

WESTON RHYN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Weston Rhyn Parish Council held on Monday, 12th July, 2004 at 7.00 p.m. in the Bowling Club, Weston Rhyn.

PRESENT: **The Vice Chairman: Cllr. E.R. Cooper,**
 Councillor C. Bowers, G. Evans, G. Davies,
 D. Franklin, J.A. Hughes, Mrs. R. Law, B.R. Oakley,
 Mrs. J. Smith, I. Williams..

Also in attendance: P.C. French, County Councillor J. Stevens.

In the Chair: Councillor E.R. Cooper

54. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from The Chairman (Councillor Mrs. A. Garton Jones), Councillors B.Ashton, J.G. Jones.

55. YOUTH OUTREACH WORKER

A request had been received from Mrs. Enid Lintern to attend the meeting to inform the Council of a new Initiative from the Silo Centre in Gobowen which aimed to provide a youth service in Weston Rhyn.

Mrs. Lintern attended with Mrs. G. Cliffe, Chairman Silo Centre and Mr. C. Denham, Area Youth Development Worker. The representatives explained their role in the Silo Centre and the desire to provide a facility in Weston Rhyn co-ordinating and pooling all the various youth organizations. At this stage the support of the Parish Council was sought with the representatives explaining it was their intention to host a public meeting to gauge public feeling and provide full consultation.

RESOLVED to offer the support of the Council behind the initiative and provide a list of contacts of the various parish youth organizations in due course.

56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interests on any item included on the agenda in accordance with Sections 50-52, Local Government Act 2000 and The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (England) Order 2001 were invited.

RESOLVED to note no declarations of interest were declared.

57. **MINUTES**

Minutes of a meeting held on 14th June, 2004 were confirmed and signed with the amendment below:

Minute 35 – Recognition of Parish Achievements.

- to note the award to be presented to the school football team would be theirs to keep and would not be presented annually to parishioners deserving of special awards.

58. **REPORTS**

RESOLVED to note reports as presented by P.C. French, Councillor G. Evans and County Councillor J. Stevens.

59. **PLANNING**

Consideration of schedule of planning applications (PA04/13303).

RESOLVED no comment be made on the application received.

60. **HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE**

- a. Bypass Junction – included at the request of Councillor D. Franklin.

RESOLVED to request the Highways Agency attend a site meeting to again discuss and revisit the junction which members still considered extremely dangerous. A request to be made for the Oswestry bypass as a whole to be made into a dual carriageway on safety grounds with correspondence to be copied to Shropshire County Council and O. Patterson, M.P.

- b. **Chirk Bank – Bench Seat**

Councillor J.G. Jones asked the Council to obtain a quotation for replacement of the bench seat in Chirk Bank.

RESOLVED to seek a quotation for replacement.

- c. **Traffic Regulation Order – Speed Limit in Weston Rhyn**

Advice was given that Shropshire County Council were reviewing and consolidating speed limit. Areas covered were highlighted on the traffic order as circulated.

RESOLVED to note the information and to request that the speed limits existing in Weston Rhyn and Chirk Bank be joined together acknowledging a small gap existing at present between the two villages.

61. DONATIONS

Consideration of applications for financial assistance as received from the Yurt Project and Good Companions. A sum in the amount of £150 remained within this years budget for donation purposes.

RESOLVED the below donation be made.

Good Companions £150
Yurt Project – no financial assistance to be offered on this occasion.

62. REVIEW OF THE WESTON RHYN DEFINITIVE MAP OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

A “Review Package” of public rights of way had been forwarded by Shropshire County Council.

In view of the complexity and bulk of documents received it was suggested the matter be dealt with by the Footpaths Sub Committee in the first instance.

Also the Countryside Agency had forwarded a further provisional map of registered common land and open country for the Parish.

RESOLVED the matter be referred to the footpaths sub committee in the first instance acknowledging also County Councillor J. Stevens offer of assistance.

63. WATER CHARGES

RESOLVED to note a letter from Owen Patterson, M.P., with enclosures following representations made.

64. QUALITY PARISH INITIATIVE

RESOLVED to note a letter from the Parish Liaison Officer, Shropshire County Council in response to representations made. It was hoped a representative would attend the next meeting.

65. AGE CONCERN – PARISH LINKS

Letter from the Volunteer Recruitment Officer, Age Concern seeking a member to assume the role of a Parish Link Co-ordinator for Weston Rhyn.

RESOLVED to note the letter, the approach to be included within the Wren.

66. CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

Mrs. L. Nicholson on behalf of the Committee advised "that in August, 2003 The Carnival Committee (2003) agreed, that although we would not be staging Carnival 2004, we would retain responsibility for Carnival Funds for a period of one year. If a new Committee had not been formed, nor the existing Committee re-established, we would meet and re-consider our various options re disposal of the Carnival Funds.

As this meeting had not yet taken place, I am unable to advise you of the decision made".

RESOLVED to note the update.

Further **RESOLVED** to request site of a copy of the 2003 Carnival accounts and also to request that the Committee co-opt two members of the Parish Council to attend their next meeting in order for the Council to be represented when distribution of Carnival funds is to be discussed.

67. POACHERS POCKET

RESOLVED to note notice had been received of a transfer of Licence at the above to Mr. Jade Hamer.

68. VILLAGE INSTITUTE

Included at the request of Councillor G. Davies

RESOLVED to note concerns as expressed by Councillor Davies over the length of time refurbishment has taken acknowledging delays were caused primarily by utility companies. It was generally agreed sufficient reporting of progress had taken place throughout the refurbishment in the Wren.

69. QUINTA – CAMPING TRAILER

Letter from the Quinta asking the Council to find alternative accommodation for its camping trailer.

RESOLVED to offer the unit to St. Martins Scouts at no cost on the grounds that they arrange collection and removal from the Quinta.

70. PARISH PLAN

RESOLVED to note an appeal was made on behalf of the Parish Plan Committee for old photographs of the village to be lent for inclusion within the plan.

71. SHROPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DRAFT STREET LIGHTING POLICY

The above had been received and was available to any interested member.

RESOLVED to note receipt.

72. PAYMENTS

RESOLVED to confirm payment of the below:

Bowling Club (Donation)	£150
Choir (Donation)	£150
R.A. Dyke (Clerks Salary July)	£355
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73. RECEIPTS

RESOLVED to note receipt of the below

Mrs. A. Garton Jones (Wren Walks – Postcard Sales)	£36.00
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74. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

RESOLVED to note no items were requested for inclusion.

75. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED the next meeting be held on 14th September, 2004.

76. MEETINGS – POLICE CONSULTATIVE GROUP/TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

RESOLVED to note the above meetings taking place – 15th July, 2004 in Llanymynech and Oswestry respectively.