

EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 26 September 2016

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

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

| Item | Description | Action |
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| 1. Apologies | No apologies received | |
| 2. Declarations of interest on items on the Agenda | NM – 7 Church Lane planning application – applicant is his next door neighbour. | |
| 3. Update on ongoing safety issues in the Parish | DF reported on crime in the Rutland south area from the beginning of September: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 thefts, including one in Edith Weston• Hare coursing along the A47 corridor is a main problem, and will be the next problem solving plan. | |
| 4. Public Open Forum | Nothing to report. | |
| 5. Minutes of the last meeting held on 22 August 2016 | Minutes of the meeting of 22 August agreed as a correct record. | |
| 6. Matters arising not on the agenda | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Clerk will advertise the Parish Council vacancy in the Church magazine, village shop, Parish Council noticeboard, and on the website• NM will source a painter and decorator for the refurbishment of the Parish Council noticeboard. Proposed by IL, seconded by NF, all agreed | BS NM |
| 7. To discuss any planning permission applications received between now and the meeting | PC updated the Parish Council on progress of the latest planning applications: Ref 2016/0834/FUL - single storey extension to form new side entrance, utility and shower room, 7 Church Lane – No comments, all agreed Ref 2016/0871/LBA - replacement of two single pane windows with 2 casement 2 pane windows, 17 Well Cross – windows to be replaced using matching materials. No comments, all agreed. Ref 2016/0863/CAT -trim back various trees, 23 Weston Road – no comments, all agreed. | |

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| | <p>Ref 2016/0855/CAT crown 1 ash tree, 1 Well Cross – no objections, all agreed</p> <p>Ref 2016/0838/FUL – erection of single detached dwelling and garage, 36 Weston Road – applicant has appealed re. the application for two dwellings on this site because RCC have not made a decisions or communicated with him. In relation to the application for a single detached dwelling, the following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The house is large and not in keeping with the houses in Rectory Lane. • The house is too modern in style compared with others in Rectory Lane. • Unlike the properties on the opposite side of Rectory Lane, this will be seen from the road. • The Neighbourhood Plan makes it clear that development in the village should be to attract families, on the grounds that two medium sized houses are better than one large house. <p>It was agreed that PC will write to RCC reminding them that the Parish Council have agreed to the previous application. PC to also write to the Inspector saying the Parish Council has no objection to the earlier planning application for two dwellings on this site.</p> <p>2016/0701/FUL two storey extension, 7 Rectory Lane – this has been approved.</p> <p>2016/0586/FUL, 33 Weston Road – this has been granted retrospective planning permission as RCC viewed this as an amendment to the original application. PC expressed the view that the working relationship with RCC Planning Officers needs to be closer as the granting of retrospective planning permission in this case sets a dangerous precedent. GW asked why this had not been regarded as a new application, and asked if RCC are referencing the Neighbourhood Plan when reviewing planning applications.</p> <p>It was agreed that PC and IL will put their concerns in a letter to Gary Pullen, Planning Officer at RCC, and copy in GW. They will then follow this up with a meeting with Gary Pullen, and GW will hope to attend.</p> <p>The Clerk to arrange.</p> <p>Re-routing of Empingham Road, Ketton – The Public Inquiry date is 6 December 2016.</p> | <p>PC</p> <p>BS</p> |
| 8. Update on ongoing safety issues in the Parish | <p>Defibrillator – RH reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VETs service agreement now set up • The Community Heartbeat Trust will be training volunteers on simple CPR in the Village Hall on 13 October. RH has printed leaflets | |

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| | <p>to send out to every house in the village, and it was agreed that these will be delivered the week before the training. AW suggested that 210-220 should be made available to the camp.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BS asked RH to ensure that all invoices, including printing, are made payable to Edith Weston Parish Council and directed to the Clerk for payment as quickly as possible. <p>Safety on road to North Luffenham – NM and IL have recently met senior team at the camp. Concern was expressed about safety on the road to North Luffenham where the footpath has narrowed because the verge has grown over it. Many mothers and children walk this road to get to school in North Luffenham. There is also concern about speeding cars coming up from North Luffenham. It was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk to ask David Brown (copy in GW and KB): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> about the process for reducing the speed on this stretch of road to 40 mph whether RCC would agree to the Parish Council installing village gates just before the camp, or a speed sign? The Clerk to contact North Luffenham Parish Council to ask if they have concerns about the speeding cars on this stretch of road. AW reminded the Parish Council that the Army use the path as well as part of their PT. IL has spoken to Ben Thompson at RCC who has agreed to obtain a quote for clearing the path. GW asked to be informed if there is a negative response from RCC to this request. <p>Village Hall parking – NM asked for the views of the Parish Council on the issue of parking outside the Village Hall, and whether there would be any objections to the possibility of adding a plastic mesh to the grass to allow it to grow through outside the Village Hall on Rectory Lane. This would enable parking for five cars, and improve safety. Rectory Lane is also a designated walking route for the school.</p> <p>As the land is likely to be owned by RCC, it was agreed that in the first instance, Neil Tomlinson should be invited for a site visit in order to provide the Parish Council with a view on the viability of the proposal. BS to take forward with Neil Tomlinson. NF to assist.</p> | <p>RH</p> <p>BS</p> <p>BS</p> <p>BS/NF</p> |
| 9. Update on environmental issues in | <p>Well Cross – IL reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An application has now been submitted to Historic England to | |

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| the Parish | <p>replace stone and other works within a 1m boundary from the edge of the current plinth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting is to be held with RCC and Tarmac shortly, but Historic England will need to approve the proposed work. • Completion of this project is now delayed until April 2017, although NF hoped it might be possible to bring it forward so that the turf can be laid. • GW to attend the meeting with RCC on 14 October, 0945 at Catmose. | |
| 10. Update from the Army | <p>AW reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the Army still continues patrols round the village. • No confirmation or feedback from the MoD on whether the new kennels will be built. • Families are still coming back from Germany in the summer, and temporary kennels will be provided for the dogs. • The Parish Council extended their sympathies to the family of the one of the patrol team who passed away recently. | |
| 11. Finance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk reported a balance on £6,614.52 in the Community Account as at 15 September 2016. • The Clerk confirmed that the external auditor had now agreed the Parish Council accounts for 2015/16. There were a couple of administrative concerns, but this did not affect the overall approval of the accounts. • NM circulated a draft budget for the Parish Council for 2017/18. The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that RCC will ask for the precept to be submitted during November, and the Parish Council will need to agree the budget at the next Parish Council meeting in October. The following was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RH to submit costs for the defibrillator to NM ○ NM to circulate spreadsheet to the Parish Council prior to the next Parish Council meeting ○ A small working group will meet to discuss the 2017/18 budget. RH to join working group, and NM to arrange a date for a meeting. | |
| 12. To agree payment of invoices | <p>The following invoices were agreed for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eon – non metered electricity, August 2016 - £61.12 • Eon – quarterly maintenance payment - £86.18 | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cory Environmental – grass cutting, June to August 2016 - £547.20 | |
| 13. Village Welcome Pack | <p>NM asked AW how the Army welcomed new arrivals on the camp. AW confirmed that Data Protection does not allow staff to know who the families are before they arrive. GW knows of villages where Parish Councillors look out for For Sale bards in their areas, and knock on doors to welcome new arrivals, or put a card through the door with useful information such as shops, doctors etc.</p> <p>NF agreed to work with AW and Captain Heath on a welcome pack.</p> | NF/AW |
| 14. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A letter has been received from Mr K. Odell, 11 Well Cross, who has written to RCC to complain about the roof of the outbuildings at 7 Well Cross. GW confirmed that an officer from RCC has been out to see Mr Odell, and explained that because the outbuilding roof has been in existence for some years, there is little that can be done to change it. Mr Odell has accepted the situation. <p>The following were circulated to the Parish Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitation to Afternoon Tea and Annual General Meeting, Citizens Advice Rutland Report on domestic abuse, Citizens Advice Rutland Leicestershire & Rutland Footpaths Association calendar Agenda and minutes, RCC Conduct Committee | |
| 15. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting | <p>Monday 31 October, 7.15 pm, Edith Weston Village Hall.</p> <p>KB reminded the Parish Council that the Parish Council Forum will be held on 12 October. He will give a short presentation on the Fire Service, and members are invited to have a look at the First Response vehicle.</p> | |