

EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 31 October 2016

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

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

Item	Description	Action
1. Apologies	PC P. Le Pla (PLP)	
2. Declarations of interest on items on the Agenda	NM – planning application for re-pollarding trees at 9 Church Lane	
3. Update on ongoing safety issues in the Parish	On behalf of PLP, BS reported on crime in the Rutland south area from the beginning of October including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carrying out an operation with regard to Rutland Churches, and stealing of lead from church roofs.• Problem solving plan is targeting hare coursing along the A45 corridor from Uppingham to Tixover, and from Langham towards the A1.• BS to circulate report.	BS
4. Public Open Forum	Nothing to report.	
5. Minutes of the last meeting held on 26 September 2016	Minutes of the meeting of 26 September 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.• The Parish Council noticeboard has now been repainted.• Defibrillator training has now taken place.• Safety on the road to North Luffenham – IL has spoken to Ben Thompson at RCC and he has agreed that the pathway will be cleared at some time during November/December.• North Luffenham Parish Council have discussed safety on the road between Edith Weston and North Luffenham. GW felt it would be unlikely that RCC will introduce speed restrictions on this road because of the lack of housing on either side, and there is likely to	BS

	<p>be a similar response from the police. A joint request from Edith Weston and North Luffenham Parish Councils to RCC might strengthen the case, and perhaps the Army might want to raise the issue as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Hall parking – NF has met with Paul Slater from RCC. It is likely to be problematical to enable parking outside the village hall, and no further action will be taken. • Well Cross – IL reported that Historic England have now given consent for the work to go ahead, pending approval of Method statements from RCC. GW to chase up RCC. • Army - AW confirmed that the future of the base to be made public in the next 48 hours. GW and KB will know by Wednesday and will let Parishes know straight away. • Welcome Pack – NF has prepared a draft Welcome Pack which he will share with the Parish Council and AW. RH to look at the draft from a publishing perspective. It was agreed by all that the best format for a pack would be in a hard copy, with a link to the Parish Council website • Report on Parish Council Forum, 12 October – at the request of NM, KB reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Questions raised on the cap on parish council precepts ○ Street lighting – from 2017 RCC will take over maintenance of street lighting and parishes will pay energy costs on all street lighting. ○ Training sessions on pc security to be made available to all Parish Councils ○ Transport – the anomaly that to get to Oakham by bus, Edith Weston residents must travel to Uppingham. The bus service that goes to Uppingham is now every 2 hours, and no longer goes to the camp. GW is involved in a councillor led task group on public transport, and asked AW if the changes to the bus route/timetable had impacted on families on the base. AW to report back. 	<p>GW</p> <p>GW</p> <p>NF/RH</p> <p>GW/AW</p>
7. Update from the Army	Nothing further to add to the point made in agenda item 6.	
8. To discuss any planning permission applications received between now and the meeting	<p>PC updated the Parish Council on progress of the latest planning applications:</p> <p>Ref: 2016/0978/CAT repollard lime trees, 9 Church Lane – No comments, all agreed</p> <p>Ref: 2016/1023/LBA replace existing french doors to studio annexe, 17 Well Cross – No comments, all agreed</p> <p>Ref: 2016/0863/CAT, trim back and fell trees, 23 Weston Road – this has been approved</p> <p>Ref: 2016/0855/CAT, crown 1 ash tree, 1 Well Cross – this has been</p>	

	<p>approved</p> <p>Ref: 2016/0834/FUL, Single storey extension to form new side entrance, utility and shower room, 7 Church Lane – this has been approved</p> <p>Ref: 2016/0924/CAT, reduce all trees and cut back, The Wheatsheaf – this has been approved</p> <p>Ref: 2016/0838/FUL, erection of detached dwelling and garage, 36 Weston Road – planning permission refused.</p> <p>PC has been in touch with Christopher and George Renner about the proposed re-routing of Empingham Road, Ketton. Planning permission to extend the quarry and divert the road was sought three times between 2000 and 2002. By 2007 Hanson stated they hadn't moved into the extension and it may be that they may not have existing planning permission.</p> <p>KB expressed concern about safety on this road which is both a school and public bus route but without planning permission, then the stopping up order cannot go ahead. PC will write to the inspector to look at whether planning permission granted to extend the quarry is still valid, and to express concern about the safety on the junctions on this road should the quarry extension go ahead and the number of lorries increase.</p> <p>GW suggested that Mr Renner also speaks to Ketton Parish Council about his concerns. PC to follow up.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>PC</p>
11. Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Clerk circulated the Q2 Bank reconciliation and reported the balances in the Parish Council bank accounts as at 30 September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community account - £6476.46 Business Money Manager account - £9093.78 RH reported that a working group had been set up to look at the budget for 2017/18. The spreadsheet included a proposed 2017/18 budget, and the Chair's suggested budget which would include funding for projects. Cost centres have been allocated to Parish Councillors and the Clerk. PC to find out what assistance Cory might be prepared to offer projects in the village. GW said that Cory will expect a 10% contribution from Parish Councils should they agree to support a project. NM reminded the Parish Council that Edith Weston Parish Council is still a long way behind other local parishes in terms of the precept. In answer to a question from IL, the Clerk will report back at the next meeting on how much the Parish Council has spent of this 	

	<p>year's precept.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grass cutting is likely to be £1368 this year • Funds for gate painting of £1k include installation of another gate and painting • £4k in total is budgeted for the Well Cross project • KB reminded the Parish Council to be mindful of what they need in a contingency fund. He also reminded the Parish Council to have a look at the Tree Preservation Orders so that the condition of these trees is regularly monitored. • It was agreed by all that the budget will come back to the Parish Council at the next meeting. The Parish Council is happy with progress to date. 	
12. To agree payment of invoices	<p>The following invoices were agreed for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. Harris – defibrillator publicity - £89.49 • Eon – non metered electricity, September 2016 - £68.69 • Community Heartbeat Trust – VETS set up and subscription - £45.00 • Lamin and White – quarterly payroll - £39.60 • Edith Weston Village Hall Committee – hall booking - £10.00 • Society of Local Council Clerks – annual subscription - £131.00 • B.Shirley – stationery - £47.52 • WJ King Ltd – noticeboard painting - £214.20 <p>Payment of an invoice to Lost Art Limited for the bench at Well Cross for £950 was also approved.</p>	
14. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk has received an e mail from Mr Les Allen at Doctor's Cottage re. the blocked drains on Weston Road. It was agreed that the matter will be raised with David Brown by the Clerk, and that NF will speak to Mr Allen. • The Clerk has received an e mail from Steve Coe at RCC re. grant to Parishes 2017-18. This confirms that the Local Council Tax support grant will no longer be paid to Parish Councils. There are changes to the Street Lighting Grant, Cemetery Deficit grants, and highways grass cutting grants - contents noted and no further action required. • Mark Loran at RCC has written to Parish Councils about the County Council payments to parishes managing grass cutting during 2017/18 – contents noted and no further action required. 	BS/NF

15. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting	Monday 28 November, 7.15 pm, Edith Weston Village Hall. Apologies received from GW and KB.	
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