

EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 7 January 2019

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

Visitors: S. Walling (SW), D. Wilkin (DW), T. Wilkin (TW), County Cllr G. Waller (GW), County Cllr K. Bool (KB), J. Gray (JG), M. Ellwood-Wade (MEW), H. Palmer (HP), M. Earnshaw (ME)

Item	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Cllr P. Coe	
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda	N. Milne – Agenda item 11 payment of invoices.	
3. Public Open Forum	<p>HP has drafted a response for the Parish Council to Roger Ranson at RCC in connection with the revision of the Neighbourhood Plan. HP provided Parish Councillors with a parish map, including a blue area which will become part of the Parish of Edith Weston after the MOD have disposed of the St Georges site.</p> <p>It was agreed current National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) makes it clear that RCC cannot object to an extension of the parish once the MOD have vacated the site. It is therefore unnecessary to completely revise the current Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>In addition, putting a new town in Rutland will represent a very significant change to other Local Plans in neighbouring local authorities, and it makes no sense to completely rewrite the current Edith Weston Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>KB added that he cannot see why the current Neighbourhood Plan cannot stand as it is, with a minor revision to include the St Georges' site. He reminded the Parish Council that when the Neighbourhood Plan was produced, it was held up as a model of good practice! He asked the Parish Council to put any revision on hold until he has had an opportunity to speak to Sir Alan Duncan. He also agreed that what is proposed for the St Georges site will have an impact on the Neighbourhood Plans in Stamford, Corby, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire. KB also commented that RCC would have been unlikely to build 2,000 additional houses if the St Georges site wasn't being disposed of, and Rutland County Council has never been under pressure to revise its own Local Plan.</p> <p>GW suggested the following:</p>	

	<p>1. The Neighbourhood Plan should focus on making a minor change to the current plan, to include St Georges. The Parish Council must be able to quote chapter and verse of the legislation around major/minor changes to a Neighbourhood Plan, otherwise the County Council will argue that there is no legal basis for accepting it. The Chief Executive should be made aware of the Parish Council's proposals.</p> <p>2. It was agreed that HP will draft a response to Roger Ranson at RCC.</p> <p>JG asked if RCC have told other Parishes that they have no choice other than to agree the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) bid. In response, it was agreed that County Councillors have been informed that they do not need the HIF because the bid is based on building 2215 +70 houses in the St Georges masterplan.</p> <p>NM reminded the Parish Council of the meeting to be held on 21 January where the County Council will make a judgement on the HIF bid. He hoped to see a strong deputation from the village, and this will also be an opportunity for Parish representatives to present the case against the St Georges development.</p> <p>HP asked if County Councillors are aware of other opportunities for development such as Woolfox. KB suggested that this is more of a statement of intention at this stage. GW hoped that the Parish Council would take the opportunity to make other Parishes understand the implications of the HIF bid before the meeting on 21 January. KB suggested writing a short letter to every County Councillor before the meeting.</p> <p>ME asked if there will be a meeting with Sir Alan Duncan MP, and KB hoped that this would take place on Friday or Saturday, but certainly before 21 January.</p> <p>Should the HIF bid be agreed, GW suggested the Neighbourhood Plan Committee and Parish Council will write to Ministers to express concern.</p>	HP
4. Minutes of the last meeting held on 26 November 2018	<p>The minutes were agreed as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Plan Group membership now agreed as EJ, JG, PB, PC, Andy Wood (HP and ME to be members of the group in an advisory capacity) • The Clerk to arrange a meeting of the group after the minutes of the Parish Council meeting have been circulated. 	ALL
5. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda	No matters arising.	BS

6. Updates from the Army	No update available.	
7. Future of St George's Barracks	<p>As agenda item 3.</p> <p>EJ expressed concern that in the discussion about the proposed development of the St Georges site, the Parish Council had not put forward an alternative plan which set out how the community would like to see the site developed. What would be acceptable to the community in terms of the scale or rate of development? What about the employment opportunities?</p>	
8. To discuss planning applications received	The Chair confirmed that all current planning applications have been delivered.	
9. Update on environmental issues in the Parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MEW expressed concern about increasing dog mess in the field. The Parish Council agreed to put up some signs reminding dogwalkers to clear up after their dogs. Grit bins – Only two of the three grit have been installed. The Clerk will chase up RCC. 	NF BS
10. Finance	<p>a) To note the current bank balance on the Parish Council's accounts:</p> <p>The Clerk circulated a copy of the bank reconciliation of the Parish Council's accounts, which included balances in the bank as at 31 December 2018:</p> <p>Current account - £1,725.31</p> <p>Savings account - £25,422.17</p> <p>The Clerk asked for permission to draw down a further £2,000 from the savings account:</p> <p>Proposed: PB</p> <p>Seconded: NF</p> <p>All in agreement</p> <p>b) To agree draft Parish Council budget and Precept for 2019/20 financial year:</p> <p>PB presented draft Budget to the Parish Council. There were no comments, and PB asked the Parish Council to agree the budget and Precept for the 2019/2020 financial year as £21,550.00:</p> <p>Proposed: NF</p>	

	<p>Seconded: HW</p> <p>All in agreement. The Clerk will now submit the Precept form to Rutland County Council.</p> <p>In response to a question from HP, NM confirmed that the Parish Council has funds of £20k in the savings account for possible legal costs in connection with the St Georges development.</p>	
12. To agree payment of invoices	<p>The following invoices were agreed for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lamin & White for payroll services - £48.00 • Biffa – village grass cutting to October 2018 - £516.00 • Empingham Parish Council – car stickers - £352.94 • B.G. Walker – installation of village benches - £220.00 • N. Milne – Edith Weston domain hosting - £16.29 <p>It was agreed that the invoice from Rutland County Council for installation of grit bins will be held back until the third bin has been installed.</p>	
13. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rutland Learning Trust admissions consultation for 2020/2021 – no action required • Enquiry about the history of the church graveyard. BS to pass on to Hilary Fox and Vanessa Jones. • LRALC Elections workshop – BS to pass on details to NA. BS also reminded Parish Councillors that Parish Council elections are taking place in May 2019. • HW and NA asked about the possibility of the telephone box on Derwent Avenue being converted to hold a defibrillator. NA will look into this, and report back to the Parish Council. NM reminded the PC that there is a defibrillator teaching session next Thursday. A new battery is also being purchased for the current defibrillator. 	<p>BS</p> <p>NA</p>
14. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting	<p>Monday 25 February, 7.15 pm, Edith Weston Village Hall</p> <p>Apologies: N. Milne, County Councillors Bool and Waller H. Wood to take the Chair.</p>	