

EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Thursday 30 May 2019

Present: Councillors N. Milne (NM), H. Wood (HW), N. Farmer (NF), N. Appleby (NA), P Boggust (PB), E. Jarron (EJ), and the Clerk, B. Shirley (BS)

Visitors: Colonel N.Lakin (NL), S. Jarron (SJ)

Item	Description	Action
1. Election of Chair of the Parish Council for 2019/20	<p>The Clerk welcomed Councillors to their first meeting, post the recent local elections, and circulated copies of the Acceptance of Office and Declaration of Interest forms.</p> <p>The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chair of the Parish Council.</p> <p>NM proposed by NA</p> <p>Seconded – HW</p> <p>Agreed by all. NM elected as Chair of the Parish Council for the year 2019/20</p>	
2. Election of Vice Chair of the Parish Council for 2019/20	<p>The Clerk put it to the Parish Council that they were entitled to elect a Vice Chair should they wish to do so. No nominations were forthcoming. It was agreed that when the Chair is unable to attend meetings, the Parish Clerk will ask for a volunteer to take the chair.</p>	
3. Apologies for absence	<p>Cllr. P. Coe, County Councillor Bool, County Councillor G Waller</p>	
4. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda	<p>N. Milne – agenda item 11 -payment of invoices</p>	
5. To accept the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 23 May 2018	<p>Minutes accepted as a correct record, and duly signed by the Chair.</p>	
6. To receive the Annual Report of the Chair of the Parish Council	<p>Report attached to these minutes.</p>	
7. Public Open Forum	<p>SJ thanked the Parish Council for their work over the past year.</p>	

<p>8. Minutes of the last meeting held on 25 March 2019</p>	<p>Minutes of the last meeting held on 25 March, were agreed by the Parish Council as a correct record:</p> <p>Proposed – PB</p> <p>Seconded - HW</p> <p>The minutes were signed by the Chair.</p>	
<p>9. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verge parking round Rutland Water – NA reported that RCC have now commenced the 18 month trial to deter cars parking on verges round Rutland Water. However, it was agreed that the signs are embarrassing, and put in the wrong place. RCC will consult after the 18 month trial. There is concern that parking may well be pushed into the village, or will there permit only parking be introduced? • RCC Forward Plan – NM reminded the Parish Council that a watching brief needs to be kept on the RCC Forward Plan. GW is now chair of the Growth Infrastructure and Resources Committee. 	
<p>10. Updates from the Army</p>	<p>NL had nothing further to report.</p> <p>HW has received a complaint that a man from the Army walking his dog in the field did not clear up after his dog. When asked to do so, he refused to comply on the grounds that the field is a dog walking field. NL to take back.</p>	
<p>11. Future of St George's Barracks</p>	<p>EJ & NM reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCLG met last week • EJ has received a neutral response from Loughborough University, about using the St Georges site in the future. EJ feels there is merit in pressing educational establishments to set up on the site in future. • A briefing for new RCC members on St Georges Barracks will be arranged by Julie Gray. • Lord Taylor and CPRE also getting involved • NM stressed the importance of the village getting involved with the development of the Local Plan. 	
<p>12. To discuss planning applications received</p>	<p>The following planning application have been received:</p> <p>2019/0360/FUL – extension, 6 Crummock Avenue – no objection</p> <p>2019/0453/LBA – replacement of 2 doors, 17 Well Cross – no objection</p> <p>2019/0442/CAT – removal of various trees, 33 Weston Road – 7 trees on the eastern boundary to be removed, which may make the property visible by neighbours at least in the short term. The Parish Council will</p>	

	defer to the Tree Officer's decision but it was agreed to write to express concern that the Tree Officer marks the trees to be removed since these are in pairs.	
13. Update on environmental issues in the Parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NF will look at the three benches which have not been replaced, particularly the one outside the village shop, to see what needs to be done to refresh them. • NM noted the kerb has fallen out near the village shop. NF has notified Fix My Street. NF will chase this up, copy into KB and GW. • A Himac machine being taken on site in Rectory Lane has ripped up the tarmac. NF will make the developer aware. • EJ has noticed that Biffa are not cutting the flat parts of the verges. NM also noted that the grasscutters are not cutting the grass under the hedge on the Manton Road verge. • NF to find someone to get the glass in the Parish Council noticeboard replaced. 	<p>NF</p> <p>NF</p> <p>NF</p> <p>NF</p>
14. Finance	<p>a) To note the current bank balance on the Parish Council's accounts (as at 27 May 2019)</p> <p>Current account - £1155.40</p> <p>Savings account - £42,616.00</p> <p>b) To approve the annual audit return.</p> <p>The Clerk explained that the Parish Council must agree Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Audit Return 2018/19. Parish Councillors were provided with a copy of Sections 1 and 2 for information.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Chair read out the Annual Governance Statement 2018.19, and all sections were agreed by those present, and ticked appropriately. The Chair and Clerk signed and dated Section 1. ii. The Clerk has completed the figures for the Section 2, Accounting Statements 2018/19. These were agreed by those present, and duly signed by the Chair. A question was asked by NA about the increase in expenditure in 2018-19. The increase has been due to expenditure on items including new village gates, and St Georges Barracks legal fees. The Parish Council is obliged to show how these increases have been incurred when financial information is made public on 17 June. 	

