

EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 30 October 2017

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

Visitors: N.Appleby (NA), G. Pearson (GP), County Cllr G Waller (GW), Captain J. Heath (JH), Staff Sgt J. Jacques (JJ), Mr and Mrs D. Wilkin (DW)

Item	Description	Action
1. Election for casual vacancy to the Parish Council	<p>The chair was taken by the Clerk. The election for the casual vacancy to the Parish Council has arisen following the resignation of John Boddington earlier in the year. Parish Councillors were given the opportunity to put questions to the two candidates, N. Appleby and G. Pearson. Voting slips were then given to each Parish Councillor, and after the votes were counted, the Clerk announced the successful candidate was N. Appleby.</p> <p>Mrs Pearson was thanked by the Parish Council Chair for putting her name forward, and it was hoped that she would do so again when a further vacancy arises.</p>	
2. Updates from the Army	<p>It was agreed to bring the update from the Army up the agenda, in order that JH could leave early. He introduced JJ who will be attending Parish Council meetings in the future. This was also JH's last meeting before he moves elsewhere.</p> <p>1. Dog walking on the airfield - risk assessments currently being carried out on the safety of the site. Ordnance has been moved, and vehicle hulks will be removed shortly. Until information to the contrary, the advice is to avoid the airfield for dog walking at the current time.</p> <p>Defibrillator- the Army borrowed the village defibrillator following an incident at the airfield, but there will be a defibrillator on the base shortly. The current defibrillator is not available outside office hours. RH will supply the village defibrillator number to Major Hart.</p>	RH
3. Apologies	Cllr Coe, County Councillors K. Bool	
4. Declarations of interest on items on the Agenda	NM - Planning (agenda item 9) and Finance (agenda item 12)	

5. Public Open Forum	Nothing to report.	
6. Minutes of the last meeting held on 25 September 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the meeting of 30 September, no comments received. Minutes were agreed as a correct record, and signed by the Chair. 	
7. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No matters to report. 	
8. To discuss any planning permission applications received between now and the meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ref: 2017/0889/FUL: Lakewood Lodge, Weston Road. The Parish Council has submitted a letter of objection to RCC. GW confirmed that she had nothing further to report on the progress of the application. The Chair expressed a concern that the application remains in sight of the Parish Council. Ref: 2017/0982/CAT: 9 Church Lane, removal and reduction of trees – all agreed Ref: 2017/0929/FUL: 55 Weston Road – removal and replacement of sheds. NM confirmed that Mr D. Forbes has no objection to the new plans – all agreed Ref: FUL/2007/0150/CC: Hanson Cement, alternative diversion of Empingham Road, Ketton – following discussion, GW expressed concern about what will happen to the current route of Empingham Road, and where the new access route will be sited. It was agreed that the Parish Council will express a view when the new plans are made available. PC to be asked to put in a comment to RCC to that effect, emphasizing the need for no change to be made to Empingham Road until Hanson's plans are clear. 	PC
9. Future of St George's Barracks	<p>EJ reported on public meeting at North Luffenham attended by RCC Chief Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Army leaving St George's Barracks by 2020/21. 300 hectares of land on the airfield site could potentially house 6,000 people. Minerals have top priority, and the MOD have held the minerals rights since 1962. If the right minerals are found, then the site will not be developed. Site surveys will be reported back by the end of 2017. Minerals notwithstanding, a high level plan for development begin in January 2018, and it is likely the plans will be for 2,000 houses on the site. This does not include 70 houses on the Officers Mess site, which is part of the parish of Edith Weston. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current MoD houses will be used to house staff at Kendrew and Wittering. It is unlikely the houses will be part of a general redevelopment. • Until the whole of the St Georges Barracks site is redeveloped then this remains within Edith Weston and North Luffenham parishes. • The MoD are confident they own the site. • A Memorandum of Understanding is being developed between the MoD and RCC to take forward a joint project for development. • Infrastructure will need to be put in place before any building begins, including access (possibly via the A1). • The plans will include a green buffer between North Luffenham and Edith Weston • EJ hoped the redevelopment would include some employment opportunities. • In answer to a question from RH, the Clerk confirmed that this development was similar to the 10,000 homes in Northstowe in Cambridgeshire. • GW asked the Parish Council to provide regular updates that she can take to the St George's Board meetings (2nd Tuesday each month). 	
10. Update on environmental issues in the Parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NF confirmed that the new Parish Council noticeboard is now installed. • The Clerk has received a response from Helen Thomas at RCC about the snicket from St Mary's Close to Normanton Road. She has trimmed the vegetation back but she has asked how the Parish Council wishes to approach the owner of 5 Church Lane, whose fence has growth coming through it. The Chair agreed to speak to the owner. The Parish Council did not think it appropriate at this time to remove the stile at the Normanton Road end. 	NM
11. Update on safety issues in the Parish	<p>Defibrillator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RH reported that a further VETS group meeting is planned, and a resuscitation doll has now been sourced. 	
12. Finance	<p>To note the current bank balance on the Parish Council's accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk reported the balance on the current account, as at 29 October was £7,730.58, with the savings account at £14,098.07 • The bank reconciliation of Parish Council bank accounts for Q2, 2017/18 was circulated by the Clerk. 	

12. To agree payment of invoices	<p>The following invoices were presented and agreed for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edith Weston Village Hall Committee for hall hire - £ • Eon – for non metered electricity, September 2017 - £75.13 • Lamin and White – preparation of payslips and month end summary to September 2017 - £36.00 • Mrs B. Shirley – for stationery and stamps - £65.90 • Metasys – for edithweston.com domain registration - £16.29 <p>To confirm payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BT – Village Hall broadband, September 2017 - £58.68. The Clerk had confirmed this was paid on 1 October 2017. <p>The Parish Council agreed payment of all invoices.</p>	
14. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pensions Regulator to notify that minimum pension contributions will be increasing – no action required. • Rutland Foodbank to request a donation – no action to be taken. • Citizens Advice Rutland – an invitation to the Annual General Meeting on 7 November – no action to be taken • Rural Community Council requesting a subscription – no action to be taken. 	
14. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting	<p>A number of apologies have been received from 27 November. Date of next meeting will be Thursday 30 November, 7.15 pm, in the Village Hall.</p>	