EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 25 September 2017.

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

Visitors: N.Appleby (NA)

Item	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Cllr Harris, County Councillors K. Bool and G. Waller	
2. Declarations of interest on items on the Agenda	None declared.	
3. Public Open Forum	• NA has heard from sources in the village that the Peterborough Diocese is seeking to sell off the Glebeland for development. The Chair confirmed that Rutland County Council had considered the potential of this site for development, and it was surveyed in 2012. However the site is not included in sites allocation in the current draft Local Plan.	
4. Minutes of the last meeting held on 30 August 217	 Minutes of the meeting of 30 August: Agenda item 7: in response to a question from EJ, it was confirmed that RCC had not responded to representations from the Parish Council about the planning application for Vine Cottage. Minutes were agreed as a correct record, and signed by the Chair. 	
5. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda	 EJ reported he had attended the formal opening of the new military dog kennels, and these will remain open until 2021. EJ and NM attended a presentation given by the MOD and RCC earlier in the day on the proposals for developments at St Georges Barracks, a 300 hectare site, all designated brown field. The MOD are in the process of optimizing their estate, only 40% of which is currently in use. The MOD and RCC are working in partnership over the next 5 years to develop the St Georges Barracks site as a garden village over 10-15 years including between 1,500 and 2,500 hereas. 	
	 15 years, years, including between 1,500 and 3,500 houses, recreation and leisure facilities, business/enterprise zone, and minerals extraction. Infrastructure will be put in place first. The proposed project is similar to that of the Whitehills-Bordon site 	

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	in Hampshire, where 3,500 homes were built on a 150 hectare site, and 5,500 new jobs created.	
	• The site is not an extension of Edith Weston.	
	 Interested parties invited to join a dedicated focus group as part of the consultation process. 	
	• BS confirmed that she has now chased up RCC about the request to cut back trees on Church Lane.	
6. Updates from the	No representatives from the Army at the meeting	
Army	• There have been incidents over the last few weeks of dog walkers being told to leave the airfield. The Clerk will contact the CO to find out if this is new policy by the Army.	
7. To discuss any planning permission applications received between now and the meeting	There were no new planning applications to report.	
8. Local Plan consultation	 The views of the Parish Council on the Local Plan have been submitted to RCC. 	
	• This includes supporting the views of Whitwell Parish Council that Anglian Water are not compliant with planning regulations when it comes to activities on Rutland Water. This particularly applied to the opening of the Aqua Park at Whitwell Creek in 2016.	
9. Update on environmental issues in the Parish	 It was agreed that as the work at Well Cross is now complete, it will be removed from the agenda going forward. 	
	 IL confirmed that she will no longer become involved in environmental issues as she will be leaving the village. 	
	• NF confirmed that the new Parish Council noticeboard header will be delivered to RCC so that they can complete the work. At the appropriate time, NF and IL will judge what the height of the noticeboard should be.	NF/IL
	• The Clerk has received an email from Wendy Halford about the state of the snicket between St Mary's Close and Normanton Road. BS has raised the matter with RCC, but it was agreed that there seems little point in the stile at the Normanton Road end. BS will raise this again with RCC, who are also responsible for the maintaining the weeds on the path. However it is also the responsibility of residents whose properties back on to the footpath to ensure trees and hedges are maintained.	BS

10. Update on safety issues in the Parish	 RH had reported an incident to BS about the use of the defibrillator at an incident involving one of the model aircraft fliers on the airfield. Fortunately one of the Army personnel was available to give support, and it is hoped that he will receive some commendation for his prompt actions. BS will contact John Heath to pass on thanks on behalf of the Parish Council, and also to ask why the Army does not have its own defibrillator on the base. The Chair asked the Parish Council to consider whether it is appropriate to invest in radar signs outside St Georges Barracks. The Clerk has received an e mail from Councillor Bool, letting the Parish Council know that the 50mph limit along Normanton Park Road is under review, and that there will be a partial road closure in a few weeks time along Normanton Road after the Normanton Park Hotel for installation of new gullies. 	
11. Finance	To note the current bank balance on the Parish Council's accounts:	
	• The Clerk reported the balance on the current account, as at 24 September was £8,830.22. £5,000 has been transferred from the current to the savings account, which now stands at £14,097.22.	
12. To agree payment of	The following invoices were presented and agreed for payment:	
invoices	 Edith Weston Village Hall Committee, hall rental 2017-18 - £100.00 	
	 DG Walker – for installation of kissing gates on the Glebeland - £490.00 	
	• Society of Local Council Clerks, 2017/18 subscription - £55.00	
	• Grant Thornton – 2017 Annual return - £120.00	
	• Eon – for non metered electricity, August 2017 - £77.63	
	To confirm payment:	
	 BT – Village Hall broadband, July 2017 - £58.68. The Clerk had confirmed this was paid on 28 August 2017. 	
	The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council will be applying for funds from the final tranche of the Transparency Fund.	
14. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk	• Arrangements for disposal of green waste. Councillors have approved the introduction of an annual charge (£35.00) for the disposal and collection of green waste as from 2018.	

	 The Clerk has received an enquiry from Mr M. Hanley asking if there is anyone selling fresh fish in the village. She will ask Ann Wild. The Clerk has now put up the notice of election for the casual vacancy on the Parish Council – the election will be on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting. 	BS
14. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting	Monday 30 October 2017, 7.15 pm, Village Hall	