

Weston Under Penyard Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7TH September 2017

at 7pm at Weston Village Hall

Present. Linda Dunn (Chair), Rod Baker (Vice-Chair), Paul Marshall, Bryan Davies, Chris Morris, Martin Firman & Greg Weston

In attendance; Kath Greenow Parish Clerk, Ward Cllr Harry Bremer, 4 members of the public and representatives from M.F Freeman

To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Deirdre Byrne,

2. To receive declarations of interest and written requests for dispensations.

None

During the open forum discussion took place

3. Open Forum. To receive the views of local residents on parish matters

Discussion took place on the projected development on the south side of the A40, with particular reference to the extension to the 30-mph speed limit.

A parishioner raised a question about 106 monies allocation on the development.

The Chairman asked that this be placed on the agenda for the next meeting

At this point in the meeting the Chairman brought forward agenda item 7.1

7.1 To consider commenting on proposals received from ADL Traffic Engineering Ltd for Weston Under Penyard - Proposed 30MPH and 40MPH Speed limit traffic regulation order (TRO)

Cllr Bramer informed the Parish Council that he had had discussion with Clive Hall of Herefordshire Council highways and it had been agreed to extend the 30-mph speed limit beyond Bury hill lane.

It was **RESOLVED:** to comment on the Proposed 30MPH and 40MPH Speed limit traffic regulation and to outline the issues with regard to traffic problems in Weston-under-Penyard relating to traffic on the A40 which bisects the village. Vehicles are travelling at significant speed when they reach the 30mph point and do not slow down before the chicane in the village is reached. A major hazard is therefore created.

The main pedestrian crossing point in the village as indicated by bubble access points in the grass verge is in the chicane. Visibility is extremely limited both ways, and there is no refuge. As stated above, traffic does not slow down after the NSL zone. It is a major safety hazard.

Bury Hill lane lies just to the east of the new 30mph. It emerges just at the point where the new NSL zone will start, and therefore where traffic accelerates. Visibility to both west and east is limited to a couple of metres. Again, this is a major safety hazard.

The A40 between Bury Hill Lane and Ryeford should all be designated 40mph.

A refuge should be constructed between the bus stop and the Weston Cross.

[Clerk to action](#)

The Council reviewed the proposed installation of street lights in the development M F Freeman said that the planned lighting was consistent with recommended levels. The Council accepted this, but asked that efforts be made to reduce the number of lights.

4 To agree and sign the minutes of Thursday 6th July 2017

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6.Reports

6. 1Ward Cllrs report

Councillor Bramer gave a brief report on the disposal of the counties small holding estates, Waste Energy plant at Harlton which had been commissioned jointly by Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

Discussions are underway in Ross - on - Wye in respect of the Ryefeild Centre and opportunities exist around the Model farm at Hidersly

7.Highways

7.2 To consider Highways issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty

The Clerk was asked to report the following to the locality steward: damaged road at the end of the 40 mph through Weston at Weston Hall.

Rectory Lane – grass is growing up in the middle of the lane and needs attending to. Clearing of gutters and pavements over the length of the A40 through Weston Village between Sprigetts lane and Bury Hill lane

8.Speed Indicator Device

8.1To consider receive an update on Herefordshire Councils SID policy

A update was given on Herefordshire Councils SID policy

8.2To consider cost of speed survey, identify location for SID, purchase/ hire of SID

It was **RESOLVED:** to request a speed survey is carried out in Weston Under Penyard by Balfour Beatty at a cost of £445.00+VAT

[Clerk to action](#)

9. Lengthsman

9.1To consider work to be undertaken by the lengthsman

It was **RESOLVED:** that the Clerk contacts the lengthsman to ask that the pathways in Pontshill are attended to and that the hedgerow at Green lane is cut back [Clerk to action](#)

10.Footpaths

10.1 To receive a report from the footpaths officer and consider work required as appropriate.

A footpath report was given by the footpaths officer.

