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WESTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on 15th April 2024

Present: Cllrs Green, Harper, Mrs Freeman, Steadman, Than, Neville, Wilkins and District Cllrs Peter Watson and Dan Corbin

 There was 1 members of the public present who came to observe.

1. **Public session**

**2.District Cllrs report** – Cllr Watson has no comments this month.

Cllr Corbin noted that a date for a meeting with Severn Trent was not sorted.

**3.Declaration of Interests** – none declared

**4.Apologies –** none received

**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 18th March 2024

**6.Matters arising from the minutes**

Network Rail – the hedges have now been cut but unfortunately they have not made a very good job of it, some of the height needs to be removed. Cllr Green has complained to Network Rail

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and a lady from York is coming to the village on Wednesday 16th April to walk round to see what else can be done.

Earth Day – April 20th 2024. This is taking place in the Village Hall on Saturday. The Parish Council is taking part by leading a walk of the footpaths in the Village. Cllr Green has devised a route, which he will check nearer the time as the path by the river is flooded at the moment. He needs a couple of Councillors to accompany him and help with the road crossings. A new map of the footpaths in the village is being produced and will be put in the information board on the left hand side of the Village Hall

**7.Reports** Chair’s report – Cllr Green asked if any Councillors were available on Wednesday to meet with the Network Rail representative. He will contact Cllr Atkin about the road markings as nothing has happened with these.

Clerk’s report – several parishioners have commented that the grass cutting on yhe Village Green and the recreation ground is much improved.

Footpaths Officer’s report – Cllrs Green and Wilkins had a meeting with Hansons which was productive. The formation of a bridle path, once the quarry work is finished, is agreed.

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**8. Planning** –

DMPA/2024/0380 The erection of a single storey side extension and detached garage at Brindles, Trent Lane, Weston on Trent. The Parish Council has no objection.

DMPA/2024/0472 Conversion of a barn to a dwelling at Bridge Lane, Weston on Trent. The Parish Council objects to this application as it is outside the village boundary and as such is unwarranted ribbon development and further spread of the village to the west.

**9. Correspondence**

Notification has been received that as we are in the pre- election publicity period so purdah rules apply.

Traffic on Main Street – an email has been received from a resident of Main Street who walks her children to school and recently has had several incidents involving cars mounting the pavement and her daughter being clipped by a car. The Clerk will write back and detail what the Council is doing – road markings and liaising with the school.

1**0. Section 106 –** nothing to report

**11.Website –** up to date.

**12. Allotments –** all are now filled

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**13. Finance**

Clerk’s wages £236.25

Clerk’s tax £59.00 (to be paid at year end)

Clerk’s expenses £34.50

SDDC bin emptying £2092.27

I Cook allotment commission £100.00

Else Brothers for lease of Recreation Ground £1000 .00

V Cooper for allotment lease £1050.00

Zurich Insurance £557.40

Weston PCC for church grass cutting £1500.00

Community Heartbeat Trust, for defibrillator electrodes £106.74

The meeting closed at 9.50