains very important to the important to Leicestershire and Rutland Constabulary, and the changes will not result in a noticeable difference in police staffing levels. • Access to Rutland Water from Normanton Park Road: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GF confirmed that County Councillor Waller has drawn the Parish Council's attention to the closure of the access gate at Normanton Park Road. He asked RL to speak about the closure, as RL has raised the matter with Rutland County Council following closure of the gate by Anglian Water (AWA) in June. ○ Legal advisers at RCC believe AWA have not acted properly in closing the gate without any consultation or warning. AWA argue that the gate is not a public right of way, is a parking hazard, and that as a private owner, AWA can close the park in its entirety should they choose to do so (it is closed on Christmas Day) ○ RL suggested that the park is never closed, and that the issue may well be that AWA do not receive revenue from Rutland Water users parking near the dam. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To establish a public right of way, RCC has suggested an application for a Definitive Map Modification Order, which could be instigated by a parish council, supported by local evidence. <p>The following action points were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As the gate is technically in Empingham Parish, Edith Weston Parish Council will ask Empingham Parish Council for their views on the matters with a view to working together to resolve the issue ○ If Empingham PC agree, then Edith Weston PC will put User Evidence forms on the village website, in the shop and on the Parish Noticeboard. GF to speak to Stuart Crook at RCC. 	BS GF
10. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk has received a letter from Mr D. Forbes re. the request from the PCC for a grant towards grass cutting in the cemetery. It was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The amount agreed by the Parish Council is confirmed at £500, it is a one off payment, and the Parish Council will make enquiries of RCC about the contract for grass cutting in the village, including the cemetery, going forward ○ GF to discuss with Mr Forbes • Rutland Citizens Advice Bureau Afternoon Tea, 7 October – no action required • RCC Parish Council forum, 21 October – Parish Council to note – no further action required. • Local Works – Parish Councils to be granted the right to sell electricity – no action required. • Call Connect number change – BS to put on village website • Strengthening Local Democracy Together – no action required. • BS has received a late invoice from GF for £200.00 from the Tree Taylor in respect of maintenance of trees off the Glebe Land. This was discussed at the Parish Council meeting in June. BS asked if the PC would agree to pay this invoice or it would have to wait until the October meeting. This was agreed. 	
11. To discuss any Planning Permission applications received between now and the meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ref 2014/0834/FUL – replacement of garden room to rear of north elevation, 41-43 Weston Road – no objection • Ref 2014/0577/LBA – removal of existing porch and replacement of new porch, 7 Rectory Lane – permission refused - no action required • Ref 2014/0608/CAT – removal and reduction of trees – 37 Weston Road – planning permission granted - no action required • Ref 2014/0256/FUL – construction of two dwellings, 36 	BS

	Weston Road – appeal against refusal of planning permission – no action required.	
12. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting	Monday 27 October 2014, 7.15 pm, Village Hall, Edith Weston	