

## **EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 25 July 2016**

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

Visitors: County Cllr G. Waller (GW), County Cllr K. Bool (KB), Captain J. Heath (JH), Mrs J. Rutherford, Mr B. Green (BG), Mrs R. Green (RG), Mr N. Farmer (NF), PCSO D. Freeman (DF)

Item	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Cllr R Harris (RH)	
2. Declarations of interest on items on the Agenda	None received.	
3. Update on ongoing safety issues in the Parish	DF reported on crime in the Rutland south area from the beginning of July. The current summer campaign is burglary patrols, particularly as people are away on holiday.	
4. Public Open Forum	JR is concerned about the size of a shed which has been constructed in the garden at 16 Church Lane. PC will ask the Planning Officer for his views, and if required, will ask RCC to send out an Officer to check this building meets requirements.	PC
5. To discuss any planning permission applications received between now and the meeting	PC update the Parish Council on progress of the latest planning applications  Harlequin Group for telcoms radio base station, Rutland Water Fishing Lodge: PC and GW met with the planning officer two weeks ago, and PC is meeting with the agent representing the applicants on 26 July. PC will say that the Parish Council and the County Council are of the view that there may be more sympathetic sites for the installation of the mast. The agent had already indicated to RCC that they are looking at other sites. PC to report back at next meeting.  2016/0613/FUL – erection of two four bedroomed dwellings to the rear of 36 Weston Road:  PC reminded the Parish Council that a previous planning application had been turned down on appeal. Since then the applicant has tried to meet most of the previous objections including size, stone, tiles, and saving the tree on the site. The Village Plan accepts small scale developments in the village so long as they are in keeping with the village. The application includes tarmac to the entrance to the properties, and it	PC

	<p>might be more appropriate to ask the applicant to change this to gravel, so long as it doesn't travel and cause a hazard. PC cannot see any reason why the Parish Council would object to this application.</p> <p>BG and RG expressed concern about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The impact on the immediate green environment looking down Rectory Lane, particularly as one of the houses is near to the road.</li> <li>• The houses will face on to their plot and inevitably the owners will wish to grow trees for privacy. This in turn will block the light to 11 Rectory Lane.</li> </ul> <p>PC reminded the Parish Council they can only look at the planning application in front of them, it complies with the Village Plan and RCC planning policies. NM asked the Parish Council to accept the planning application as presented to them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed PC</li> <li>• Seconded JB</li> </ul> <p>PC to write to RCC about bushes and trees, and material used for the entrance.</p> <p>Ref: 2016/0586/FUL, retrospective consent for alterations to windows and skylights, 33 Weston Road:</p> <p>The Parish Council felt that the alterations to the rear of the property are not sympathetic were not compliant with the original planning permission. It was agreed that PC and IL to be delegated to write to RCC on behalf of the Parish Council to express concern that these alterations are not in keeping with the original plans.</p> <p>Ref:2016/0656/CAT Raise crown of sycamore tree, 37 Weston Road - no objection</p> <p>Ref: 2016/0529/CAT Removal of 2 Silver Birch trees, The Grange, Normanton Road – planning permission granted.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>IL/PC</p>
6. Election to two casual vacancies to the Parish Council	<p>The Clerk reported that following publication of a formal notice of two Parish Council vacancies by RCC, one expression of interest had been received. BS had previously circulated a brief cv from the candidate. If the Parish Council were happy with it, and there were no questions to ask NF, the Clerk asked the Parish Council to vote to co-opt NF to the Parish Council:</p> <p>Proposed – IL and JB</p> <p>Seconded – PC and NM</p> <p>NF duly elected as a co-opted member of the Parish Council. BS to send all necessary documentation to NF for completion. The Parish Council will continue to advertise to fill the one remaining vacancy.</p>	<p>BS</p>

