

## Westley Parish Council minutes

12 September 2019

**Present:** Chris Anderson (CA); Colin Clayton (CC); Jim Sweetman (JS); Alan Green (AG); Mike Spenser-Morris (MSM). Jen Larner (JL) – Clerk. Ian Houlder (West Suffolk);

**Apologies:** Steve McClellan, Gary Smith, Karen Soons (SCC),

**25/2019. Declarations of interest:** none

**26/2019. Minutes:** The minutes of the meetings held on 11 July and 1 August 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

**27/2019. Reports from County and Borough Councillors** – Ian Houlder updated us on the steps towards the 2041 plan. The call for land to be considered has gone out, and Ian will provide a list of land submitted in Westley (which won't be authorised until mid 2020 after the second consultation). The government target for house building in West Suffolk is 21542 houses ie 816 each year for the next 22 years. However, 15000 already have planning permission, ie 6.3 years.

**28/2019. Finance – authorisation of payments:** The balance in the bank is £3678. The following payments were authorised: JL salary July £78.03 and August £77.83; defibrillator cabinet £501.60; JL expenses to end of September £9.45. It was noted that VAT for purchases for the last two years amounts to £237. It was agreed that insurance cover would be obtained for both the defibrillator and the cabinet, with immediate effect.

**29/2019. Response to SCC Rights of Way consultation.** It was agreed that, given the uncertainty regarding the Pigeon development, there was little point in responding to this at present.

**30/2019. Defibrillator.** It was reported that the cabinet is now in place on the wall of the Westley club. It is heated, and flashes to give sufficient light. It cannot be turned off. When opened it gives off 70-100 decibels of noise. The defibrillator will go in as soon as insurance cover is in place. It was noted that the batteries and pads have a 5 year life span – it was agreed to wait to buy a replacement set. Regarding training, a group of volunteers/local champions has agreed to do some training, first session organised for 25 September. It was suggested that a 'defibrillator' and arrow sign be placed at the junction of Old Church Road. CC is following up questions from British Heart Foundation re publicising the funding received from them.

**31/2019.** Village bulb planting etc. CA will talk to GS to arrange a date. The question of the overgrown shrubbery in Burrells Orchard (Fornham Road side) was raised – CA will contact all residents and ask them to cut this back to make the footpath clearer. CC asked about the possibility of a mirror to enable residents to cross the road, but there is no appropriate site, and SCC Highways is against the use of mirrors on safety grounds.

**32/2019. Planning applications.** DC/19/1628/ADV, DC/19/1627/ADV, DC/19/1629ADV, DC/19/1626/FUL – these all relate to (mainly) signage linked to the planning application for the 'teardrop' site by McDonalds Restaurant. It was agreed to object to all of these (and the main application) on grounds of visual ugliness, particularly the neon signage at the entrance to Bury, on land designated as countryside.

**33/2019. Correspondence.** Rural task force information (circulated); Lorry Watch information (circulated).

Date of next meeting: 7 November

