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WESTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on 17th June 2024

**Present**: Cllrs Green, Harper, Mrs Freeman and Wilkins,

District Cllrs Peter Watson and Dan Corbin

There were 3 members of the public present.

**Acceptance of office** – Cllr Green signed the declaration of acceptance of office form as he was not at the last meeting.

**1.Public session** – one of the parishionners wanted an update and the Council’s thoughts on the National Grid consultation to build approximately 60 km of new overhead electricity lines between Chesterfield and Willington. The document appears quite vague and it looks as though a more direct route would be to go around the other side of Derby. They will be holding public meetings after the election period and Cllrs will attend. Cllr Green has requested a meeting in Weston as we would be affected.

Questions were also asked about speeding through the village, this is an on-going problem but Derbyshire County Council have agreed extra signage and white lines so we are waiting for these to be actioned. The Council has speedwatch equipment and would love to be able to start this up again but we do not have enough volunteers to run it. If anyone is interested in this please contact the Clerk. The Council is looking at purchasing a speed sign, similar to the one in Aston, and hopes this will be sorted by the end of the year. Again, school parking was mentioned as an on-going issue.

The issue of flooding in Yates Avenue and Weston Road was discussed and Cllr Corbin spoke about working with Severn Trent on flooding isssues across the ward. The problem however is not just with Severn Trent, the Environment Agency and local land owners are also involved. As there are legal issues involved Cllr Corbin was not able to give any more details. The parishioner has contacted other affected householders and is keen to move the matter forward. The Parish Council has attended flood liaison meetings and is also looking to resolve the matter.

**1. County Cllr’s report** – not available

**2.District Cllr’s report** – Cllr Corbin spoke about the problem of road drains being silted up, this is a County matter and Cllr Corbin has raised the matter with the Chief Executive. This problem is being compounded by the fact that grass cuttings are left in the gutters.

The mobile phone mast in Aston has been delayed but weather permitting should be in situ within 56 days.

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

**4.Apologies –** Cllrs Than, Neville and Steadman and County Cllr Neil Atkin

**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 20th May 2024

**6.Matters arising from the minutes**

Plaques; Mrs Record was not available to attend this meeting so the unveiling of the plaque on the bench will take place in July.

Network Rail – they have been working over the weekend nights and have done the verges on Swarkestone Road. The other issues we have highlighted are still waiting.

Dog poo bins – these have arrived, the one for the lock will be installed at the lock tomorrow.

Flooding issues – covered in public session

Boundary commission- South Derbyshire District Council has negotiated an extension for comments on the proposals to change the Derbyshire County Council electoral boundaries.

National Grid – the meetings were cancelled due to the election so awaiting details of new meeting dates.

**7.Reports** Chair’s report – A parishioner reported that they had seen hemlock growing on the towpath between Scotch Bridge and the Ukranian Centre , this was reported to Canal and Rivers Trust and it has been cut back and removed. Henlock looks very similar to cow parsley but is poisonous so must be reported if seen. Cllr Green has been looking at the consultation on the cycle network which runs along the tow path. The surface of the towpath , especially under bridges is not suitable for heavy traffic. The Council supports the idea but thought needs to be given to going over the bridges and improving the surface.

Clerk’s report – we received complaints about the state of the churchyard, these were passed onto the Church warden. The local PCSO looked at a couple of issues that parishionners had mentioned, parking and camping in the woods.

Footpath Officer’s Report – all paths are passable although a bit overgrown.

**8. Planning** -DMPA/2024/0650 Change of use from residential outbuilding (use class 3c) to dog grooming (use class e) at Windrush , 6, Westonhill Chalet Park, Bridge Lane, Weston on Trent, Derby DE72 2BU

The Parish Council has concerns about this application as parking and turning for vehicles is limited, and nearby residents are concerned about noise.

**9 Correspondence**

Summer floral display – these will be installed on 25th June

Police neighbourhood priorities have been set for the next quarter, none of these are in Weston.

Summer activities – dates have been confirmed, there will be 2 visits this year. The Sportsmobile will be on the Recreation Ground (or Village Hall if wet) on Monday 29th July 2-4pm and the Play and Adventure Mobile on Thursday 22nd August from 10am – 12pm (Village Hall if wet) The Clerk will put up notices.

Derbyshire Wildlife Trust are negotiating with Hansons to buy land between Aston and Weston where the cursus lies. A joint meeting will be held with Aston when further details are available.

10**. Section 106 –** ongoing

**11.Website –** up to date.

**12.Finance**

Invoices awaiting payment

Clerk’s wages £236.25

Clerk’s expenses £28.50

S Coussens – internal audit fee £84.00

Glasdon – the previous cheque was cancelled and a new one authorised for £ 2101.95 including the credit for 3 bins returned and 3 larger bins ordered,

Clerk’s tax kept in account £59

The AGAR paperwork for the audit was agreed.

the meeting closed at 9.30