

**EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 26 October 2015**

Present: Councillors – G . Fagence (Chair) (GF), H.Shepherd (HS), J. Boddington (JB), I. Langford (IL ). N. Milne (NM) and the Clerk: Barbara Shirley (BS)

Visitors: , County Councillor G. Waller (GW), County Councillor Bool (KB), A. Jury (AJ)

Item	Description	Action
1. Apologies	Councillor P. Hawker, Councillor P. Coe.  GF has received a letter of resignation from Councillor Hawker. It was agreed that the Chair will write to Peter Hawker to thank him for all his support to the Parish Council over the years, and particularly when GF became Chair.	GF
2. Declarations of interest on items on the Agenda	No declarations of interest received.	
3. Minutes of meeting of meeting of 28 September	Minutes of the meeting of 28 September agreed as a correct record.	
4. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda	<p><b>Update on Lancaster bomber crash memorial – AJ reported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Lancaster had a crew of 8 on board, not 6 as previously reported in the minutes</li> <li>• AJ has been quoted £305 plus £61 VAT for the cost of the memorial from Brunel Engineering in Somerset. He is also awaiting a quote from a company in Peterborough. An anonymous donor has stepped forward and offered to pay for the memorial.</li> <li>• Ed Jarron says that RAFA is unlikely to be a source of revenue</li> <li>• The Australian High Commission are likely to be interested.</li> <li>• AJ suggested that 24 March 2016 would be a likely date for a suitable ceremony as this will be the 71<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the crash.</li> <li>• AJ to speak to David Forbes about putting the memorial on the church wall, and to thank the donor on behalf of the Parish Council.</li> <li>• GF suggested that the Parish Council should meet the costs of installing the memorial, or make a suitable donation to RAFA.</li> </ul>	AJ

	<p><b>Parish Council assets and insurance:</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that it has been confirmed that Parish Council assets are covered by insurance.</p> <p><b>Transparency Fund:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NM confirmed that the Parish Council’s application to the Transparency Fund has been submitted has been made via LRALC.</li> <li>• There is unlikely to be any further funding beyond 2017/18 for equipment for the Parish Council, and suggested that this should be built into the precept going forward.</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning applications:</b></p> <p>GW referred to point 12 on the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is nothing to stop the Parish Council influencing the decisions of the Planning Department, even when monthly meetings are not scheduled</li> <li>• With regard to the planning application in respect of 18 Weston Road, the Clerk will ask PC if a deferred decision was made by RCC on this application prior to the closing date.</li> </ul> <p><b>Parish Council meetings:</b></p> <p>NM asked if the Parish Council would agree to meet in August and December. Following discussion it was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To hold one extra meetng in August 2016 – proposed by NM, seconded by JB, agreed by all</li> </ul>	
<p>5. To note the current bank balance on the Parish Council’s accounts, and to receive the Q2 bank reconciliation</p>	<p>The Clerk circulated the Q2 reconciliation of the Parish Council bank accounts. The balance as at 30 September is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community account - £4008.67</li> <li>• Business Money Manager account - £6587.96</li> </ul>	
<p>6. To agree payment of invoices</p>	<p>Payment of invoices agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eon – non metered electricity supply, September 2015 - £59.15</li> <li>• Lamin and White – monthly payroll - £36.00</li> <li>• Society of Local Council Clerks – 2015 annual subscription - £65.00</li> <li>• Rutland County Council street lighting costs - £169.00. BS confirmed that she has spoken to Neill Tomlinson at RCC, and this is a contribution towards street furniture in the Parish.</li> <li>• Mrs B. Shirley – reimbursement of salary increase, April to September 2015 - £17.58</li> </ul>	

