

EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 28 November 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 (BS)

Visitors: PCSO D. Freeman (DF), Sgt A. Wood (AW), Mrs T. Wilkin (TW), Mr D. Wilkin (DW), Mr L. Allen (LA)

Item	Description	Action
1. Apologies	PC P. Le Pla (PLP), County Cllr K. Bool (KB), County Councillor G. Waller (GW)	
2. Declarations of interest on items on the Agenda	NM – Metasys – payment for Edith Weston domain name	
3. Update on ongoing safety issues in the Parish	<p>DF reported on crime in the Rutland South area for the last 30 days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Problem solving plan still remains the harecoursing along the A47 corridor, plus theft of motor vehicles and from shop at Barrowden.• Reports of children smoking in the play area at Edith Weston school. If anyone has any information please let DF know.	
4. Public Open Forum	<p>Mr L. Allen - Surplus water on Weston Road:</p> <p>LA lives at the lower end of Weston Road, at 61 Weston Road, Doctor's Cottage. For some time the soak away drain has been unable to cope with the rain water which runs down Weston Road. An enlarged soak away installed by Rutland County Council some years ago has not solved the problem. Water is now coming into the kitchen at number 63 Weston Road, which is at the lowest level of the road.</p> <p>NF confirmed that the drain cannot be connected to the sewer further up the road as this would mean the surplus water would have to travel upwards. Installing additional pipework across the two properties is not an option. RCC have agreed to come and jet the drain to see if it is blocked. LA asked if RCC would come out more frequently to clear the drain as excess water leaves mud and silt which are going down the soakaway.</p> <p>LA asked on behalf of his neighbour at number 63 Weston Road if the pond under the road could be drained and a grid installed which would prevent excess water coming into his property. RCC have agreed to</p>	

	come out and look at the problem when it is raining.	
5. Minutes of the last meeting held on 31 October 2016	Minutes of the meeting of 31 October agreed as a correct record subject to the reference in agenda item 2 – hare coursing on the A45 corridor, should read “hare coursing on the <u>A47</u> corridor”.	
6. Matters arising not on the agenda	No matters arising.	
7. Update from the Army	<p>AW reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The closure of St Georges Barracks now confirmed. The dogs will be leaving no later than 2020 and will possibly relocated to Kendrew Barracks, but a decision will be made by Easter 2017. • 2 Medical Regiment leaving no later than 2021. • Married quarters unlikely to close in the medium term and two squadrons will be moving from Germany by the end of December 2017. • Dogs will remain in temporary kennels until the move from St Georges Barracks. • AW is still awaiting some feedback on the safety of the road between Edith Weston and North Luffenham and it is unlikely there would be a contribution to any safety work because MOD maintenance budget is very tight. • IL to chase up RCC about clearing the grass growing over the footpath on the North Luffenham road. • AW to report back to GW on the implications of the changes to the buses running to Stamford College. 	IL AW
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:2016/1117/CAT, remove sycamore tree, 45 Weston Road – no objections</p> <p>Mr and Mrs D. Wilkin were present to discuss their proposals for the renovation of Vine Cottage, 55 Weston Road. Plans were submitted to RCC on 16 November. It is proposed to remove the leylandii hedge, the current red brick rear extension, garage and porch., and rebuild. The Chair thanked Mr and Mrs Wilkin for attending the meeting to inform the PC of their proposals. When the planning application comes to the PC, they will be mindful of the view from the rear of the property overlooking Rutland Water.</p> <p>PC has not yet written to the inspector about the proposed stopping up order on Empingham Road, Ketton.</p>	PC

<p>9. Update on environmental issues in the Parish:</p>	<p>Well Cross:</p> <p>IL reported that Historic England have now given permission for the work to go ahead at Well Cross. GW has been involved in the dialogue between Historic England and RCC, and it is now agreed that Tarmac will carry out the work, and was supposed to tie up with the archaeologist from Historic England.</p> <p>However, the Well Cross was originally on the verge opposite Well Cross, outside 18 King Edward's Way . It didn't become an ancient monument until 1984 and is not in its original position, so it is unlikely an archaeologist needs to be involved.</p> <p>Communications with RCC:</p> <p>The PC discussed communications with RCC, including issues arising from decisions made by RCC on planning applications. The Parish Council wish it to be recorded that they are unhappy with the seeming lack of communication, and in particular, lack of due diligence by RCC with regard to the PC comments made in response to planning applications, particularly those that impact on the accepted criteria of the Village Statement.</p> <p>Gibbs Pitt:</p> <p>JB has been made aware that the rat population in Gibbs Pitt is becoming a nuisance. He will raise this with RCC, although it may be that Gibbs Pitt is part of the Diocese.</p> <p>AW also reported that rats have been found in the Army married quarters.</p> <p>IL reported that tree surgeons will be working on the trees down Weston Road on 28 December.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council may have to pick up some of the cost of dealing with rats, under the Village Look cost centre in the budget.</p> <p>IL suggested that the PC may wish to consider whether Cory should be asked to cut the growth underneath the hedges which is exposed after the hedges have been cut back at the end of the year.</p>	<p>JB</p>
<p>11. Finance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk reported the balance on the current account to 15 November 2016 was £7,042.25 • Nothing further was reported on the draft Parish Council budget which will go forward for agreement by the PC at the meeting on 9 January. 	

12. To agree payment of invoices	<p>The following invoices were agreed for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metasys – Edith Weston Parish Council domain name renewal - £16.50 • Eon – non metred electricity, October 2016 - £70.98 <p>The Clerk confirmed that in accordance with agreed Parish Council finance regulations, the passwords for internet banking have now been deposited in a sealed and dated envelope with the Chair. As far as possible, all invoices will now be paid electronically, subject to the usual agreement from the Parish Council.</p>	
13. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk	There was no correspondence to report.	
14. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting	<p>9 January 2017, 7.15 pm, Edith Weston Village Hall.</p> <p>Dates and times of the 2017 Parish Council meeting were circulated.</p>	