

EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 24 November 2014 in The Village Hall

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

Visitors: County Councillor Waller (GW), Mrs J. Tinsley (JT)

| Item | Description | Action |
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| 1. Apologies | County Cllr Bool, Cllr Simpson | |
| 2. Declarations of interest on items on the Agenda | AT – agenda item 11 | |
| 3. Minutes of meeting of extraordinary meeting of 27 October | 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 | <p>Mrs Milner was unable to attend due to illness. PH read out a report from Edith Weston School on her behalf , which will be attached to the minutes of this meeting (Appendix A)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In response to a question from GF, PH confirmed that anticipated numbers at the school will not exceed capacity. GW - North Luffenham has increased its capacity to 30 for each year group to cover an anticipated increase.• GF confirmed that Federation has helped to raise standards at Edith Weston School GW reminded the Parish Council that Ofsted still have concerns, but the negative impact of the transition of pupils is fully understood by RCC.• PH urged the Parish Council to visit the school, and reminded the meeting that the pre-school will reopen in January 2015, and the school pool will be open to local residents in due course. | PH/BS |
| 6. To note the current bank balance on the Parish Council's accounts | <p>BS reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Account - £845.84 (as at 15 November 2014) | |

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| <p>7. Precept 2014/15</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk circulated an update of expenditure to Q3 against the precept 2014/15. • RCC have asked that the Precept Requirement Form for 2015-16 is returned by 19 January • It was agreed that the next precept will include a line for non metered electricity - £400 • The precept will also cover the costs of a contract for grass cutting <p>Action points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GF to copy and circulate RCC map showing grass cutting areas in Edith Weston parish to check it is correct • PH to find out which contractors are currently cutting the grass • All Parish Councillors asked to consider options for setting of the precept • Next Parish Council meeting to be held on 12 January 2015 (brought forward from 26 January) to discuss precept <p>In answer to a question from DC, GF confirmed that he will ask RCC for a roadsweeper for Weston Road.</p> | <p>GF</p> <p>PH</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>GF</p> |
| <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"> • GW confirmed that at full Council, she raised the matter of the closed gate at Normanton Park Road with the Chair of the Rutland Water Partnership . This is now on the agenda for the next meeting of the RWP • GF to speak to the Chair of Empingham Parish Council to find out what action they will be taking. <p>Reduction in retained firemen at Oakham Fire Station:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GW confirmed that the deputation to London to argue the case for a dispensation for the Leicestershire and Rutland Fire Service was unsuccessful. She asked the Parish Council to make their objections known to the proposals to reduce the retained service in Oakham. • GF will hope to attend the meeting with the Fire Chief in the Council Chamber on 27 November. • HS suggested it would be helpful if the standard letter and poster were enlarged and placed on the parish noticeboard, advising people to visit the shop to pick up a letter. | <p>GF</p> <p>GF</p> |

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| <p>9. Replacement of seats in Edith Weston</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB confirmed that he had looked at the seats in the village, and the seat outside the village hall is the only one which needs replacing. • He had also looked at the drains and confirmed that the drain in Weston Road needs unblocking <p>Action points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GF proposed replacing the seat outside the village hall with a seat from Tommy's Close. The Parish Council will pay for the cost of a new seat for Tommy's Close. All in favour • GF confirmed to DC that he will ask RCC for a roadsweeper to clear the drain on Weston Road | <p>GF</p> <p>GF</p> |
| <p>10. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Playing Fields Association have asked Parish Councils to contact them if they believe they might hold information on sports activities in their parish. BS to contact PFA. • In response to an e mail from Alan Jury, GF confirmed that had had attended an official opening of the sculpture near the barracks. RCC will be signposting to the sculpture from Church Lane and the pub car park • RCC have circulated proposals to deliver planning applications online, rather than in paper copy. The Parish Council agreed that this may cause problems for those Parish Councillors who do not have internet access. GF asked the Parish Clerk to put this on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting • Request for Parish Council to consider upgrading a cycleway/footway between Normanton and Ketton – although the Parish Council agreed that it is dangerous for cyclists using the road between Normanton and Ketton, the proposed route of the cycleway is not within the Parish Council boundaries, and no action will be taken by the Parish Council • Festive Bus Service in Rutland – BS to place details on noticeboard and on website • GF to complete Fire Service consultation proposals on behalf of the Parish Council. | <p>BS</p> <p>BS</p> <p>BS</p> <p>GF</p> |
| <p>11. To discuss any Planning Permission applications received between now and the meeting</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ref 2014/0913/LBA – regularization of roof lights, 37 Weston Road – permission granted • Ref 2014/0883/CAT – fell eucalyptus tree, 4 Tyler Close – permission granted • Ref 2014/0834/FUL – replacement of garden room , 41-43 Weston Road – permission granted • Ref APP/A2470/A/11/2160755/NWF – public inquiry to determine appeal - Lyndon Top Farm, Hambleton – no action required • Ref 2014/1002/FUL – permission to alter existing planning | |

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| | permission for first storey addition to garage. JT attended to speak to the application. There were no objections to the proposal. | |
| 12. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting | Monday 12 January 2015, 7.15 pm, Village Hall, Edith Weston: | |



BRIEF FOR EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

It has been a great privilege being part of EWPS for the last year or so. During this time I have started to understand the unique challenges and excitement that working with service families brings. Being located in such a beautiful village is a real bonus and we try to use the local environment as much as possible to enhance learning opportunities for the children.

Our school community is transient with children moving in and out on a regular basis. We presently have approx. 55 children on roll. Next summer, two new regiments will be moving into St Georges Barracks and our school will once again be alive with children! I have been to Germany to meet the families moving to the area and they are all very positive about the move and looking forward to life in Rutland. During my stay, I visited all 5 local schools and met many families. I am reassured that the incoming community will be supportive, hardworking and keen to be part of our community.

We have secured MOD funding to refurbish our swimming pool and to maintain our staffing levels during the period of low numbers. Our pool is now up and running and we are keen to offer this facility to the community – beginning with mum and toddler sessions in January and hopefully family swim sessions soon after.

Our Little Ospreys pre-school will also be opening in January and we hope to extend this in preparation for the new children arriving next summer.

We are holding our carol service in church on Thursday 18th December and everyone is welcome to join us.

We are very proud of our school and the great achievements we have managed in a short time. The future of our school is exciting and we hope very much to strengthen our links with the local community. Please do look at our website to get a taste of all that we do and our weekly newsletter is very informative – happy to send out if there are any requests.

Visitors are most welcome to our school at any time so please do contact me if you would like to come and see the work we do.

Many thanks

Sharon Milner