

## **EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 22 August 2016**

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

Visitors: County Cllr G. Waller (GW), County Cllr K. Bool (KB), Sgt A. Wood (AW), PCSO D. Freeman (DF)

Item	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Cllr N. Farmer (NF)	
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 August: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Landrover Defenders being targeted for parts.</li><li>• Lead on church roofs now targeted, with thefts at Manton and Egleton.</li><li>• Hare coursing reported along the A47 corridor.</li><li>• Burglary patrols continue.</li></ul>	
4. Public Open Forum	Nothing to report.	
5. Minutes of the last meeting held on 25 July 2016	Minutes of the meeting of 25 July agreed as a correct record.	
6. Matters arising not on the agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agenda item 6 – the Clerk will readvertise for the Parish Council vacancy</li><li>• There is a possibility of someone being interested in becoming the village Tree Warden. The Clerk will follow this up.</li><li>• In answer to a question from IL, JB confirmed that the speeding sign on Manton Road is working. GW asked for views on the “smiley/sad face” style of speed camera thought to have worked well in Glaiston. AW remarked that the speeding sign in Langham appears to have confused its numbers. KB will look into this.</li></ul>	BS  BS  KB
7. To discuss any planning permission applications received between now and the meeting	PC update the Parish Council on progress of the latest planning applications:  Ref:2016/0656/CAT Raise crown of sycamore tree, 37 Weston Road - planning permission granted.  Ref: 2016/0702/LBA two storey and ground floor extension, 7 Rectory	

	<p>Lane. PC has looked at the plans and the extension proposes changes the current layout to provide a two bedroom house and bathroom. IL expressed concern that the curved canopy porch might not suit the style of building, although it has to fit under the window above. It was agreed that the Parish Council will write to express their concern that the porch might not be in keeping but will support the application.</p> <p>It was noted that noticed that the application refers to planning consent for a new dwelling within the garden As far as the Parish Council is aware no material works have been undertaken to implement the consent and the consent contains a condition stating that the development should start within three years from the date of planning permission. PC to ask RCC if this application has lapsed.</p> <p>Telecoms mast, Rutland Water Fishing Lodge: NM is looking into alternative locations for the mast, and will report back at the next meeting.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>PC</p> <p>NM</p>
8. Update on ongoing safety issues in the Parish	<p><b>Edith Weston Village Emergency Telephone Scheme (VETS) – RH reported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The defibrillator is now hooked into the web based system operated by the Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT), and is inspected weekly. RH has appointed a deputy to carry out the inspection when he is away (confirmed as Stephanie Goldby).</li> <li>• The VETS system required volunteers, who can answer emergency calls and bring the defibrillator to where it is needed. Ideally the volunteers should be medics, and RH has now recruited 5 doctors and 2 nurses. 10 volunteers in total would be preferable.</li> <li>• RH is waiting to hear from the CHT for a date for volunteer training in CPR and use of the defibrillator. This will probably take place in the Village Hall. The cost will be free for the first year, and then £100 annually.</li> <li>• RH asked the Parish Council for views on what would be the best way to get the emergency number into peoples' homes. It was agreed that magnetic cards to put on a fridge would be more useful than paper. GW confirmed that magnetic cards had been distributed in North Luffenham. RH will take this forward.</li> <li>• In answer to a question from IL, RH confirmed that when the emergency number is rung, the call goes simultaneously to all volunteers, and will continue to ring until a volunteer confirms they are available to fetch the defibrillator. A "map" from the Community Heartbeat Trust was circulated, showing the journey once the emergency was reported.</li> <li>• KB asked if the Parish Council provided a Welcome Pack for new arrivals to the village in which case the card could be included in</li> </ul>	<p>RH</p>

