

WESTON UNDER REDCASTLE PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Cllr. Mr. Tim Evans

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY 18TH JANUARY 2010, 7.30pm, Weston under Redcastle Village Hall, Weston under Redcastle, Shrewsbury, Shropshire

PRESENT: Cllr. Mr. T Evans, Cllr. Mrs J Woolley, Cllr. Mr. B Rollo, Cllr. Mr. J Edwards, Mrs Jean Wardman, Mrs Shirley Trevor and Mr. John Burdon, Cllr. Mrs Karen Calder.
Clerk: Mrs J Whittaker

10.37 **Welcome and Public Session:** Cllr. Mr. T Evans welcomed everyone to the meeting. The chairman asked the members of the public present if they would like to speak during the public session.

- Mr. John Burdon brought to the attention of the meeting Hawkstone Scramble Track planning application, not on the agenda as the application had been received after the agendas had gone out. To extend the camping and caravan by 5 extra days before and 2 days after an event. A discussion took place where residents close to the scramble track are feeling trapped during events at the scramble track. Vast problems in the past with parking and access to this event have been ongoing, along this narrow stretch of road with single lane access. Cllr. Mr. T Evans responded that he felt that it should be Shropshire Highways and Shropshire Council to enforce the planning regulations. Mrs Shirley Trevor stated that an extension to the planning would only bring in extra members of the public as the event was not strictly policed. The application states that the extension to the planning should be only for people involved in organising the event. Cllr. Mrs K Calder stated that the original planning had been breached and this new application was due to the Enforcement Officers concerns and should rectify the problems. Cllr. Mr. Tim Evans stated that a letter should be sent to Shropshire Council to underline that the application should be strictly for officials, the general public and spectators should be kept to the original planning remit.
- Mrs Jean Wardman questioned Councillors over the proposed appeal to The Linney, Weston under Redcastle. Mrs Wardman requested a copy of the letter that Weston under Redcastle Parish Council had sent to Shropshire Council in reply to the planning application. Mrs Wardman was informed that all correspondence from the Parish Council could be viewed on the Public Access Module of Shropshire Council website along with other letters that had been sent in by members of the public in connection with this planning application. Cllr. Mr T Evans stated that the access to the proposed site was a matter for lawyers and not the Parish Council to prove ownership of the track.

Cllr. Mr T Evans thanked the members of the public for their attendance and stated that if they wished to leave at this point they could do so.

10.38 **To received apologies for absence and the necessary approval:** Cllr. Mr. A Fox is unfortunately unwell for the meeting this evening. Cllr. Mr. B Griffiths is away on holiday and Cllr. Mr. I Etherington is unavailable for the meeting. Councillors gave the necessary approval for absence.

10.39 **To receive declarations of interest from members of the Council:** None declared. The clerk also noted that the Monitoring Officer at Shropshire Council had been in touch to update Councillors on their Declarations of Interest, forms are available from the clerk if any changes need to be declared.

10.40 **To approve the minutes of the last Council Meeting held 23.11.09.** Cllr. Mr. T Evans asked if everyone had read the minutes. Cllr. Mrs J Woolley proposed that the minutes were correct. Cllr. Mr. J Edwards seconded this. All Councillors approved. Cllr. Mr. T Evans duly signed the minutes as a true and accurate record.

10.41 **Matters arising from the minutes:** None.

10.42 **Financial Matters:** The clerk reported that the bank balance was £1791.32 an unrepresented dividend of £28,50 from Lloyds Bank had not been included on the statement. The following invoices were outstanding

Date	Recipient	Purpose	Amount	Cheque No.
18.1.2010	Princes	Pat test for flood light to Church	£25.30	100187
18.1.2010	Jane Whittaker Stationary and electric metre for meeting	Clerk Salary Envelopes Electric Metre	£110.00 £10.00 £4.00	100188 100188 100188
18.1.2010	John Edwards	Tarmac for hole on Guinea Lane	£9.22	100186

Cllr. Mr. John Edwards proposed the accounts as correct. Cllr. Mr. B Rollo seconded. All Councillors agreed. Cllr. Mr. T Evans duly signed the cheques.

