

EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 27 June 2016

Present: Councillors N. Milne (NM), I. Langford (IL), J. Boddington (JB), P. Coe (PC), R. Harris (RH)

Visitors: County Cllr G. Waller (GW), Captain J. Heath (JH)

Item	Description	Action
1. Apologies	County Councillor Bool	
2. Declarations of interest on items on the Agenda	NM – payment to Metasys (agenda item 6)	
3. Minutes of meeting of meeting 16 May 2016	Minutes of the meeting of 16 May agreed as a correct record.	
4. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda	<p>P3, agenda item 8 – the Clerk confirmed that Cory reissued a correct invoice for the village grass cutting, and this has now been paid - £273.60.</p> <p>P3, agenda item 9 – the laptop has now been added to the inventory of assets</p> <p>P5, agenda item 11 – a cheque for £291.04 has been sent to Came and Company for the Parish Council insurance</p> <p>The Chair proposed a Public Forum agenda item should be included at the beginning of each meeting to provide an opportunity for matters to brought to the attention of the Parish Council by Parish residents. This was agreed.</p>	
5. Finance	<p>a) To note the current bank balance on the Parish Council's accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Clerk reported a balance of £8515.76 in the Community Account as at 15 June. No transfer of funds has been made to the savings account as there are a number of budgeted items of expenditure which will need to be paid in the short term including the expenditure on Well Cross. <p>b) Draft Financial Model Regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Draft Financial Regulations have been amended by the Clerk following discussion at the May meeting. These were agreed by those present. <p>c) Budget planning for 2017 – request for proposals.</p>	

	<p>NM asked if anyone had any proposals to add to the 2017 budget. IL reminded the Parish Council of a proposal to plant bulbs at the entrance to the village. IL also reminded the Parish Council that the grass cutting contract with Cory will come up for renewal and it will provide an opportunity to either renew the contract with Cory or find a new contractor. In addition the Parish Council might wish to consider if they can improve the cut of the grass ie rotary or cylinder cutting. RH asked about grass collection, but GW confirmed that RCC never used a grass collection system. IL to ask Cory for quotes for a cylinder cut.</p> <p>JH was asked about grass cutting on MOD land. He confirmed that grass cutting is only done when the grass reaches a certain height, and is done by a facility maintenance company. RH asked if it would be possible to combine grass cutting with street cleaning, but GW confirmed that RCC were unlikely to agree to co-ordinate their street cleaning with grass cutting in the village.</p> <p>The Chair asked the Parish Council to let him know if there are other items for the budget they wish to be included.</p>	IL
6. To agree payment of invoices	<p>The following invoices were agreed for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eon – non metred electricity for May 2016 - £61.12 • Eon – quarterly maintenance - £86.18 • Edith Weston Village Hall Committee – hire of hall for meetings to 31.03.2017 - £105.00 • Mrs B. Shirley – stationery and postage - £52.05 • Metasys – website domain hosting - £30.00 • Lamin and White – preparation of Parish Council annual accounts - £150.00 	BS
7. Update on environmental issues in the Parish	<p>Grass cutting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IL had no more to add to the discussion earlier in the meeting. <p>Weston Road:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith Simpson has asked the Parish Council to discuss the maintenance of grass verges on Rutland Road. It was confirmed that planning applications do include provision for “making good” in the event of damage caused by contractors during building work. IL confirmed that the grass verge outside Keith Simpson’s property has been damaged by a large vehicle, but it is unclear who is responsible for the damage. Grass is now growing over the damage, but the Parish Council will contact RCC to express concern that they have not pursued the developer to get them to repair the damage, and to express the 	BS

