

EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 11 January 2016

Present: Councillors – G.Fagence (GF)(Chair), J. Boddington (JB), N. Milne (NM), P. Coe (PC), I. Langford (IL)

Visitors: PCSO N. Welsh (NW), Captain W. Quigley (WQ), R. Harris (RH), M. Ellwood-Wade (MEW), T. Clegg (TC)

Item	Description	Action
1. Apologies	County Councillor Bool, County Councillor Waller, Councillor Shepherd	
2. Update on ongoing safety issues in the Parish	<p>The Chair asked PCSO Welsh to present the report on crime for the Rutland South area for the last 30 days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Burglary from a dwelling in Edith Weston at the beginning of December• Batteries stolen from fields in Bisbrooke and Empingham• 4 fatal road collisions in Rutland during December – quite a high number for the area• Problem solving plans around burglaries in Ketton, and harecoursing on the A47 and farm fields at Lyndon. GF remarked that he has disturbed some hare coursing activity on the North Luffenham/Morcott bridge track. He has contacted the police when he noticed the van involved parked at a local farm.• NW advised ringing 101 to let the police know of any activity or information relating to hare coursing• WQ said that the patrols are still going through the village, and it was agreed that the village has benefitted from this.• The Chair thanked NW for her report.	
3. Declarations of interest on items on the Agenda	No declarations of interest received.	
4. Minutes of meeting of meeting of 30 November	Minutes of the meeting of 30 November 2015 agreed as a correct record.	
5. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Clerk reported she has received an e mail from Alan Jury, confirming that he is still waiting to hear from David Forbes on behalf of the PCC about the Lancaster bomber memorial plaque	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IL asked the Clerk if any progress had been made with obtaining guidance on what is involved in a Parish Council taking on responsibility for a cemetery. BS confirmed that she was waiting for relevant guidance from LRALC 	
6. Election of casual vacancy to Edith Weston Parish Council	<p>The Clerk took the chair. She reported that one candidate had come forward for the casual vacancy to the Parish Council, and a brief cv had been circulated to all parish councilors. The Clerk asked if the vote to co-opt RH to the casual vacancy on the Parish Council could take place by a show of hands. This was agreed.</p> <p>On a show of hands, all those present agreed to the co-option of Richard Harris to the casual vacancy on Edith Weston Parish Council.</p> <p>RH was invited to join the meeting, and to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and Register of Interests forms.</p>	
7. To note the current bank balance on the Parish Council's accounts	<p>The Clerk reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community account (15 December) - £2708.35 Business Money Manager account (1 January) - £9089.53 	
8. To agree payment of invoices	<p>The following invoices were presented for payment, and agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eon – quarterly maintenance payment - £86.18 Eon – non metred electricity, November – £59.15 	
9. Precept 2016/17– to agree Parish Council budget for financial year 2016/17	<p>GF reported that there have been informal working group meetings held since the last Parish Council meeting to agree the precept for the coming financial year.</p> <p>NM circulated a spreadsheet which he has prepared for budget setting purposes, including a graph showing how the Edith Weston precept has flatlined in comparison to other parishes in recent years. The Parish Council has now reached a stage where there is a need to improve the look of the village. Well Cross has been identified as a special project, and in discussion with Steve Coe at RCC it appears it would be possible for the Parish to apply for project funding in addition to the precept.</p> <p>PC asked if Corey might be approached to help fund improvements to Well Cross, perhaps via match funding.</p> <p>The Parish Council precept for 2016/17 was proposed at £8922.94 to include additional £2.4k for improvements to Well Cross and installation of additional noticeboards in the village.</p> <p>This represents an additional £11 approximately on a Band D property, and £22 on a Band F property.</p> <p>In answer to a question from TC and MEW, WQ agreed to find out if the</p>	WQ

	<p>MOD are responsible for refilling the grit bin at Derwent/Coniston Roads. Is this part of the management fee paid by residents?</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed to accept the precept of £8922.94 for 2016/17. GF thanked NM for his work on preparing the budget spreadsheets.</p>	
10. Update on ongoing safety issues in the Parish	<p>Village gates - GF confirmed that there is no spare set of gates for the village. However another set of gates may be impractical since the Normanton Road and North Luffienham Road entrances to the village both have footpaths.</p> <p>It was noted by WQ that motorists are not slowing down at the 30mph roundels on the road from the barracks up to the roundabout. Concern was also expressed about safety for children going to school along Manton Road, and the lorries using the road. It was agreed it is unlikely to be Ellis lorries. NM suggested some of the glebe land might be used to widen the pathway along Manton Road. TC expressed concern that there might be another accident involving a pedestrian or a cyclist such as the one which occurred 8 years ago. GF reminded the Parish Council that parents had been advised to walk their children through the village to get to school. The following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GF to approach David Brown, the County Councillors and the police about the possibility of widening the pathway along Manton Road. RH suggested the relocation of the interactive sign nearer to the school. GF to approach RCC. <p>Defibrillator – This is now fully equipped, and IL has cleaned out the box. GF has asked the Community Heartbeat Trust for spare parts. RH expressed concern about how the defibrillator works should there be an emergency, and suggested that a note be put into the box explaining how this works. IL agreed to take this forward.</p> <p>Street lights – No current problems to report. The Clerk has received a letter from RCC indicating that arrangements for street lighting are currently under review. This was raised by County Councillor Waller at the last Parish Council meeting.</p>	<p>GF</p> <p>GF</p> <p>IL</p>
11. Update on environmental issues in the Parish	<p>Grass cutting – £1074.86 has now been received from RCC in respect of grass cutting in the Parish. BS will now take this forward with Corey</p> <p>Weeds – HS to raise this at next meeting</p> <p>Well Cross – IL asked the Parish Council to consider what might be required to improve the area around Well Cross. It has already been agreed that the seat needs refurbishment, and the area needs spraying with weedkiller and repointing. IL to speak to the Listed Buildings Officer to find out work can be done to Well Cross as it is in a</p>	<p>BS</p> <p>IL</p>

	<p>conservation area. The Clerk to speak to Neil at 2 Well Cross, who is it is believed is an arboriculturist, and might be able to advise on the work needed to improve the lime tree.</p> <p>Parish Council noticeboards – Discussion took place about the siting of a second noticeboard – perhaps on land near the pumping station close to the school. WQ requested all the details of dimensions/details of a new noticeboard and then he can find out if the MOD can help if it turns out they own the land. IL asked if it would be possible to refurbish the current noticeboard – GF to find out.</p>	GF
12. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rutland County Council – notice of temporary closure of Station Road, South Luffenham, January/February 2016 – no action required. This is now on the Parish Council website. • Rutland County Council, Parish Council forum, 28 January – no action required. • Citizens Advice Bureau Rutland – request for Members from Parish Councils – no action required. • Carter Jonas – Edith Weston Tree Triangle Tidying licence received 	
13. To discuss any Planning Permission applications received between now and the meeting	<p>PC reported:</p> <p>Letter received from RCC re. application to demolish three houses, and replace with one at Hambleton – planning permission granted.</p> <p>ref: 2015/1077/FUL: Demolition of single storey rear extension and replacement with two storey rear extension, 6 Well Cross – no objections.</p>	
14. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting	Monday 29 February, 7.15 pm, Village Hall, Edith Weston	