<p>7. Minutes of the last meeting of 27 June, and matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes of the meeting of 27 June agreed as a correct record.</li> <li>• No matters arising not on the agenda.</li> </ul>	
<p>8. Update on ongoing safety issues in the Parish</p>	<p><b>Speeding sign, Normanton Road</b> – BS has received a reply from RCC indicating that the speed sign is being replaced, and is currently on order, with a six week turnaround.</p> <p><b>Yellow lines, Normanton Road</b> – BS read out an e mail received from Mr J. von der Voelsungen, Parking Services Manager:</p> <p>“Looking back into public records, namely the Cabinet papers 19 August 2014:</p> <p><i>Edith Weston Parish Council commented as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <i>The bollards have prevented cars from parking on the grass verges. However they stop short of the sign to the village, and have in fact moved the problem into the village with an increased number of visitors parking cars in the village</i></li> <li>· <i>The exit from the Rutland Water car park is poor because it is lower than the main road, and visibility is restricted by a substantial tree.</i></li> <li>· <i>There is a danger that some vehicles may also start to park on the path by Cheney Wood.</i></li> </ul> <p>On that basis it seems that the Parish and ward member were consulted by my predecessor.</p> <p>Please note that a substantial portion of my section’s Lines &amp; Signs budget was allocated in 2015 to implement this approved scheme. Removal of lines on metalled road surfaces is a difficult and very costly activity.”</p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notwithstanding the comments made by the Parish Council in 2014 on parking along Normanton Road, the fact remains that neither the Parish Council or RCC were consulted about the yellow lines</li> <li>• The Parish Council accepts the cost implications of removing the yellow lines.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instead of removal, would it be acceptable to allow the lines to fade over time, and not be replaced.</li> </ul> <p>The Clerk to respond to RCC accordingly.</p> <p><b>Defibrillator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GW circulated details of the Community First Responder scheme.</li> <li>• RH has recruited sufficient volunteers to start the VETS (Village Emergency Telephone) scheme, and has informed the Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT).</li> <li>• JH has spoken to the Community First Responder Co-ordinator at Cottesmore, and it might be possible for Edith Weston to join with Cottesmore. The Air Ambulance can offer training, and currently the Camp are trying to put together their own scheme. Within a possible 8 mile radius, this could include the village.</li> </ul>	BS
9. Finance	<p>The Clerk reported the following balances on the Parish Council accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Account - £8050.40 (as at 15 July 2016)</li> <li>• Business Money Manager account - £9092.70 (as at 1 July 2016)</li> </ul> <p>The Q1 bank reconciliation will be reported at the next meeting.</p>	BS
10. To agree payment of invoices	<p>The following invoices were agreed for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cory Environmental – grass cutting for May 2016 - £182.40</li> <li>• Lamin and White – payroll services - £39.60</li> <li>• Eon – non metred electricity – June 2016 - £59.15</li> </ul>	
11. Update on environmental issues in the Parish	<p><b>Grass cutting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IL has nothing further to report. It is too early to seek quotes for 2017/18 at this time.</li> </ul> <p><b>Well Cross:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IL reported that she has now sourced a 4' bench costing £400 (with a discount) plus VAT + £90 plus VAT for delivery. The bench is galvanised and won't rust.</li> <li>• PC asked if it would be possible to look into the cost of a wrought iron bench which might be more in keeping with the immediate surroundings.</li> </ul>	NF

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NF to join the sub-committee to look into this suggestion further.</li> </ul> <p><b>The Pingle:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IL reported that RCC are aware of the collapse of the wall. The greenery along the path has been cut back and the wall will be repaired.</li> </ul> <p><b>Parish Noticeboards:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Clerk has confirmed with JH that the MOD are happy for a second parish noticeboard to be installed, provided the Parish Council meets the costs.</li> <li>BS has contacted the Parish Noticeboard Company – there are still some outstanding queries about the order.</li> <li>BS to report back at next meeting.</li> </ul>	BS
12. Installation of broadband, Edith Weston Village Hall	<p>NM has met with representatives from the Village Hall Committee, and it has been agreed that the equipment will be installed behind a locked door.</p> <p>At a recent Parish Council Forum meeting which NM attended, Jake Atkinson from LRALC confirmed that Transparency Funding will dry up in three years. NM on behalf of the Parish Council has entered into a two year contract with BT to provide broadband to the village hall.</p>	
13. Update from the Army	JH reminded the Parish Council that patrols are driving regularly through the village.	
14. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parish Council Forum, 18 July. NM reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation from Healthwatch</li> <li>Leicestershire Resilience Authority - may require all Parish Councils to complete a community response plan. It might be feasible to combine with other parishes on this.</li> <li>Planning – the Parish Council should review the Neighbourhood Plan every three years.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Rutland County Council and Alzheimer’s Society – support groups in Rutland in 2016/17</li> <li>Citizens Advice Rutland - update</li> </ul>	
15. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting	<p>Monday 22 August, 7.15 pm, Edith Weston Village Hall</p> <p>For future agendas, KB asked the Parish Council to consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which drains suffer in the village when the rainfall is heavy. RCC</li> </ul>	

	<p>would like to be made aware.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tree Preservation Orders annual review.</li></ul>	
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