

EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 29th October 2018

Present: Councillors N. Milne (NM), N. Farmer (NF), N. Appleby (NA), P Boggust (PB), E. Jarron (EJ), H. Wood (HW), P. Coe (PC) and the Clerk, D. Farmer (DF)

Visitors: County Cllr K. Bool (KB), J. Gray (JG), J. Tinsley (JT), A. Wood (AW), A. Walling (AW) , L. Allen (LA)

| Item | Description | Action |
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| 1. Apologies | County Cllr G. Waller, Captain K. Manson | |
| 2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda | NM – agenda item 12, invoices | |
| 3. Public Open Forum | <p>JG requested that the Parish Council pay the recent barrister fee incurred on behalf of the residents of Edith Weston. It was considered necessary to acquire a formal legal response to the RCC St George's Barracks consultancy on the Draft Plan. This is in the sum of £1,750 +VAT, with the VAT being recoverable. The Parish Council has allocated £10K within our current budget for St George's Response Planning. KB stated that he would investigate any potential legal issues regarding this proposal, prior to final sign off, and has now confirmed that legally ,the fees can be paid by the Parish Council.</p> <p>All Councillors have given full support to this proposal.</p> | |
| 4. Minutes of the last meeting held on 17 September 2018 | The minutes were agreed as a correct record, and signed by the Chair. | |
| 5. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda | No matters arising. | |
| 6. Updates from the Army | No update available. | |
| 7. Future of St George's Barracks | <p>Cllr Gale Waller attended the previously arranged Council meeting in this respect, so no update was available in her absence. KB emphasised the importance of coordinating a further meeting with Sir Alan Duncan prior to the next Scrutiny Panel meeting.</p> <p>JT gave a message of support and thanks regarding the recent</p> | NM/EJ |

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| | <p>stickers/signage campaign. Several villages are supporting a sticker/poster campaign. All agreed that the relatively small costs for this could be met from Parish Council funds.</p> <p>Certain milestones have been put back by RCC, such as HIF bid date. KB sees this as RCC simply needing more time to respond.</p> <p>NM stated that there is a great deal of work to be done on the Transport Plan and said that this is an area that can be seriously challenged. NA is currently still studying the RCC Transport Plan proposals. JT offered possible further technical assistance with a contact in Boston, USA if required.</p> <p>NM expressed surprise at not having received any acknowledgement to documentation delivered in response to the recent RCC proposed Local Plan proposals. HW was under the impression, from previous communication with RCC representatives, that all response acknowledgements should be forthcoming. KB was uncertain of that, but stated that he would expect any likely future communication to be fair and transparent.</p> | NA |
| 8. To discuss planning applications received | <p>26 King Edward’s Way – removal of 2 No ash trees to give more internal light. No objection.</p> <p>5 Church Lane -2 No detached houses relating to “reserve matters”. JT offered explanation and representation for a flawed planning process. General consensus led by PC suggested the die was cast due to the original planning permission being granted. KB also acknowledged this, but will look into it on behalf of JT and will correspond with her directly on this matter.</p> <p>63 Weston Road – proposed garage conversion to living quarters. No objection.</p> | PC |
| 9. Update on environmental issues in the Parish | <p>NA will discuss salt bin allocation requirements directly with KB.</p> <p>NF confirmed that the new village entrance gate feature works are now subject to further delay by RCC who had been planning on a September 2018 installation date for some considerable time. A suggested completion date of 16/01/19 has been given. Our disappointment regarding this delay has already been communicated to RCC. Despite their depot receiving our furniture on 27/07/18, it would seem that a work ticket issue had been delayed along with a timely order placement for the village name plates. KB requested an email trail regarding this matter to take up directly with RCC</p> <p>The two new benches have now been ordered and expected end November. A drill/fixing price including removal of old benches in the sum of £220 ex David Walker was approved.</p> | NA NF NF |

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| 10. Update on safety issues in the Parish | <p>NF stated that the previously operated VETS (Village Emergency Telephone System) introduced by Richard Harris, has now reverted to a normal public facility.</p> <p>However the facility will still be maintained and monitored by previous incumbent Stephanie Goldby.</p> | |
| 11. Finance | <p>The Clerk noted the current bank balance on the Parish Council's Accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The balance on the accounts as of 28.10.18 was • Savings account - £32,412.01 • Current account - £833.54 • NM tabled an outline budget for 2019/20 which needs final sign off for Nov/Dec. Historical and future anticipated needs review to be undertaken, possibly with outsourced accountancy assistance. | <p>Clerk</p> <p>NM</p> |
| 12. To agree payment of invoices | <p>The following invoices were agreed for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lamin & White, monthly payslips and month end summary - £48.00 • N. Milne, Local Plan Consultation printing - £94.00 • N. Milne, reimbursement of BT billing - £43.08 • Society of Local Council Clerks annual subscription - £185.00 <p>The Chair asked for agreement to pay all invoices.</p> <p>All agreed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment of £126.16 to BT on 26th September 2018 – payment confirmed. • NM stated that the contract with BT to supply Village Hall broadband has ended and a new contract with Zen has started. There will be double paperwork during the changeover period. Services under the new provider should be more economical. | <p>NM</p> |
| 13. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter received from Lord-Lieutenant of Rutland, Dr. Sarah Furness regarding Armistice Day commemorations in Rutland. Although little time remaining for preparations, EJ offered to follow up ways to mark the occasion in Edith Weston. • Rutland Neighbourhood Watch Brief update. • Letter from Rutland County Council for Parish Council Members regarding Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – PB to sign Parish Council documents again following the loss of the original forms. | <p>EJ</p> <p>PB</p> |

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| 14. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting | Monday 19 th November or Monday 26 th November (to be confirmed) 7.15 pm, Edith Weston Village Hall. | |
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