

EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 27 March 2017

Present: Councillors N. Milne (NM), I. Langford (IL), E. Jarron (EJ), R. Harris (RH), Sgt A. Wood (AW) and the Clerk, B. Shirley (BS)

Visitors: County Councillor K. Bool (KB), PC P. Le Pla (PLP), PCSO N. Walsh (NW)

Item	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Cllrs Coe and Farmer, County Cllr Waller	
2. Declarations of interest on items on the Agenda	NF for reimbursement under agenda item 10	
3. Update on ongoing safety issues in the Parish	<p>PLP reported on crime in the Rutland South area for the last month, including damage to a motor vehicle on Welland Road. He reported quite low crime figures for the area for the month. The problem solving plan is still tackling hare coursing on the A47 between Uppingham and Tixover, and also between Langham and the A1. The hare coursing season seems to be longer than usual, and is likely to be carried out by travellers setting dogs on the hares and betting on how long before a hare is caught.</p> <p>He asked the PC to be aware of any suspicious activity and ring 101.</p> <p>The Chair thanked PLP on behalf of the Parish Council for his work in the area over the years, and as he retires from the police service. wished him well for the future.</p>	
4. Public Open Forum	None	
5. Minutes of the last meeting held on 27 February 2017	<p>Minutes of the meeting of 27 February.</p> <p>RH to send the Clerk a copy of the Welcome Pack to go onto the village website.</p> <p>The Chair asked for the minutes of the meeting of 27 February to be agreed as a correct record:</p> <p>Proposed – EJ</p> <p>Seconded – IL</p> <p>All in favour, and minutes signed by the Chair.</p>	RH

6. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Emergency Store – EJ has considered what might be constituted an emergency in the village, and what might be required in an emergency ie first aid kit, cones, rudimentary lifting kit. He suggested that these were probably unnecessary, and suggested to the PC that a first aid kit might be kept somewhere outside the village hall. It was agreed that this is likely to have a short shelf life and at risk of being vandalised. It was further agreed that the village is unlikely to require an emergency store, and that no further action will be taken on this. 	
7. Updates from the Army	AW reported that there was nothing further to report on where the dogs will be located, and a date for the move is still awaited. 2 Medic is disbanding and personnel will be with new regiments by December 2018.	
8. To discuss any planning permission applications received between now and the meeting	<p>NM reported that two planning applications had been received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal and reduction of height of trees – 18 King Edwards Way – approved Construction of 5 bedroomed house and double garage, 36 Weston Road – the PC considered the application prior to the Parish Council meeting, and has written to RCC to say that there are no objections to this application, provided that development is in accordance with the approved plans. EJ hoped that the proposal includes Welsh slate roof tiles. 	
9. Update on environmental issues in the Parish:	<p>Well Cross:</p> <p>IL confirmed that the work at Well Cross has now been completed. The barriers are still up, and RCC have been asked to remove them.</p> <p>Village noticeboard:</p> <p>NM, on behalf of NF, reported that the second village noticeboard has been installed, but the board is small, and there is still some work to be done to make it accessible.</p> <p>Stile on the Glebe land:</p> <p>Mr Appleby has now written directly to the tenant to ask if he will agree to the installation of a kissing gate at the Weston Road end of the Glebe land. KB confirmed that this is a right of way and that RCC will provide a kissing gate free of charge, and install it. However the Diocese have made it clear that their tenant must agree. EJ asked if the village might rent the land in the future, and will write to the Diocese accordingly. The Clerk has been in touch with David Brown to ask for confirmation of the County Council's views on the installation of a kissing gate. It was agreed that the Chair will write to the tenant to support Mr Appleby's request.</p>	<p>EJ</p> <p>BS</p>

10. Update on safety issues in the Parish	<p>Defibrillator:</p> <p>At the request of IL, RH provided the Parish Council will an update on the defibrillator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 volunteers now in place, and two meetings have been held, one for a defibrillator awareness session for the whole village, and the second a training meeting for the VETS group. • Regular update training planned. • VETS meeting on 20 April. • Looking at providing volunteers with a map of the village to find houses in an emergency, particularly at night. • KB confirmed that this is an issue for the ambulance service where house numbers in the villages are not often easy to see, particularly at night. • The Clerk will put a message on the village website to remind residents. 	BS
11. Finance	<p>a) The Clerk reported the balance on the current account, as at 25 March was £3599.91, including a repayment from Biffa for £547.20. The balance in the saving account as at 25 March is £9095.78.</p> <p>b) The Chair reported that he had attended a recent Local Councils website training course with the Clerk. There will be further funding available from the Transparency Fund for 2017/18.</p> <p>c) The Clerk reported that the year end was approaching and that arrangements will need to be made for an internal audit of the Parish Council accounts. It was agreed that the Clerk will approach Lamin and White to ask if they will carry out an audit of the 2016/17 accounts.</p>	
12. To agree payment of invoices	<p>The following invoices were agreed for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs B. Shirley, reimbursement of PC updates - £89.98 • Mr N. Farmer – reimbursement of gravel purchased for the Well Cross surround - £25.00 • Eon – non metred electricity, February 2017 - £64.11 • Biffa – for cutting back vegetation £96.00 • BT – Village Hall broadband, March 2017 - £58.68. The Clerk had just received the bill for March 2017, and asked if the Parish Council would agree to pay it now rather than wait until the next meeting when it will be overdue. This was agreed. The Clerk has now asked 	

	BT twice for a direct debit form.	
13. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk	<p>Eon – notice that electricity prices will increase from 1 April 2017. KB reminded the PC that there is likely to be saving once RCC take over responsibility for electricity costs.</p> <p>Zurich Municipal have asked to quote for Parish Council insurance for 2017/18.</p> <p>LRALC have written to Parish Councils to remind them of the need to comply with the Transparency Code. The Clerk has now included a list of the Parish Council's assets on the village website.</p> <p>RCC 20th Anniversary Independence Celebrations to take place on Saturday 1 April</p>	
14. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting	<p>24 April 2017, 7.15 pm, Edith Weston Village Hall.</p> <p>Apologies – County Councillor Bool</p>	