<p>7. Planning for the Parish Council precept – 2016-17</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk circulated the Precept agreed by by the Parish Council for the financial year, 2015-16.</li> <li>• It was agreed that further discussion on the 2016-17 Precept will take place at the next meeting</li> </ul>	
<p>8. Update on ongoing safety issues in the Parish</p>	<p><b>Speeding in Pennine Drive</b> – BS has received a further e mail from Mrs Townsend. GF will ask RCC if it would be possible to install further 30 mph signs on the side of the road, together with roundels on the road.</p> <p><b>Village gates</b> – GF will follow this up with Andrew Tinsley and report back at the next meeting</p> <p><b>Normanton Road</b> – GF reported that double yellow lines have now been painted on Normanton Road, with no indication as to who has authorised them. He asked why these have appeared when there are already posts on the verge preventing cars from parking. GW and KB confirmed they were not aware the yellow lines had been painted. NM asked if this is the most appropriate place for yellow lines, and will this lead to increased urbanization of villages. KB and GS will make some enquiries.</p> <p><b>Well Cross</b> – JB will be carrying out the repointing around Well Cross. BS will approach the carpenter about the repairs to the seat around the tree at Well Cross.</p>	<p>GF</p> <p>GW/KB</p> <p>JB BS</p>
<p>9. Update on environmental issues in the Parish</p>	<p><b>Grass cutting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HS asked that it was recorded for the minutes that as a Tommy’s Close trustee, she should have declared an interest in the discussion at the meeting on 28 September around the grass cutting contract.</li> <li>• IL confirmed that Corey have provided a very reasonable quotation for grass cutting in the Parish, with separate quotes for the cemetery and Tommy’s Close. The Corey quote was agreed at the last Parish Council meeting, and the Clerk will liaise with RCC to ensure that the available funding for grass cutting in the Parish is passed on to the Parish Council.</li> <li>• HS confirmed that the Tommy’s Close Trustees have discussed the quote, and she will now take the matter forward with Corey.</li> <li>• NM confirmed that the PCC have also discussed the Corey’s quote, and will get in touch with them direct. Although the quotes can be seen as standalone, the PCC are keen for the Parish Council to take on the maintenance of the cemetery, and David Forbes is looking into this as there seems to be some uncertainty about who owns the cemetery land. The cemetery was gifted by the owner of Edith Weston Hall, Major Ernest Lucas Braithwaite, in May 1904, to The Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England (now the Church Commissioners), to be used as an additional burial ground for the</li> </ul>	<p>HS</p>

	<p>parish of Edith Weston. NM to ask David Forbes to attend next Parish Council meeting to discuss further. The land adjoining (where the old pond is) was not mentioned in the document, and Sandra Allen from the Peterborough Diocese is investigating this further IL confirmed that she has spoken to Ian Lindsay at Carter Jonas, and this land is not glebe land.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IL confirmed that the grass in the village has now been cut for the final time this year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Weeds:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IL confirmed that weeds in the village were sprayed by RCC contractors on 6 October, and on the highway last week (although there are so many leaves on the road it is not clear how effective this was).</li> <li>GW offered to find out exactly when the highway was sprayed, and will confirm the policy as it is possible that this is changing</li> </ul>	<p>NM</p> <p>GW</p>
<p>10. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request from Mr D. Forbes on behalf of Edith Weston PCC for a contribution to the maintenance of the cemetery – letter held over from last meeting to enable further discussion. The following contribution was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£500 towards upkeep of the cemetery for the year 2015/16 – proposed by NM, seconded by HS, agreed by all present.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Mrs J. Denyer on behalf of Rutland Community Agents – GW confirmed that the Rutland Community Agents will be holding a roadshow on 1 December, 10 am to 12 midday. BS will contact Mrs Denyer for more details.</li> </ul>	<p>BS</p>
<p>11. To discuss any Planning Permission applications received between now and the meeting</p>	<p>Ref 2015/0902/FUL – proposed summerhouse, 1 Well Cross – no objections.</p> <p>Planning permission has been granted for the following:</p> <p>Ref FUL/2015/07333 -Fell ash tree at 18 Weston Road</p> <p>Ref 2015/0739/PTA – reduce oak tree, 18 Church Lane</p> <p>Ref 2015/0806/FUL – proposed alterations and extension to 15 Well Cross</p>	
<p>12. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting</p>	<p>Monday 30 November, 7.15 pm, Village Hall, Edith Weston – apologies recorded from KB.</p> <p>It was also agreed that to ensure that there are sufficient Parish Councillors who are signatories to Parish Council cheques, NM will</p>	

	become a third signatory together with GF and HS. GF agreed to take the necessary paperwork to HSBC.	GF
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