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WESTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

There were 5 members of the public present.

**1.Public session**

A parishioner came to see if there was any update on the proposals from the National Grid especially with regard to the time frame. Cllr Green stated that he had attended the drop-in session and also a webinar for Parish Councils. He explained that siting the pylons to the east of Derby will cost an additional £33 million more and will cause problems at Cuttlebridge and Swarkestone. Also special roads will need to be constructed prior to the pylons being erected. As far as timescales go they will be taking feedback until the middle of next year when a detailed route will be available. The building is scheduled from 2026 to 2028. The National Grid will brief SDDC in September who will then pass the information to the Parish Councils. Health issues are of a concern too, and questions were asked about the need for booster stations. Weston P C will challenge the route.

A parishioner asked about Network Rail working on cutting back vegetation in the cutting at this time of year, they did inform residents. The Council has outstanding issues with Network Rail so can enquire about this.

A parishioner from The Avenue asked about the new road markings which have been done recently –‘ keep clear’ and ‘slow’ have been painted near The Avenue but more was expected. Signs for the school have not yet been done.

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

**2.District Cllr’s report** – not available

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

**4.Apologies –** DistrictCllrs Dan Corbin and Peter Watson 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 15th July 2024

**6.Matters arising from the minutes**

Network Rail committed to doing the work on the hedges over the summer and will be back in September after the bird nesting season. We are still waiting for information on the traffic on the line.

Dog poo bins -the new dog poo bins are now installed at the Lock and in Willow Park Way

Flooding issues – it was hoped that a representative from Severn Trent would attend this meeting but we have not been able to contact her or anyone at SDDC. The Council has put in a Freedom of Information request to SDDC for all relevant correspondence

National grid – new consultation forms have been sent out due to a missing question in the originals.

**7.Reports**

Chair’s report – Cllr Green reported that there had been no further information on the nature reserve

Clerk’s report – A picture taken at the July meeting when Mrs Avril Record unveiled the plaque on the bench outside the Village Hall was sent to the Village Voice and was printed in the August issue.

The sportsmobile on 29th July was attended by about 10 children, the next one is Thursday 22nd August.

Clerk obtained a quote for painting the notice boards as the ones on The Village Hall were being done while the windows were being painted, it was agreed to do the other two boards.

A parishioner contacted the Clerk about overgrown vegetation in the graveyard at church, the Clerk passed the comments to the Church Warden.

Footpath Officer’s Report – all paths are in reasonable condition. There are a couple of signs missing and the path from the Ukranian Centre to the river is blocked by a tree but is still passable.

**8. Planning** – none received

**9. Correspondence**

Derbyshire Police and Crime Plan Consultation . This can be found online

Safer and Stronger Neighbourhood Grants are available for groups fitting the criteria, further information can be found on SDDC’s website.

Diary dates from SDDC’s chair have been received.

SDDC Annual CCTV consultation

Local Government Boundary Commission report received

Canal market week-end – an email has been received from Lindsey Riley about a canal trade board looking for places to hold weekend markets. If the Parish Council think it’s something that could be done in the village she would organise it. The Council felt it was a good idea but were concerned about parking, Clerk to ask Mrs Riley to persue the idea.

Pylons and Planning training – CPRE are asking Councils about the impact of the pylons locally.

Wicksteed play area inspections -the annual inspection has been booked- awaiting a date.

DCC end of discretionary grant funding consultation information

East Midlands Gateway Phase 2 -EIA Scoping Notification and Consultation

10**. Section 106** – the benches have arrived and the bases have been put down, unfortunately one has been driven over and damaged so will have to be replaced.

**11.Website –** up to date and Cuttlefish are making some improvements.

**12.Finance**

Invoices awaiting payment

Clerk’s wages £32705

Clerk’s expenses £69.67

Trevor Marks – footpath strimming £150.00

Cllr Green for printing flyers £55.00

TDP for benches £14.68.70

The cheque issued for Burley (plantscape) last month has had to be re-written due to getting lost in the post

Quotes for re-staining the boards £965.00

Audit –Although sent at the correct time the paperwork got lost in the auditors building, am waiting for them to let us know if we need to re-send.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm