

EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 9 January 2017

Present: Councillors N. Milne (NM), I. Langford (IL), R. Harris (RH), N. Farmer (NF) and the Clerk, B. Shirley (BS)

Visitors: Sgt A. Wood (AW)

| Item | Description | Action |
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| 1. Apologies | PC P. Le Pla (PLP), County Cllr K. Bool (KB), County Councillor G. Waller (GW), J. Boddington (JB), P. Coe (PC) | |
| 2. Declarations of interest on items on the Agenda | IL – reimbursement for Well Cross bulbs | |
| 3. Public Open Forum | Nothing to report. | |
| 4. Election of one casual vacancy to the Parish Council | <p>The Clerk took the chair and reminded Councillors that they had been sent a copy of a brief cv from Mr Edward Jarron, who unfortunately was unable to attend the meeting as he was away.</p> <p>The Chair added that Mr Jarron is keen to become involved in matters concerning the closure of St Georges Barracks.</p> <p>The Clerk asked Parish Councillors to vote on the election of Mr Jarron as a Parish Councillor. All were in favour, and Mr Jarron was duly elected.</p> | |
| 5. Minutes of the last meeting held on 28 November 2016 | Minutes of the meeting of 28 November agreed as a correct record, and signed by the Chair | |
| 6. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NF reported that RCC had cleared the gully on Weston Road on 5 December. It was clogged and the soakaway will need to be replaced. This will take another 2/3 months, and Weston Road will need to be closed. NF has informed Mr Allen.• In respect of the update from the Army, AW confirmed that dogs will be moved by 2020, followed by medics in 2021.• IL has spoken to RCC about cutting back the grass on North Luffenham Road, but no date has been set for the work to be done. IL has emphasized the safety aspect for mothers and children using the route to school, and has sent photos to RCC, with copies to GW and KB. | |

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| 7. Updates from the Army | AW had nothing further to add to his update in the previous agenda item. | |
| 8. To discuss any planning permission applications received between now and the meeting | <p>NF on behalf of PC updated the Parish Council on progress of the latest planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harlequin Group has been granted planning permission to install a telecommunications mast in the Normanton car park. The Clerk apologized that she had not sent the RCC paperwork on to PC earlier, and so the date set for RCC to receive objections had passed. RCC were not prepared to take the earlier objections of the Parish Council into account. There is no appeal process. • The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council is extremely upset by the quality of service of the Planning Department, and by their lack of communication. • 29 Coniston Road - no objections. Proposed by NF, seconded by IL, all in favour. • Vine Cottage, 55 Weston Road – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IL is concerned about some of the windows. The artist's impression is not the same as on the drawing. ○ NF concerned about the conservatory which does not seem to be in keeping with the rest of the house. ○ As comments must be back with RCC by 10 January, NL and PC to liaise to make the Parish Council's concerns known about the windows and the conservatory • NF also raised concerns about the installation of copper gas pipes at the front of 5 Well Cross. The Clerk had not seen the pipes, but will raise the matter with RCC, and ask for an enforcement officer to visit | <p>NF/PC</p> <p>BS</p> |

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| <p>9. Update on environmental issues in the Parish:</p> | <p>Well Cross:</p> <p>IL confirmed that RCC are hoping to start work at the end of January/beginning of February. However, they have not replied to Helen Woodhouse at Historic England, who is on holiday until 19 January.</p> <p>Layby next to the cemetery:</p> <p>Tree surgeons have now cleared it, and the wood has been taken. The Diocese will check the work has been done.</p> <p>Streetlight, St Mary's Close:</p> <p>The streetlight is now off permanently. The Clerk has reported this to Eon, but will follow this up again.</p> | <p>BS</p> |
| <p>10. Finance</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk reported the balance on the current account to 15 December 2016 was £6125.43, and the savings account to 1 January 2017 was £9,095.19 • RH asked the Parish Council to agree the 2017/18 precept: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Discussion took place about the funding of a traffic sign/radar on North Luffenham Road. AW could not guarantee that the MoD will be able to contribute to this in the light of the decision to close North Luffenham site, but will take this forward. o The Chair suggested that the precept includes the installation of the new radar sign as a one-off project, on the understanding that RCC may reject the proposal. o RH asked the Parish Council to agree the 2017/18 precept: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposed – NF ▪ Second – RH ▪ All agreed | <p>AW</p> |
| <p>11. To agree payment of invoices</p> | <p>The following invoices were agreed for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs I. Langford – reimbursement of bulbs for Well Cross - £20.06 • Eon – non metred electricity, November 2016 - £68.69 • Edith Weston Village Hall hire - £10.00 • Biffa grass cutting, September and October 2015 £456.00, plus payment for grass cutting for June to August of £547.20, which was not received. Total payment - £1003.20 • Community Heartbeat Trust – defibrillator parts - £115.00 • BT – Village Hall broadband, December 2016 -£63.48. The Clerk | |

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| | <p>confirmed that the BT account is now being managed online, and will be paperless.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lamin and White – month end summary - £39.60 | |
| 12. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Emergency Store Scheme – there is some funding available to Parishes will to store equipment to the value of £600. The Clerk will raise this with the Village Hall Committee, and report back Conservation Officer – the Clerk at Barrowden Parish Council has written to all parish councils to express concern that there is no longer any Conservation Officer post at RCC, and that services are being “brought in” from neighbouring local authorities. It was agreed to place this on the agenda for discussion the next Parish Council meeting. | <p>BS</p> <p>BS</p> |
| 13. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting | <p>27 February 2017, 7.15 pm, Edith Weston Village Hall.</p> <p>Agenda item:</p> <p>Village Welcome Pack</p> | NF |