

EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 31 July 2017.

Present: Councillors N. Milne (NM), I. Langford (IL), N. Farmer (NF), E. Jarron (EJ) and the Clerk, B. Shirley (BS)

Visitors: County Councillor G. Waller (GW), M. Ellwood-Wade (MEW), N.Appleby (NA)

Item	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Cllrs Coe & Harris, County Councillor Bool.	
2. Declarations of interest on items on the Agenda	RH – invoice, agenda item	
3. Public Open Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NA asked about progress on the installation of kissing gates. NF reported that the three kissing gates were available from RCC. These will be wide enough to enable wheelchair access to Tommy's Close and the Glebe Land. RCC will provide the gates free, and the Parish Council will meet the cost of installation. NF has received one quotation for the work - £490 plus VAT. It was agreed by all that this quote was acceptable, and that NF will arrange for a date for the work to be done.• NA asked about when the hedge on Weston Road will be cut. IL confirmed this will not be cut back until birds have finished nesting. The tenant farmer cuts back the hedge via the Diocese.• Weeds – NA has noticed that the weedkiller used on the weeds in the village may now be taking affect. However, he asked why the weeds are cut back so late in the season. It was confirmed that RCC have cut back weedspraying from three to two cuts per season. GW agreed to ask RCC if it would be possible for the Parish Council to source their own contractor for weedkilling, perhaps using funds from the RCC budget.• MEW has noticed that the tree on the right hand corner of Derwent Avenue on to Manton Road is overgrown and a hazard for traffic. It was agreed to contact Captain Heath to see if this can be cut back.• The Parish Council will be writing to the owners of numbers 17 and 18 Coniston Road, requesting they cut back their hedges.• After discussion about the condition of the bus shelter on Windermere Road, MEW agreed to contact neighbours to see if they are prepared to get together to clean it up.	<div>NF</div> <div>GW</div> <div>BS</div> <div>MEW</div>
4. Minutes of the last meeting and minutes of Annual Parish Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes of the meeting of 26 June agreed as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.	

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5. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda	<p>Matters arising from the Parish Council meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IL has been in contact with Biffa to ask for a price for cutting the grass on the right hand side of Manton Road. Biffa has quoted £29.53 plus VAT for first two cuts, and £9.84 plus VAT for a third cut. She asked the Parish Council to agree that Biffa will go ahead with the work. All agreed. IL confirmed that there will be no more funding from RCC towards this additional work. Furthermore RCC have confirmed they will not be cutting any grass within 30 mph limits from 2018. 	
6. Updates from the Army	The Army was not represented at the meeting.	
7. To discuss any planning permission applications received between now and the meeting	<p>On behalf of PC, NM reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of verandah and potting shed, 61 Weston Road – NM confirmed that the Parish Council had responded with no objections to RCC Planning permission granted for removal of eucalyptus tree, 13 Well Cross, removal of sycamore tree, 23 Weston Road, and erection of detached dwelling and garage, 36 Weston Road Planning permission refused for erection of two storey extension, 18 Coniston Road 	
8. Neighbourhood Plan refresh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NM confirmed that a working party has been convened - PC, EJ and Keith Simpson, and will report back to the Parish Council on progress. GW is now attending the project group meetings looking at the future of St Georges Barracks. She has expressed the view that the village does not want to be subsumed into a large development, but does accept there some development on the site. The biggest priority will be the ensure the road infrastructure is fit for purpose, including sufficient capacity for residents to get to the A1 and the A47. A letter has been received from the Department of Transport, confirming that a new public inquiry has been announced into the stopping up Order. The Chair suggested that the current proposed stopping up of land at Empingham Road, Ketton, might be significant, and form part of the highway improvement. GW thought that it was unlikely as the route includes a dogleg in the 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk reported the balance on the current account, as at 30 July was £17009.31, with £9097.00 in the savings account. • The bank reconciliation of the Parish Council's accounts for Q1 2017/18 was circulated. 	
12. To agree payment of invoices	<p>The following invoices were presented for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs B. Shirley – stationery - £44.95 • Eon – non metered electricity, June 2017 - £75.13 • Lamin & White – payroll services - £43.20 • R. Harris – Community Heartbeat Trust - £28.00 • BT – Village Hall broadband, May 2017 - £58.68. The Clerk had confirmed this was paid on 1 July. <p>Proposed for payment by NF, seconded by IL, agreed by all present.</p>	
13. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair has received a reply from Group Captain Keeling at RAF Wittering about aircraft noise. The Clerk will thank him for the reply which she will pass on to Simon Boston. • RCC are reviewing arrangements for disposal of green waste. If agreed by the Cabinet and Full Council , residents will be charged for disposal of green waste by 2019. • Parish Council Forum – NM has noted that Parish Councils are being offered planning training. The Clerk will attend the training on 28 September, with EJ. NF and EJ will attend a briefing on the Local Plan on 3 August. • BS will place the Local Plan on the agenda for the next meeting. • IL asked the Parish Council to agree a small grant to Citizens Advice Rutland – All agreed that a grant of £100 is made to support the work of the CAB in 2017/18. 	BS
14. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting	30 August to be confirmed. The Clerk to circulate proposed date.	