	<p>that. NM asked that the Welcome Pack is put on the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p><b>LED lighting updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Clerk has received an e mail from Neil Tomlinson at RCC about the proposed LED lighting upgrades:</li> </ul> <p><i>Following their meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> 2016, Cabinet APPROVED that the Council upgraded all suitable stock to LED units, recover energy costs for community lighting from town and parish councils/meetings and inspect and maintain all lighting stock throughout the County.</i></p> <p><i>RCC will be undertaking upgrades to all suitable streetlights over the next 6 months.</i></p> <p><i>Further to previous correspondence, please find attached a schedule of the lights that will be replaced in your Parish, including a location plan.</i></p> <p><i>Once the upgrades to these lights have been completed, RCC will commence full responsibility for the maintenance of all lighting within this Parish. These upgrades should be completed by the end of November 2016.</i></p> <p><i>The Parish will be re-charged the cost of Community lighting, commencing in the financial year 2017/18. This rate will be subject to change dependent on current energy prices. The energy price used for the calculation will be communicated prior to invoicing.</i></p> <p><i>Your parish charge for 2017/18 will be £243.43 based on current energy rates of £0.096317/kwh.</i></p> <p><i>You will be invoiced in January 2018, and subsequent Januarys' thereafter.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BS confirmed that the proposals represent a considerably saving in energy costs to the Parish, and in accordance with Neil Tomlinson's request, asked that the Parish Council confirm they are satisfied with the proposal. This was agreed by present.</li> </ul>	BS
9. Update on environmental issues in the Parish	<p><b>Well Cross:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grass will be laid on the area around the Well Cross, using reclaimed stone under the bench.</li> <li>Another bench has been found which it was agreed is more in keeping with the immediate area. This will cost £645 plus VAT, with another £150 plus VAT for delivery. It will be fixed and rustproofed. Colour is fir green, with a wood seat.</li> <li>RCC are currently in communication with Historic England about the permissions and procedures required as the Well Cross is a listed monument. RCC is also discussing with Historic England to ensure their contractors are suitable as H.E. has to approve any contractors</li> </ul>	

	<p>used for work undertaken</p> <p><b>Parish Noticeboards:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BS has now placed an order for a new Parish Noticeboard, which will be installed on the corner of Crummock Avenue.</li> <li>• AW will enquire if it is possible to find someone from the MoD who would be able to help install it.</li> <li>• NM asked the Parish Council for their agreement that he finds someone to renovate the old noticeboard. This was proposed by PC, and seconded by JB.</li> <li>• GW reminded the Parish Council that their financial regulations do allow for delegated amounts to be spent without consultation to the Parish Council, or the Parish Council should have a list of preferred contractors with a preferred limit. BS to check the Parish Council financial regulations.</li> </ul>	BS
10. Update from the Army	<p>AW reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that the Army still continues patrols round the village.</li> <li>• Currently awaiting a decision from the MoD on whether the construction of new kennels will go ahead.</li> </ul>	
11. Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk reported a balance on £7,474.14 in the Community Account as at 15 August 2016.</li> <li>• The Q1 bank reconciliation was circulated, showing a closing balance of £17,469.88 as at 30 June 2016.</li> <li>• The Parish Council was asked to agree the Parish Clerk annual salary increase from £8.61 per hour to £8.71 per hour. Proposed by PC, seconded by IL, and all in favour. NM signed new contract of employment accordingly.</li> </ul>	
12. To agree payment of invoices	<p>The following invoices were agreed for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Parish Noticeboard Company - £451.20</li> <li>• Eon – non metered electricity, July 2016 - £61.12</li> </ul>	
13. To discuss grant for the PCC towards the maintenance of the cemetery	<p>The Chair has received a request from the Treasurer of the PCC for a contribution from the Parish Council towards the maintenance of the cemetery. He reminded the Parish Council that an amount of £450 for this purpose is included in the Parish Council budget. He therefore asked the Parish Council to agree to a grant of £450 to the PCC:</p> <p>Proposed – IL</p> <p>Seconded – RH</p>	

	All in favour.	
14. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A request has been received from the Chair of Rutland Branch CPRE, asking all Parish Councils in Rutland if they would be interested in the donation of an oak tree. It was agreed that this should be taken forward with the Tommy's Close committee.</li> <li>Annual Canvass of Electors – reminder from RCC that residents should check details on the electoral register – BS will put this on the website.</li> </ul>	BS BS
15. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting	Monday 26 September, 7.15 pm, Edith Weston Village Hall	