WESTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on18th November 2024

**Present**: Cllrs Green, Harper, Than, Neville, Wilkins, Steadman, and District Cllrs Dan Corbin

There were no members of the public present.

**1.Public session**

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

**2.District Cllr’s report** - Cllr Corbin reported on a scheme to provide defibrillators.

He spoke about the Local Plan Consultation drop-in session which was in Aston on 7th November.

SDDC have sent a reply to the consultation on the pylons.

His request to the leader of the Council to write about the stopping of the winter fuel allowance to pensioners was declined so he has asked for posters informing people of other benefits they may be entitled to.

It will be soon be mandatory to recycle food waste but there is no drive to get people to do it, SDDC have purchased food caddies and liners and the caddies will be made available at a reasonable cost and all residents will get some liners. After that they will have to buy them, but have to go to the Council offices in Swadlincote to get them.

The mobile phone mast in Aston is still waiting for other networks to sign the relevant paperwork to be able to use it. Once this is done it is a reasonably short time before it’s operating - 56 days from ground breaking to operation.

Cllr Green informed Cllr Corbin that road edges and verges are overgrown in several places, he will raise the matter with SDDC. Cllr Green also asked if there are any grant schemes that the Village Hall could tap into in order to tarmac the Village Hall carpark.

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

**4.Apologies –** Cllrs Mrs Freeman, District Cllr 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 21st October 2024

**6.Matters arising from the minutes**

Network Rail – There are still areas that have not been cut back, Clerk to write.

Flooding issues – A date has now been set for by Derbyshire County Council for a resident’s meeting for those properties in Yates Avenue and Weston Road that were affected by the flooding associated with storm Babet. It will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 5th December.

National grid –no update

Road markings, White lines have been painted over the bridge near the Village Hall down to the triangle of grass and pedestrian signs installed. In Kings Mill Lane white lines have been painted outside the recreation ground and SLOW painted on the road in both directions. Cllr Neil Atkin to be asked if we can get Richard Hanbury back to look at what still needs doing.

Derbyshire Local Plan - a consultation meeting was held in Aston on 7th November which was attended by some of the Councillors and the clerk, Cllr Green will put together a response and forward to the Councillors to add any comments.

Allotments – letters have been sent to 6 allotment holders whose plots are causing concern through not being worked.

**7.Reports**

Chair’s report – the display of poppies on The Green looks stunning, thanks were expressed to Mrs Than for organising.

Cllr Green had a number of issues for Cllr Atkin but, as he is not here, will put them in writing.

Everyone who is available will meet in the Village Hall on 19th November to check that there are no issues with the Christmas lights.

Cllr Green spoke about the Village Surveys which were done in the 2008,2010 and 2012 with a view to repeating it next year, A decision will be made in January or February

Clerk’s report – The Clerk , Cllr Green and Cllr Mrs Freeman attended the Remembrance Service in Weston church. The poppies will be removed by Cllrs Than and Neville ready for the Christmas decorations to go up.

It has been pointed out that there is graffiti on the railway bridge near Chellaston Cottages, Clerk will let Network Rail know.

Footpath officer’s report- Cllrs Green and Wilkins met with Chris Nichol from Heidelberg to discuss footpaths on their land.

**8. Planning** – DMOT/2024/1274 The erection of a single storey double garage extension at Kinderlow, Weston Hall Drive, Weston on Trent DE72 2BU The parish Council objects to this application because of concern for the tree roots and also the effect on the street scene.

Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission for an order granting development consent for the Chesterfield to Willington overhead line – the Parish Council’s comments were submitted on 29/11/24

Handrail at the back of Aston church- Aston PCC applied to SDDC to install a handrail on the steps at the back of church but this was refused so the appeal has gone to the Planning Inspectorate. The Parish Council will write in support as residents of Richmond Village use that route to get to the village centre.

DMPA/2024/1359 Certificate of lawfulness for proposed single storey extension at Church View, Swarkestone Road, Weston on Trent. The Parish Council objects to this application due to the effect it could have on drainage in properties in Park Lane.

**9. Correspondence**

Area Forum dates – the next Area Forum will be held on Wednesday 22nd January at Barrow on Trent 6pm-8pm Anyone is able to attend these forum meetings.

Flood liaison meeting – Thursday November 21st on TEAMS

Leaflets have been received from Derbyshire County Council re school placement dates, they have been left in the Village Hall foyer

**10 Section 106 –** we have a quote for the removal of the non-native conifer on the bowling green site and trimming of 2 smaller conifers. The cost will be £950.00 plus removal. Once removed some native trees will be planted, the local Scout group have offered to do this, Cllr Green to talk to Mrs Cooke

**11. Communication event –** the numbers of parishionners attending was slightly down on last year but it was still a worthwhile event. Issues raised included improvements to the cycle path, Scotch Bridge, Forrester Avenue parking and the pylons.

**12.Website** – upto date. Cllr Than will look into providing the councillors with individual Council email addresses

**13. Christmas arrangements –** Coopers Arms have been asked to provide some roast potatoes. The Clerk has been unable to source any live music this year so we will have Christmas music through a speaker.

**14.Finance**

Invoices awaiting payment

Clerk’s wages £254.25

Clerk’s expenses £28.50

Burleys plant boxes £337.80

Donation to the British Legion £100.00

Printing for the Communication Event £114.90

Christmas expenses to Cllr Steadman- reindeer and plywood £249.37

Mrs Kerry Than -poppy display £33.00

The date for finance meeting was set for 13th January at 6.30

The meeting closed at 10.10