	<p>hope that they will bear this in mind in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance of the footpath - IL has confirmed with RCC that repair to the footpath on Weston Road has been moved up the schedule. Maintenance of the footpath - IL has confirmed with RCC that repair to the footpath on Weston Road has been moved up the schedule. There are now a number of green arrows on the road suggesting that work should be starting shortly. <p>The Pingle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alan Jury has asked the Parish Council to look into the condition of the Pingle. RCC have been out to look at it and the path has been strimmed. There is a bees nest in the wall but this does not need to be moved. However IL noted a bow in the wall at 1 St Mary's Close. Unfortunately the wall has now collapsed into The Pingle and RCC are coming out to survey it. Bushes are growing through into the Pingle from 5 Church Lane, of 5 Weston Road, and whilst RCC can send a formal letter asking Mr Burton to remove them, NM will speak to Mr Burton. <p>Well Cross:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NM, JB and IL have formed a small sub-committee in order to take forward the Well Cross refurbishment. Three quotes have been obtained for the building work. RCC own the land and require all contractors on their land to obtain special licences. This has meant that private contractors have had to add up to £700 to their quotation. Currently RCC have quoted £1823.95 for the planned refurbishment. RCC will contribute £557.30 towards the cost of refurbishment, leaving the Parish Council a balance of £1266.64 to pay. JB will supervise the building work. Neil Farmer has looked at costings and plans and will be working with JB. The lower branches of the tree on Well Cross will be cut back because they are now overhanging the road. New York paving will replace the current paving around the Well Cross monument plinth. The current stone will be lifted and reused under the new centrally placed bench. Shade tolerant grass will be laid around the tree and monument. IL asked for approval from the Parish Council to go ahead with the quotation from RCC whose work schedule is now being planned for September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed: JB 	<p>NM</p> <p>IL</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seconded: PC and RH • IL to go back to RCC to ask them to go ahead with the work. • JB has received a verbal quotation of £239 for a 4' galvanised steel seat, but the PC would have to source the wood for the seat. When he receives the written quotation, he will circulate this round the Parish Council. <p>Parking, Well Cross:</p> <p>The Chair has received an e mail from Jayne Barber expressing concern about parking in Well Cross. BS has been in touch with Mrs Barber to explain that while work is being done on the refurbishment of 6 Well Cross, contractors' vans and lorries are taking up parking space, and residents are now having to park outside numbers 3, 5 and 7 Well Cross. She has suggested that once the work is complete, it should be possible to start parallel parking again.</p> <p>Parish Noticeboards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk will take this forward with JH. 	<p>JB</p> <p>BS</p>
8. Update on ongoing safety issues in the Parish	<p>Defibrillator:</p> <p>RH reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still not enough volunteers coming forward so he has leafleted Well Cross/Kings Edwards Way. • 12 people, but a minimum of 10, are needed to be trained (including CPR) and they should ideally live in the vicinity of the telephone box • In response to a question from IL, RH said that he will follow up the query about what happens when the someone answers the phone in the event of an emergency call, who is not the responder. • RH will report back at the next Parish Council meeting. • In answer to a question to JH, possibly Army paramedics could assist in the event of an emergency, but this would have to be discussed with the Community First Responder at East Midlands Ambulance – GW will raise this with East Midland Ambulance 	<p>GW</p>
9. Installation of broadband, Edith Weston Village Hall	<p>The Chair reported that the Edith Weston Village Hall Committee have agreed in principle to the installation of broadband in the village hall, provided the costs are picked up by the Parish Council.</p> <p>The Transparency Funding surplus will be used to cover the costs of installation and maintenance, and IT costs can be covered by this funding for a further 3 years. IT costs for 2016-17 of £1050 are in the</p>	

	<p>Parish Council budget for this year. The Chair asked the Parish Council to agree to fund the cost of installing broadband in the village hall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposed – PC ○ Seconded - JB 	
10. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk	<p>Prior to discussion of correspondence, the Chair asked JH if, going forward, he would like to take the opportunity of raising matters concerning the Army with the Parish and County Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A formal letter of resignation from the Parish Council has been received from Geoff Fagence. • Centenary Fields Programme • Cory Environment have now sold their commercial and municipal waste business to Biffa Waste Services • Eon – Deemed contract rates now increasing. The Clerk hoped that a move to a fixed term contract and use of internet banking will reduce electricity costs. • CPRE AGM and Summer Drinks Party 	
11. To discuss any planning permission applications received between now and the meeting	<p>PC updated the Parish Council on the progress of latest planning applications:</p> <p>Ref: 2016/0396/FUL, proposed extension, 29 Coniston Road – granted Ref: 2016/0447/CA, fell two leylandii trees, 55 Weston Road – granted Ref: 2016/0497/DIS, planning permission relating to building materials, 6 Well Cross- granted</p> <p>Harlequin Group for telcoms radio base station, Rutland Water Fishing Lodge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed site is the overflow car park at Normanton. • The mast will be 25m high and be higher than the surrounding trees • Harlequin have submitted a pre-application to RCC (Nick Thrower) but a government directive is encouraging wider telecommunication and telecoms applications do not need to go through general planning pathways. • PC and GW will discuss this with Nick Thrower, and GW will look into national legislation around the erection of telecoms masts. • It was confirmed that this application is outside the village boundary. • GW will speak to County Councillor Bool to get the views of Rutland Water Partnership (including Empingham Parish Council), but particularly Anglian Water as the landowners. 	<p>PC/GW</p> <p>GW</p>

	<p>Corporate Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC confirmed that he has commented on the Corporate Plan. <p>Proposal to stop up highway at Empingham Road, Ketton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Parish Council have now been advised this will progress to a public inquiry. 	
15. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting	Monday 25 July, 7.15 pm, Edith Weston Village Hall.	