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WESTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on 19th February 2024

Present: Cllrs Green, Harper, Mrs Freeman, Than, Steadman, Neville, Wilkins,

County Cllr Neil Atkin and District Cllr Peter Watson

 There were no members of the public present.

**1. Public session**

**2.County Cllrs Report**  Cllr Atkin reported that during the recent bad weather he had noticed that some road signs across the district were rotten and asked that Parishes let him know if there are any in their area.

The new finger posts for footpaths are now metal , not wood.

Cllr Green raised the fact that a number of issues were raised last August to which we are still awaiting replies. Cllr Atkin stated that he has asked questions on our behalf and is awaiting replies. One of the main questions is who owns the vegetation at the entrance to Long Walk Wood as we have not been able to find this out. The County Council has access this information but due to GDP restrictions is not able to divulge it, the only way is to pay the Land Registry.

Cllr Green suggested a meeting with Rob Greatorex and Neil Atkin and Gill Milward would be useful to push the matter forward.

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We are waiting for road markings to be done which Cllr Atkin says should be in the next financial year but at the moment the gangs are on pothole repairs.

Cllr Green also questioned the signage when the road was closed recently which was mis-leading.

**District Cllr’s report** Cllr Watson spoke about the recent meeting held by Richmond Homes to update the parishionners about the work in long Walk Wood, which was very well attended and proved to be very informative.

He spoke about the problems with flooding in Yates Avenue and on Weston Road, he feels that Severn Trent is not behaving responsibly.

 **3.Declaration of Interests** – Cllrs Mrs Freeman and Neville are neighbours of the planning application.

**4.Apologies -** Cllrs Than and Wilkins and District Cllr Dan Corbin

**5.Minutes of the previous meeting** having been previously circulated the minutes were deemed to have been read and were agreed as a true record of the meeting held on 15th January 2024

**6.Matters arising from the minutes**

Network Rail – Work is due to be done on the hedgerows in Trent Lane and Kings Mill Lane on 29th February after a long delay and also on Swarkestone Road.

Summer Activities – 2 sessions have been booked for this year – Monday 29th July and Thursday 22nd August, this is all that was available.

Long Walk Wood – The work has now been completed and the woods re-opened today. Richmond Villages will still be hosting the ramble on 23rd February.

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**7.Reports** Chair’s report – Cllr Green reported that Aston Parish Council has been consulting with the parishioners over proposals from DCC for installation of double yellow lines in an attempt to alleviate the traffic problems in the centre of the village. As Weston residents use this way out of the village Cllr Greeen will send comments to Aston PC.

He will circulate a sheet asking Councillors to sign up for the various spending projects identified at the Finance meeting.

Clerk’s report –. The new dog poo bin at the Lock is being well used but it has a lock on it which means SDDC can’t open it to empty it. I have removed the bags which were around the bin and will look for a solution. The annual facilities survey has been returned and after discussion I will add some additional comments. The WI decorated The Green for the’ Show the love campaign’

The allotment bills have gone out, it looks as though there will be some vacancies. I have contacted people on the waiting list and notices are in the boards .

Footpath’s report – there are several outstanding issues to which we need answers and so would like a face to face meeting .

Cllrs Green, Wilkins,Mrs Freeman and the Clerk attended the Area Forum meeting in Melbourne. The New Chief Executive , Justin Ives spoke about his plans and the future of S136 money.

The Council will support the Earth Day which is being held in the village on April 20th. Cllr Green will organise a walk on the footpaths and will update the footpaths map to go in the empty information board at the Village Hall.

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He attended a briefing session for Parish Councils at the airport looking at training flights and aircraft flying over the villages.

The Future Airspace proposals have been sent to the CAA.

**8.Planning** –

DMPA/2024/0127 The erection of extensions, conversion of existing garage and the erection of detached double garage at Kinderlow, Westonhall Drive, Weston on Trent.

The parish Council objects to this application on the grounds of the effect on the street view, environmental damage and the effect on the neighbours. The proposed garage is right on the verge which is not like any other property there so would stand out and possibly damage tree roots.

The extension at the back is a large double storey extension right up to the boundary and could cause environmental damage.

The North West Leicestershire Local Plan consultation included development to Isley Walton and Isley Woodhouse and on land from Castle Donington village down to the Priest House. The Parish Council objects to the sprawl and the light pollution.

**9.Correspondence**

 Safer and Stronger Neighbourhood funding – information can be found at https/www.facebook.com/SaferSouthDerbyshire

Download – meetings to keep local residents informed have been arranged for June.

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D Day beacons to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D Day landings are being held. South Derbyshire will be lighting a beacon at 9.15 on 6th June 2024 at Rosliston Forestry Centre

Road closure ,Swarkestone Road 18/03/2024

Derby City Local Plan – details on line at <http://letstalk.derby.gov.uk/local-plan>

1**0.Section 106 –** Cllr Green and Wilkins to move this forward

**11.Website –** up to date.2Commune who host the website are ceasing business and we will be moving to Cuttlefish from March.

**12.Finance**

Invoices awaiting payment

Clerk’s wages £295.25

Clerk’s expenses £72.26

Village Hall fees £255.00

Village Hall = car park lease 335.00

Cuttlefish (web site) £480.00

DALC £669.55

The meeting closed at 10.00