<p>15. To agree payment of invoices</p>	<p>The following invoices were agreed for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BM Shirley, stationery - £33.42 • Lamin & White, completion of month end summary - £52.80 • LRALC Annual membership fee - £240.28 • Metasys – domain hosting, Edith Weston village website - £37.19 • Zurich Municipal – annual Parish Council insurance - £167.44 	
<p>16. Election of representatives to the Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils</p>	<p>It was agreed that the Parish Council will not put forward representatives at the present time.</p>	
<p>17. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian Bain, Lamin and White – now retiring, and Hills Accountants are now taking over the practice – no action required. • Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Days, 3 September – no action required. • Vista – Sensory impairment awareness training – no action required • RCC Highways and Transport Working Group meeting - NM drew the attention of the Parish Council to the following agenda items which may be of relevance in the context of the development of the St Georges site. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A47 Wireless Hill – request by South Luffenham Parish Council to improve the Wireless Hill junction with the A47. ○ A feasibility study to determine the safety of the crossroads on Grantham Lane and Exton Road, Empingham ○ Normanton Parish Meeting’s request for an extension of the 30 mph limit out of Normanton to Wytchley Road, and for Normanton Park Road to be designated a 50 mph limit. Mean speed currently determined by the police as 46mph. It was felt that there would be no point in incurring expenditure on the reduction of the speed limit, but the Parish Council would support extending the 30mph limit to other side of the junction with Wytchley Road. NM to pass on to the views of the Parish Council to RCC and County Councillor Waller. 	<p>NM</p>

18. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting	Date of next meeting – Monday 24 June, 7.15 pm, Edith Weston Village Hall	

Edith Weston Parish Council, Chairman's Annual Report 2018-19

May I start by welcoming everyone to this year's Annual Parish Meeting.

Thanks to councillors and our local police, ambulance and fire services over the year (unsung but always needed) and particularly our County Councillors who have really been involved on many other aspects of the threatening St Georges Barracks infrastructure this year.

A reminder more suitable councillors needed - primary criteria is to be a team player and to do what they promise to do in a timely manner. Newcomers to the village are always welcome, and we are particularly pleased to see a number of families have now moved into the village.

The Parish Council is now very busy but far more cohesive with individual councillors knowing their responsibilities and matters raised being picked up on time, and within budget. During 2018-19 the Parish Council has been involved with:

- visits to RCC - Planning, Forums, Project specific, Boundary Reviews, Finances, Ethical Standards, Travel Surveys, Capping, Community Safety, Local plan updates.
- Historic England and Freedom of Information request by Nick Appleby
- Liaison with other Parish Councils - Normanton and Luffenham - Joint projects Advisory and PCLG.

The village is now looking better. Neil will now be turning his attention to tidying up the bottom of the village. I also envisage problems with the cemetery as LRALC have now advised me that the Parish Council cannot donate money to the Church any longer. Noise – there is a rumour that the Red Arrows may now be relocating to RAF Wittering, in addition to the ongoing service training noise. We also have an issue of a considerable number of lorries and trailers being parked up at the airfield. I have asked RCC to look into this, although this may be part of a Defence Infrastructure contract.

The Parish Council precept has been increased again this year in order to provide the village with a fighting fund for the St Georges Barracks project. It may be that it will have to be increased this coming year, but I will be discussing this with County Councillor Bool.

A village is very much a work in progress. Some visit briefly, some never go away, some are pleased to help and others only grumble. It takes all sorts to make a team and I am confident that as your chairman there is a strong team there to serve the village.... Naturally I may not be there after the election but I am happy to repeat my role for the foreseeable future. That is if no one else wants it. Always happy to pass the baton.

This is a lovely village and a great place to live and work from.