- Cllr. Mr. T Evans brought to the attention of the meeting the precept for the Parish Council. The Clerk circulated the budget. Cllr. Mr. T Evans discussed the various point and issues that have been proposed. The main area that has not been budgeted for is a Parish Council election. The new Authority has stated that £2.00 a head per electorate will be in place if an election takes place. With this in mind £500.00 budget has been put in place. Cllr. Mr J Edwards proposed that £3,500.00 precept be requested Cllr. Mr. J Woolley seconded this. Cllr. Mrs Karen Calder suggested that the Clerk be delegated power to defer and check with Shropshire Council to see if a election takes place the election charges could be deferred to the next year, when it can be budgeted into the precept. Therefore the Clerk will make enquires and if this is the case. The precept will be £3000.00 to take into account the deferred election charges.

10.43 **Planning Matters:**

- Application: 09/01491/LBC Church House, Weston under Redcastle. Amendment to planning application. Changes to roof over link and repairs. Applicant Mr. N Chesters. No decision to date.
- Application: 09/02085/FUL Poultingery – conversion to a single dwelling amended application. No decision to date.
- Application: APP/L3245/A/09/2118759/WF. Land adjoining the Linney, Weston under Redcastle. Appeal for planning permission for erection of dwelling. The Parish Council maintains its position on its original letter and it was felt that no further letter was required.
- 09/03711/VAR Hawkstone Scramble Track. Extension of camping and caravanning by 5 days prior and 2 days after the event. A discussion took place regarding the application. The clerk will write and state that the extension should be restricted the the 2 main events in their calendar and that spectators should be kept to the original planning application in 2007.
- Tree adjoining Church House and St Lukes Church. Cllr. Mr T Evans had approached the Planning department regarding the dangerous tree in the Church Yard

approval was given for the felling of the Lime Tree that has become extremely dangerous.

10.44 Highways.

- The hole on Guinea Lane appears to be holding at present.
- Cllr. Mr J Edwards brought up the serious road conditions in Weston under Redcastle during the recent bad weather. Cllr. Mr. J Edwards suggested that 3 salt boxes were required to help with the untreated roads. Namely adjoining St Lukes Church where the tree has recently been felled. At the top of The Slade (where the telephone box use to be) on Guinea Lane and at the T Junction opposite Ivy House Farm, Sawpit Cottage on Wixhill Lane. The Clerk will write to Ian Walshall at Highways, Market Drayton.
- It was noted that drains are blocked outside the Village Hall and opposite Guinea Lodge. The Clerk will speak with Graham Jones regarding the drain opposite the Village Hall and write to Highways regarding Guinea Lodge.

10.45 Correspondance: The Clerk reported that a notice had been received from Salc regarding a meeting at Edinburgh House on 25th January 2010. Cllr. Mrs J Woolley and Cllr. Mr. B Rollo will attend. All other correspondence will be circulated.

1045 Meeting attended:

- Wem and Wem Rural Local Joint Committee – The clerk attended the meeting in Wem Town Hall. Various applications were received and duly accepted. Shropshire Council gave a presentation of Finance for Shropshire Council for the coming year. It was evident that cuts of 20 – 25% will be made from Central Government in the future. Shropshire Council is basically well placed with re structuring last year. The clerk also reported that Shropshire Council also gave a presentation on 511 Bus Service that now goes to Weston under Redcastle crossroads hourly. Many concerns were raised regarding this service and the state of the Shropshire Link service. Cllr. Mr. C Mellings, chairman of the Wem and Wem Rural Local Joint Committee will write to Shropshire Council and Arriva to find answers to the problems.

10.46 Parish Plan. Cllr. Mr. T Evans stated that a meeting was due to take place on Monday 25th January the first meeting to form a Steering Group. Members of Shropshire Council will be present to help. Agendas have been circulated and it is hoped a good cross section of people will attend.

Parish Matters: Hawkstone Scramble Track was discussed again at length at which point Cllr. Mr. B Rollo declared an interest in Hawkstone Scramble Track with an interest in the sport. Cllr. Mr. T Evans noted his interest in the Scramble Track.

10.47 Date of next meeting: Monday 17th May, 7pm. AGM followed by Parish Council Meeting.

Cllr. Mr. T Evans thanked everyone for attending.
Meeting closed 9pm.

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