

EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 30 June 2014 in The Village Hall

Present: Councillors – G. Fagence (GF) , J. Boddington (JB), H. Shepherd (HS), A. Tinsley (AT), D. Crowden (DC), K. Simpson (KS) and the Clerk; Barbara Shirley (BS)

Visitors: County Councillor Bool (KB), Mrs J. Tinsley (JT), Mr N. Milne (NM), Mrs I. Langford (IL)

Item	Description	Action
1. Apologies	County Councillor G. Waller, PC Paul Le Pla	
2. Declarations of interest	Parish Councillors declared interest in agenda item 6 – funding for community projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GF and HS –Tommy’s Close Trustees • KS – Chair of Village Hall Committee 	
3a. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting, held on 19 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes agreed as a correct record • Matters arising: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grass cutting of verges in the village – GF and the Clerk have both contacted David Brown (DB) at RCC, who has confirmed that some Parishes do carry out their own grass cutting. DB will contact the Clerk in the next couple of months to ask if the Parish Council want to take on the contract from April 2015. GF confirmed to DC that if the Parish Council takes on the contract, then it will specify what is wanted from the contractors. KS suggested that RCC are able to adopt economies of scale in relation to grass cutting contracts, which would not be available to individual Parish Councils. PH confirmed that contractors already maintain verges for MOD, and it might prove possible to include the village in a contract. <p>IL expressed concern about grass verges on Normanton Road. Recent grass cutting has not included the area between the bollards leading up to the Normanton car park. DB has already been informed, and KB will chase up.</p>	KB
3b. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held on 19 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes agreed as a correct record 	
4. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No matters arising 	
5. To note the current bank balance on the Parish Councils	BS reported the balance on the Parish Council accounts:	

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6. Applications for funding for community projects	<p>The report prepared by BS on progress of applications for community projects was discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Replacement of plants in the churchyard requested by the Holy Weeders. GF confirmed that thanks to Rutland Garden Nursery, £129.41 was spent on plants. 2. Refurbishment of village hall toilets. KS, on behalf of the Village Hall Committee, was asked if there are sufficient funds available to meet the cost of replacing the toilets. KS explained: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Village Hall Committee have savings of £11k, but £2k needs to be spent on electrics, a further £2k on repairing a leak in the storeroom. The Committee would also like to decorate the hall within the next couple of years, and maintain funds of between £3k and £4k for emergencies. The proposals for replacing the toilets would be for the benefit of everyone in the village. • In response to a question from DC, KS explained that residents are able to hire the hall at a discount. • PH suggested that as the Parish Council pay rent to the Village Hall Committee for meetings, is it appropriate for further funds to be requested? The Village Hall Committee is no longer receiving a grant of £250 from the Precept as the Parish Council are now paying rent for hiring the village hall. • KS pointed out that the Parish Council is not a tenant and that the village hall committee is not a landlord. The Parish Council are borrowers of the hall, in the same way that other organisations hire the hall. • KS confirmed that a bid for £10k has been made from the Lottery Fund towards the toilets, and the outcome is expected shortly. The Village Hall Committee would like to start work as soon as possible. • HS said that it was the amount which the Village Hall Committee was requesting which was causing concern. • GF suggested two options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Parish Council agrees a smaller amount than the total the Village Hall Committee have requested ○ The final decision on the request is deferred until the end of July when the lottery funding is confirmed. • PH proposed to defer the decision until the next 	

	<p>Parish Council meeting, seconded by AT.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Funding of domain names for Edith Weston Village website. PH proposed that funding is now agreed, and that the website funding becomes part of the Precept, seconded by AT. 4. A request via e mail had been received by the Parish Clerk, requesting funding be allocated to replace the lamppost outside 18 King s Way. The following points were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no costs available for work involved in replacing this lamppost, but GF suggested it could be quite considerable involving RCC taking down the lamppost, BT taking out the lamp and replacing it, on a new lamppost. • AT proposed rejecting this request, seconded by JB 5. Contribution to extension of Tommy’s Close play area – Mrs Halford has confirmed that she hopes to bring a proposal to the Parish Council meeting in July. <p>Other matters discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PH suggested the Parish Council might wish to consider a formal policy on committing funds for community projects. • GF confirmed that only the postboxes on posts in the village have been repainted, and the one on King Edwards Way is still in need of refurbishment or repainting. GF is still awaiting a response from the Post Office. 	
7. To agree payment of invoices	<p>It was agreed to pay the following invoice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eon – quarterly maintenance payment - £86.18 	
8. Ongoing safety issues in the Parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GF read out a report from PCSO Di Freeman on crime committed in the Rutland south area in the last 31 days • HS asked why there hadn’t been more information available in the village about the burglary in Edith Weston. She asked if it would be possible for a representative from Neighbourhood Watch to attend a Parish Council meeting on a regular basis, and to include information from Neighbourhood Watch on the village website. • GF confirmed that the Service Patrol in the village will continue, particularly to support service families still on the base. • AT has noted that youngsters are using the end of Church Lane for skateboards, and there is a potential danger to them from traffic on Church Lane. GF will discuss this with the Families Officer. 	GF
9. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter has been received from Mrs Christine Forsyth, who is concerned about visitors using Rutland Water who park vehicles on the layby outside Orchard House. It has always 	

