

# Weaverham Parish Council

## Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of a meeting held at UPA Wallerscote on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016, 7pm

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Peter Wilkinson (Chairman), Lynne Baird, Eileen Bland, Michelle Budden, Gillian Edwards, John Freeman, Cyndy Lloyd, Roger Moss, Bill Reynolds, John Taylor and Paula Williams. Jim Stockton (Clerk).

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. J Bland

**IN ATTENDANCE:** CW&C Cllrs Charles Fifield & Paul Williams.

### **210. Public Forum (A maximum of 10 minutes is allowed for this item)**

Paul Williams drew attention to the traffic problems being experienced in Shadywood Lane as a result of traffic ignoring signage and using the road as a "rat run". Existing signage is obscured and dirty. Agreed that the Clerk to write to CWAC Highways to draw attention to this problem

**211. Apologies for Absence-**PCSO Karen Nixon and CWAC Cllr Harry Tonge.

### **212. Declarations of New Interests**

No new declarations but Chairman drew attention to his continued employment within CWAC Highways Department.

**213. Approval of minutes of meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016.** Approved.

**214. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 not dealt with elsewhere on this agenda**  
None

### **215. Finance & Personnel Committee**

- 215.1 Minutes of meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016 **received.**
- 215.2 Management Accounts for March 2016-**approved.**
- 215.3 2015/16 Financial Accounts and Annual Return-**approved.**
- 215.4 Statement of variances-2015/16 compared to 2014/15-**approved.**
- 215.5 2015/16 Asset Register-**approved.**
- 215.6 Additional donation of £800 to Weaverham Rose Fete Committee-**approved**

### **216. Environment Committee**

- 216.1 Minutes of meeting held on held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016 **received.**
- 216.2 Siting of new Parish Notice Board-Lime Avenue-**agreed** at 90 degrees to previous suggestion.
- 216.3 Allotments-all 4 existing allotments now let. Investigation to be carried out into additional provision at rear of Brownie Hut. **Clerk to contact Andy James regarding legal clearance to proceed.**

#### **Standing Orders suspended**

- 216.4 A49 roundabout-question raised regarding lack of maintenance on A49 roundabout. Cllr Paul Williams updated the Council on the current situation. **Clerk to chase Jamie Barron at CWAC Highways and copy Cllr Williams in.**

#### **Standing Orders resumed**

- 216.5 Tree Preservation Orders-all now recorded via CWAC GIS.
- 216.6 Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday-Cllr Edwards updated the meeting on progress so with event arrangements so far for the event on 12<sup>th</sup> June. All Councillors asked for ideas and contributions. **Clerk to write to local schools to request involvement in the celebrations.**
- 216.7 Concern expressed regarding standard of grass cutting ("cut and drop" within the village by CWAC. **Clerk to write to CWAC with complaint and also enquire of neighbouring parish of Cuddington.**

216.8 General concerns expressed regarding standard of liaison with CWAC officers. Clerk to organise meeting between CWAC officers of relevant departments and Parish Council to explore further.

Cllr Roger Moss left the meeting

**217. Youth Committee**

217.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2016-**received**

217.2 Next meeting to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm at Scout Hut-**agreed**

**218. Community Pride Committee**

218.1 Cllrs E Bland, Edwards and John Wilson (Weaverham Trust) to meet to progress the CP entry.

**219. Property Committee**

219.1 Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 6.30pm-Community Centre.

**220. Planning Committee**

220.1 Minutes of meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016-**approved**

220.2 Minutes of meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016-**approved**

**221. Joint Cemetery Committee**

221.1 Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> April. Sympathy of Council expressed regarding Morton Hodgson.

**222. Community Safety Action Group**

222.1 Minute of meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> march received.

**223. Weaverham Parish Council Matters**

223.1 Drystone Wall-Elston. Further discussion regarding danger of further collapse and need for deadline regarding structural report. **Clerk to write to Gary Shiels-CWAC Building Control and copy CWAC Cllr Paul Williams in.**

**223.2 Peter Wilkinson updated the Council regarding traffic regulation on Forest St.**

**224. Policing Matters**-there was no Police presence. Chairman read out written report from PCSO Karen Nixon as attached. **Clerk to check why need for local surgeries raised by Police.**

**225. Members' Meetings Attended**

Peter Wilkinson reported on meetings and conversations held regarding parking problems outside St Bede's school

**226. Any Other Business Considered Urgent by the Chairman**

**None**

**207. Cheshire West & Chester Council Matters**

(Standing Orders may be suspending in order that Cheshire West Cllrs may address the Council)

Cllr Fifield reported regarding the issues of road infrastructure capacity arising from increased school places being approved and also the initiatives being taken in some areas e.g. Blacon, Chester where local community groups have taken over some council services

**208. Return to Public Forum** (A maximum of 10 minutes is allowed for this item)

Cllr Taylor raised the issue of footpath/rights of way improvement and referred to the "Ethos" initiative.

**Clerk to forward details to Cllr Fifield.** Discussion regarding rights associated with Leigh Way and Long Acre

**PCSO KAREN NIXON'S REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL**

**18<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016**

**THEFT**

There has been theft of a caravan

Theft of scrap metal from a garden

Theft from Tesco and Co Op, offender has been arrested and been sentenced to 3 months in prison.

**CRIMINAL DAMAGE**

There has been damage to tyres of a vehicle.

**ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

Reports of mini moto bikes, person spoken to and advised with regards to the offences

Kids causing issues around the Bankside area of the village. Any information appreciated.

Kids playing football on the roof at Weaverham high School. All kids names were taken and advised accordingly.

**ON GOING NEIGHBOUR ISSUES**

One neighbour dispute has been resolved and both parties are happy.

Another neighbour issue police to continue to work with other agencies.

**ST BEDES PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Ongoing issues with parking, car regs have been taken and letters have been sent to parents stating should they continue to park there, then they will received a fine.

Also letter sent to the school to put inside their newsletter.

Let's walk program with Cheshire West and Chester with pupils from the school and PCSO

**WEAVERHAM HIGH SCHOOL**

PCSO and PC have done a talk on bullying to year 9

PCSO continues to work with the school, working with an ex cannabis user to speak with groups of year 10 and 11, as part of PHSE.

**PARKING ISSUES**

Reports of a few parking issues around the village, however, PCSO has attended the locations and there are no issues.

Passing attention has been given to the village whilst PCSO Nixon is awaiting another potential operation.

Do the parish council think that local surgeries should be set up again at the library?

Any other issues please contact me.

Karen