

EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Thursday 30 November 2017

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

Visitors: P. Cummings (PC), L. Garbutt (LG), J. Clegg (JC), T. Clegg(TC), J.Boddington (JB)

Item	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Cllr Coe, County Cllr Bool, County Cllr Waller	
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda	None declared	
3. Public Open Forum	NM welcomed everyone to the meeting. He also welcomed PC, Chair of North Luffenham Parish Council, working closely with Edith Weston Parish Council on the proposed development of St Georges Barracks.	
4. Minutes of the last meeting held on 30 October 2017	Minutes of the meeting of 30 October. NA asked for amendments to be made to the minutes: Minute 3 – County Councillor Bool. Minute 4 – Should read Agenda item 9 (Planning) and Agenda item 12 (Finance). Minute 9, bullet point 8 – should read “join”. Minute 12, bullet point 1 – Include the figure of £12. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Clerk to make amendments to the minutes.• The Chair asked that the minutes be agreed as a correct record:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Proposed NA○ Seconded NF	
5. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No matters to report.	
6. Updates from the Army	No representatives from the Army present – item deferred to next meeting.	
7. Future of St George’s	EJ reported on a meeting with the RCC Chief Executive which he had	

Barracks	<p>attended with NM and PC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No results from the minerals survey, but if the correct minerals are identified then a large part of the site will be reserved for mineral extraction. • Latest estimates are that 1500-3000 houses will be built on the site. • The Officers' Mess site may be developed ahead of the main site, but this is not yet confirmed. • The RegenCo team has now visited the site. • RCC have taken on board most of the local concerns expressed to them about the proposed development • It is unlikely any development will start before 2021, and the site can only build at a rate of 200 houses per year. The necessary infrastructure will be completed before any building takes place. • In answer to a question from TC, NM confirmed that a focus group meeting will be held soon (afternoon and evening sessions). The Parish Council is keen to see as many people as possible to contribute to the debate about the proposed developments. NM also confirmed that notes about the meetings with RCC will be put on the village website before Christmas. The application form to join the focus group is also on the village website and the Chair urged residents to complete the necessary paperwork if they are to be involved in the development of the site. • In answer to a question from TC, NM confirmed that the houses on the Officers' Mess site will be in the parish of Edith Weston. • The results of the minerals survey will be available by the end of January. • In answer to a question from IL, it was confirmed RCC has a plan in place for putting place the necessary infrastructure, including modification to existing roundabouts/junctions to allow access to the site. 	
8. To discuss planning applications received	<p>The Clerk reported:</p> <p>Ref: 2017/0998/CAT – removal of trees, Vine Cottage, 55 Weston Road – this has been agreed by RCC</p> <p>Ref: FUL/2007/0150/CC – The Clerk confirmed that two letters from the Parish Council, objecting to the proposed stopping up of the road at Empingham Road, Ketton, had been sent to RCC. The Parish Council have now received a further letter from the Department of Transport, confirming the Public Inquiry will be held in May 2018.</p> <p>A Tree Preservation Order notice has now been received from RCC in</p>	

	respect of trees at 36 Weston Road.	
9. Update on environmental issues in the Parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NF will look at the broken bottom bar of the gate at the stile on the snicket. NM will speak to the owner of 5 Church Lane about the overgrown vegetation at the rear of 5 Church Lane. Kissing gates – NF and RH to look at putting gravel down at the base of the kissing gates 	<p>NF/NM</p> <p>NF/RH</p>
10. Update on safety issues in the Parish	<p>Defibrillator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RH reported that he has checked the defibrillator today and everything is working. 	
11. Finance	<p>a) 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 27 November was £7,367.91. In the savings account, the balance is £14,098.55 <p>b) To agree draft Parish Council budget for 2018/19 financial year. RH circulated a spreadsheet for discussion. In discussion with the Clerk, RH had estimated expenditure for 2018/19, based on expenditure in the current financial year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village Look - £2,000 budgeted to cover work for removing weeds, litter picking, and tree maintenance. RH has asked the Clerk to review her hours during the first quarter of 2018 to see if an increase to her salary is necessary An estimated £4k from this year's budget should be left to set against next year's proposed expenditure. It is hoped to improve the village gates, the village sign, and improve the speed signs. RCC will not cover the cost of the gates. The MOD have indicated they would still like speed signs on Edith Weston Road and Helen Briggs have asked them to confirm this. The Chair has proposed that £10k may be necessary for an Edith Weston Parish Council response to the St Georges Barracks project. PC confirmed that North Luffenham Parish Council does not feel it needs further funding at this time. However, EJ said he was reasonably confident that Edith Weston Parish Council will not have to find the funds to "fight" the proposals for St Georges Barracks in the longer term. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair confirmed that the draft budget will come back to the Parish Council for final agreement and sign off at the meeting on 8 January. 	
12. To agree payment of invoices	<p>The following invoices were presented and agreed for payment:</p> <p>To confirm payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biffa – grass cutting, August to October 2017 - £682.86 Rutland County Council – installation of bin at Gibbet Lane - £92.01 Eon – non metred electricity – October 2017 - £77.63 BT – Village Hall broadband, October 2017 - £58.68. The Clerk confirmed this was paid on 29 October. <p>The Parish Council agreed payment of all invoices.</p>	
13. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification of external auditor arrangements for 2017-18 – an external auditor now appointed, PFK Littlejohn LLP. Volunteering for the Forestry Commission at Fineshade Wood – no action required. Materials and Designs for Oakham Town Centre regeneration – on RCC website – no action required. Holocaust Memorial Day, 27 January 2018 – no action required. Letter from Dr Paul Collingwood with some documents about the history of the village – letter of thanks to Dr Collingwood, and the Clerk will send these over to Liz Tyler. RCC draft signs guidance ad street furniture policy – NA to review RCC Local Flood Management Risk Strategy – NA to review 	BS NA NA
14. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting	<p>Monday 8 January 2018, 7.15 pm, Edith Weston Village Hall.</p> <p>Apologies received from Cllr Jarron.</p>	