	<p>been understood that the layby is to be used for local residents, and for people using the village hall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GF has spoken to RCC Highways who see no problem in an advisory notice being put up on the wall outside Orchard House, reminding visitors that the layby is used by the village hall and local residents. GF will speak to the residents of Orchard House, and obtain a price for a sign. • Rural Peterborough and Rutland Leader Programme – no further action required • RCC Call Connect travel promotion – no further action required • Request from Mr D. Forbes for a contribution for funding towards the grass cutting in the cemetery. The following points were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A grant of £500 to be made to the PCC for grass cutting in the cemetery this year ○ For future years, this will be an annual payment to be added to the precept ○ £250 in the Precept for maintenance of the church clock is common to all Parish Councils with a village clock. The PC will discuss how this is used going forward. ○ In the interim the Parish Council will establish who is responsible for the maintenance of the cemetery ○ Proposed by GF that the PCC is granted £500 towards grass cutting in the cemetery, and that the Parish Council establishes who is responsible for the maintenance of the cemetery. Seconded by AT, five in favour. 	GF
10. To discuss any Planning Permission applications received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ref 2014/0365/FUL Proposed construction of part sunken single storey flat roof garage and associated ground works, 24 Normanton Road – RCC planning permission granted • Ref 2014/0378/FUL Proposed construction of first floor extension – 45 Weston Road – RCC planning permission granted • Ref 2014/0256/FUL Proposed construction of 2 dwellings, 36 Weston Road – RCC planning permission refused • Ref 2014/0552/CAT Proposed pollard 1 Yew tree, 37 Weston Road – no objections • Ref 2014/0543/CAT Proposed reduction of Ash tree, 1 Well Cross – no objections 	
11. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting	<p>Date of the next Parish Council meeting confirmed as Monday 28 July, Village Hall, Edith Weston, starting at 7.15 pm.</p> <p>Councillor Bool asked to raise the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a result of discussion at the last Parish Council meeting 	

	<p>about cyclists, KB raised the matter at the Rutland Water Partnership at the meeting on 6 June. He asked if it was possible to increase the number of marshals at cycling events, and to stress the importance of safe cycling to participants (with support from Empingham Parish Council). KB will follow this up at the next meeting of the Rutland Water Partnership in September.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GF has also spoken to Anglian Water to ask if their Estate Management company can provide the Parish Council with an annual calendar of events. • On 9 June, RCC have approved a 6 week consultation on the inclusion of Edith Weston Village Plan in the RCC Development Plan • KB will ask the responsible officer at RCC for a copy of the Edith Weston Tree Preservation Orders, so that the Parish Council can discuss, and will send to BS • GF has been working with JB to clear the tree which recently fell on to the Glebe land. There is a large oak tree which is on a piece of undesignated land overhanging the Glebe land, which needs to be cut back. This could possibly be done at the end of the summer and is likely to cost the Parish Council in the region of £260. GF asked if it could be recorded that he has received an excellent service from RCC in clarifying who has the responsibility for looking after trees in the village. • HS asked if it could be recorded that the Parish Council acknowledges the work of the Chair of the Parish Council, often unnoticed, in dealing with this matter, and other issues of concern in the village. • GF to make contact with the village Tree Warden about the TPO updates. • KS asked if the Parish Council could note that there is RCC funding available under the Warmer Homes initiative. Is it possible to find someone in the village who might benefit? JT will put a note in the Parish Magazine. • HS asked if it would be possible to discuss including Well Cross as a Parish Council asset at the meeting in September. 	<p>KB/BS</p> <p>GF</p> <p>KB/JT</p>
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