

EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillors – G. Fagence (GF) , J. Boddington (JB), D. Crowden (DC), A. Tinsley (AT), K.Simpson (KS), P. Hawker (PH) and the Clerk; Barbara Shirley (BS)

Visitors: Mr N. Milne (NM) , County Councillor Bool (KB), County Councillor Waller (GW)

| Item | Description | Action |
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| 1. Apologies | Cllr Shepherd, PC Paul LePla | |
| 2. Declarations of interest on items on the Agenda | None | |
| 3. Minutes of meeting of extraordinary meeting of 29 September | Minutes agreed as a correct record. | |
| 4. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda | No matters arising. | |
| 5. Presentation by Mrs S. Milner, Executive Head, Edith Weston School | Mrs Milner had not arrived at the meeting, and it was agreed to carry on with the business on the agenda. | |
| 6. To note the current bank balance on the Parish Council's accounts | BS reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Account - £1,580.99 (as at 15.10.14)• Business Money Manager account – £12,082.45 (as at 01.10.14) BS circulated bank reconciliation for Q2. Total bank interest accrued during the period was £2.31 | |
| 7. To agree payment of invoices | Payment of invoices was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lamin and White monthly payroll - £36.00• Edith Weston PCC – contribution to grass cutting in the cemetery - £500 | |

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| <p>8. Ongoing safety issues in the Parish</p> | <p>Access to Rutland Water from Normanton Park Road:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk reported that she has received two different user evidence forms from RCC, with which to challenge Anglian Water on the closure of the gate at Normanton Park Road, and to apply for a Definitive Map Modification Order. PH confirmed that he has seen both forms, and that the full user evidence form is complicated. • It was agreed that BS will circulate both forms to the Parish Council so that a decision can be taken on how best to use the forms. • GW confirmed that a walking group of which she is a member has also challenged the closure of this access point to Rutland Water. • Yellow lines have now been put on the road around the the gate, and this has meant that more people are now parking cars on the verge to use the stile further up the road. As a result the bollards are now damaged. It was agreed that BS will contact David Brown at RCC to draw this to his attention. • KB will also put this on the next Rutland Water Partnership agenda • AT expressed concern at the danger to children as they run across the road from parked cars into the traffic. <p>Reduction in retained firemen at Oakham Fire Station</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to a question from NM, GF confirmed that the future of the retained firemen at Oakham Fire Station has been drawn to the attention of the Parish Council • KB confirmed that all Fire Authorities have had funding reduced to cover a £4m deficit in the Fire Service nationally. A deputation from Leicestershire and Rutland would be going to London on 28 October to put the case for different treatment as the county has the second lowest charge in the country. Either the county receives a dispensation from the reduction in funding, or the precept will have to increase as a one off. The fire station in Uppingham is manned only by a retained crew at a cost of £113k per annum. Oakham Fire Station is manned by a whole time crew and a retained crew. In order to reduce expenditure it is proposed that the retained crew is disbanded, and heavy duty tenders based at the station could be utilised elsewhere. KB confirmed that the Chief Fire Officer will be coming to RCC Scrutiny Committee on 27 November to discuss the proposals. If a representative from the Parish Council wished to attend, they will be welcome (7 pm in the Council Chamber). No final decisions will be taken until February 2015. • The matter was raised in the Parish Council Forum, the minutes of which will be circulated to all Parish Councils. | <p>BS</p> <p>BS</p> <p>KB</p> |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that depending on the outcome of the deputation to London, the Parish Council will raise their concerns with the Fire Authority, and Member of Parliament. <p>Safety concerns for the village:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NM confirmed that an attempt was made to burgle his house when he was on holiday. He felt the response from the police was tardy, and expressed concern that this is part of a general move by police, ambulance and fire to withdraw services in rural areas to leave them more vulnerable. GW confirmed that the Ambulance Service has been to RCC Scrutiny Committee three times, and they have now been able to produce Rutland specific data on response times. She is now more hopeful that this will provide ammunition to show that their policy of reducing service is detrimental to Rutland's rural area. GF confirmed that it took 45 minutes for an ambulance to arrive in response to a call in the village. AT has waited 6 hours for an ambulance in the past. <p>Lamp post King Edwards Way/Manton Lane – this appears to be rotting and has been reported to RCC.</p> | |
| 9. Replacement of seats in Edith Weston | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PH reminded the Parish Council that it was proposed earlier in the year to start a rolling programme of replacing the seats in the village, starting with the one outside the village hall. GF confirmed that the Tommy's Close Trustees would be prepared to give their seat to the PC if the PC is willing to replace it with another seat. It was agreed that JB will survey all the seats in the village and report back. | JB |
| 10. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BS has received a letter from RCC, re. Parish Councils taking responsibility for grass cutting. She has expressed interest, as requested in the letter. GW asked the Parish Council to ensure they are fully aware of the areas for grass cutting in the Parish. GF read out the letter received from the Chair of Tommy's Close Trustees, thanking the Parish Council for the donation to the maintenance of the play area. In response to a question from DC, GF said that it was hoped that the Trustees will be able to audit how many Army families make use of the play area once they have all moved into Edith Weston LRALC - meeting with Chief Executive of the NALC, 25 November – no action required. High Sheriff's Winter Heating Appeal – BS to place details on the Parish Council's webpage | BS |

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| <p>11. To discuss any Planning Permission applications received between now and the meeting</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ref 2014/0799/CAT - felling of one tree, 22 Rectory Lane – permission granted • Ref 2014/0801/CAT – crowning of trees, 33 Weston Road – permission granted • Ref 2014/0699/CAT – crowning of trees, 23 Weston Road – permission granted • Ref 2014/0913/LBA – regularisation of existing roof lights, 37 Weston Road – no objection • Ref 2014/0883/CAT – felling of one tree , 4 Tyler Close – no objection • Ref 2014/0900/FUL – replacement of single storey side extension with new two storey side extension, 20 King Edwards Way – no objection | |
| <p>12. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting</p> | <p>Monday 24 November, 7.15 pm, Village Hall, Edith Weston:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs S. Milner to be invited to attend • In response to a comment from DC about cleaning of gullies and drains, KB suggested that the Parish Council might wish to write to Dave Brown at RCC Highways, to express concern about those drains which block in Edith Weston, particularly the one between Weston Road and King Edward’s Way. JB to carry out drains survey and report back to the Parish Council. KB asked that he and GW are copied into the letter from the Parish Council. | <p>JB</p> |