10.2To consider commenting on Herefordshire Councils Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2017- 2027

Deferred to the next meeting

11. Trees

11.1 To receive a report from the tree warden and consider any action required.

No tree report received

12.Parish Projects reports

12.1To receive verbal reports on the following parish projects and consider any action

12.2 Road safety - on going

12.3 Community right to bid – nothing further

12.4 Service & Facilities – an idea was floated about a tennis club

12.5 Sustaining Rural Environment- Litter pick Saturday 14th October 2017 10am. at Weston Village Hall - Volunteers required

Litter picking equipment and high vis jackets available

13.Parish Council Booklet

13.1 To consider proposals for a Parish Council booklet

Cllr Firman had put together some proposals for a Parish Council booklet which were circulated at the meeting, Further discussion on the proposed booklet would take place at the next meeting

14.Defibrillator

14.1To receive a report on defibrillator and consider quote for maintenance of Defibrillator

Training on the defibrillator will take place on Saturday 23rd September 2017 at 10am at The Fire Station – open to everyone who is interested

14.2To receive a report regarding big lottery grant expenditure

Report on expenditure noted in the finance report

15.Lottery Grant

15.1 To agree to allocate lottery funding for 10-year agreement with CHT

Lottery Grant. Monies unspent must be returned to the Lottery by 26th September. It was agreed to apply for a ten-year contract for the Village Hall defibrillator at a cost of £1260 (agreed by the Lottery. Some other invoices were still outstanding. Council authorised Rod Barker and the Clerk to refund the outstanding balance once these payments had been made.

There is still the sum of £1180.90 in the fund raised by the Village for the first defibrillator. The Council agreed to apply this to a 10-year agreement for the device at the bottom of Church Lane, with a supplement of £79.10 from Council funds.

15.2 To agree to return unspent lottery grant to the Big lottery as per grant terms & conditions

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15.3 To consider payment of village hall invoice

No invoice for payment

16. Finance

16.1To note finance report

The finance report was noted- PC funds £23,661.81

16.2To consider invoices for payment:

AboveIT – web hosting £50.00

It was **RESOLVED**: to pay Above IT – web hosting £50.00

16.3To consider quotes for litter picking kits, salt bins & litter bins

Quotes had been obtained for 4 salt bins at a cost of £72.95 +VAT

It was **RESOLVED**: to purchase 4 salt bins at a cost of £72.95 +vat each
Litter picking kits were not required at the Parish Council had got enough for the next litter pick .

16.4. To consider information received from Herefordshire Council regarding Parish Precept 2018/19

The information was noted

17.Financial regulations

17.1 To adopt Financial regulations

It was **RESOLVED**: to adopt the financial regulations

18. Transparency Grant

18.1 To consider applying for a transparency grant

The Clerk outlined what a transparency grant was for , website and IT equipment for the Parish Council .

Quote for a website and laptop & printer to be obtained and sent to Cllrs. Further discussion would take place on this at the next meeting

19.Planning

19.1 To consider commenting on planning applications for determination by Herefordshire Council

19.2.1 Application: 172924 – Land Adjacent Ivylea House Bromsash Ross- on -Wye Herefordshire

Description: Variation of condition2 of planning permission 162456 to allow design changes to plots 1& 2

It was **RESOLVED**: to Object The parish council maintains its comments on the original application 162456 and has no further comment on the variation to Condition 2.

Cllrs Barker and Firman left the room at this point as they realised they had a non-pecuniary interest in the planning application .The declaration of interests book was signed by both Cllrs

19.2.2 Application: 172662- The Stone Barn Wallow Farm Pontshill, Ross - on – Wye Herefordshire

Description: Proposed alteration of kitchen door to window and new door and porch to the south west elevation.

It was **RESOLVED**: No Objection to the application

19.2 To consider proposed letter to go to Herefordshire Council Planning officer regarding 'Land adjacent The Link'.

It was **RESOLVED**: to send the proposed letter Herefordshire Council Planning officer regarding 'Land adjacent The Link'.

19.3 To note Planning application refused / granted by Herefordshire Council since last meeting.

Noted as:

172077 Wintergreen Pontshill

163641 New House School Lane Weston

172010 Porch Farm Cottages Weston Under Penyard

162601 Land Adjacent to upper Weston (north)

171895 Talbot Cottage Ryeford

171415 Land Adjacent to the link

19.4 To receive the planning group monthly report

The monthly planning report was noted

20. Correspondence

20.1 To note correspondence received

HALC information Corner noted

21. Items raised for next agenda (no discussion)

22. Date of next Meeting as Thursday 5th October at 7.30pm

Signed *Linda Dunn*

Dated 05/10/2017

Chairman