EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held on Monday 28 April 2014 in The Village Hall

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

Visitors: County Councillor Bool (KB), County Councillor Waller (GW), Mrs J. Tinsley (JT), Mr N. Milne (NM), PC N. Welsh (NW)

Item	Description	Action
1. Apologies	P. Hawker, Major P. Francis	
2. Declarations of interest	None declared	
3. Open Forum and matters arising from minutes not on the agenda	 PC Welsh reported: One problem with damage/antisocial behaviour in the Derwent/Coniston Road areas Other crime in Rutland includes theft from building site in Preston, house burglaries in Uppingham and Ketton. The problem solving plan for the summer around Rutland Water is now in place – there has been a theft from a motor vehicle in Normanton car park Lead has been stolen from the church roof in Preston Theft of meat from the fridge at The Wheatsheaf NM expressed concern about the increased numbers of vehicles parking near the dam, resulting in more people crossing the road. Action point: GF to contact BT about the phone box on Coniston Road. The phone box does not appear to be used very much, and some of the glass panes are missing Neighbourhood Plan: In response to comments from JT about the Neighbourhood Plan, GF and KS said: Before the Neighbourhood Plan was put to a referendum, it was checked by the sub-committee, the Planning Department at RCC, and an Independent inspector. The inspector suggested revisions, and as a result the plan was amended. 22% of the electorate voted in the Referendum, 91.6% of those were in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan has now gone through significant checks and balances, and will now go back to RCC for cabinet 	GF

	approval	
	 Councillor Bool said: The RCC Planning Committee agreed on 14 February that the Edith Weston Neighbourhood Plan met the basic conditions, it went forward on 17 February with some modifications, and was published on the RCC website in March. 152 out of 166 votes recorded were in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan. RCC do not believe the Parish Council could have done more to inform the electorate of what the plan proposed, and this is now seen as a model of the way 	
	forward for other future Neighbourhood Plans	
4. Minutes of meeting held on 31 March 2014	Minutes agreed as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.	
5. To note the current bank balance on the Parish Councils accounts	 BS reported the balance on the Parish Council accounts as at 31 March 2014: Community account - £942.38 Business Money Manager account - £9577.80 BS circulated a copy of the bank reconciliation for year ending 31 	
	March 2014 showing a closing balance of £10,520.18 which will be included in the annual audit of the Parish Council accounts.	
6. To agree payment of invoices	It was agreed to pay the following invoices:	
	 Uppingham Community college £310.38 – Neighbourhood Plan printing Lamin and White - £36.00 – quarterly payment 	
7. Proposed future commercial	GF reported:	
developments – Ellis Transport exhibition/museum site	 Has sent an e mail to the chair of North Luffenham Parish Council asking him to join the Parish Council in a meeting with Mr Ellis. A representative from the regiment will also be invited. The proposals may not directly affect North Luffenham, but access to Mr Ellis's exhibition site may be via Pennine Drive and through the Service Family Quarters, AT and JB are in favour of Mr Ellis's proposals. It was agreed that the Parish Council, whilst in favour of proposals which would encourage visitors to the village would need to seek reassurance on the following points: Access to the exhibition site via Pennine Way is via the Service Family Quarters, and there could be traffic dangers for children Additional traffic pressures in the village from visitors Access to the exhibition site across North Luffenham 	

	 golf course Proposed access to the site via Wycherley Road and the bridle path to North Luffenham HS suggested that the Parish Council has a responsibility to be aware of developments which may have an impact on the village, to encourage an open and constructive dialogue with Mr Ellis about his proposals, and to allay concerns of residents about the impact of increased traffic. Councillor Waller reminded the Parish Council that an one-off event such as Mr Ellis plans for July does not need licensing, Action point: GF to invite Mr Ellis to 20 May meeting of the Parish Council, together with the Army Welfare representative, Chair of North Luffenham Parish Council 	GF
8. Projects for Parish Council funding	 BS reported Mrs J. Rutherford had provided a list of proposed expenditure on restocking the borders in the churchyard, which comes to £201.00 GF has received a request from Mr D. Forbes for £850 for maintenance of the cemetery. GF reminded the Parish Council that £250 has already been set aside in the 2014/15 precept for maintenance of the church clock. Action points: The Clerk to ask Mrs Rutherford to secure three quotes for restocking the shrubs in the churchyard GF to ask Mr Forbes for three quotes on the additional work the PCC requires for maintenance of the cemetery 	BS GF
9. St Georges Barracks – update on plans for change of Units	 GF reported on a briefing by the CO he recently attended on the plans for the changes in the Units at St Georges Barracks between now and June 2015. The current Royal Artillery Units are to be replaced by the Military Working Dog units and the 2nd Medical Regiment. The move means uncertainty for numbers at Edith Weston school Kennels are to be redesigned so that they are not linear, and are slightly below ground to soften the noise impact on local residents, particularly in North Luffenham Action point: GF to brief the Chair of Edith Weston school governors about the changes in the Units. 	GF

10. Neighbourhood Plan update	 As discussed in agenda item 3 The Neighbourhood Plan will go to a meeting of full Rutland County Council on 9 June 	
11. Ongoing safety issues in the Parish	 Concerns raised about cyclists riding 2, 3 or 4 abreast on roads, and causing traffic hazards. JT to provide GF with details of the incident in which she was involved recently where she was verbally abused by a group of cyclists 	GF
12. To discuss correspondence received by the Clerk	Prime Minister's letter to Parish Council re. Employment Allowance – no action required	
	• European Election literature – it was agreed that the Notice of Candidates will be displayed on the Parish Noticeboard	
	Came and Company – Spring Parish Matters 2014 – no action required	
	Parish Council Forum, 28 April – no action required	
	• Active Rutland 2013-14 – Walking & Cycling Festival 2014, 18 to 31 May – notice to be displayed on Parish Noticeboard	
	• E mail from Mr S. Boston re. vehicles parked between the Norman car park and the yacht club. It was felt that these were fishermen with legitimate right to be parked. However, GF agreed to raise the matter with Anglian Water and the Fishing Lodge	GF
	 Good Neighbours Scheme – GF to find out more information 	GF
13. To discuss any Planning Permission applications received	Ref:2014/0365/FUL Proposed construction of part sunken single storey flat roof garage and associated groundworks – 24 Normanton Road – no objections	
	Ref: 2014/0378/FUL Proposed construction of extension to 45 Weston Road – no objections	
14 To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting	Date of the next Parish Council meeting confirmed as Monday 19 May, Village Hall, Edith Weston:	
	6.30 pm – Annual Parish Meeting	
	7.15 pm – Parish Council meeting	