

Weston Parish Council Notes from the meeting held on 7 March 2011

Chairman Susan Lewis

Welcome to our new Council member

The meeting welcomed Greg Weston as the latest member to join the Parish Council.

Report from our Ward Councilor Harry Bramer

Harry Bramer gave a detailed account of the latest financial situation as a result of the recent Central government cuts to funding. Over £10 million has been taken from last years budget and it was explained how this will have to result in cut backs in several departments and services including the loss of some 250 full time jobs which include management positions. It was stressed that essential services will continue to receive priority funding including road repairs which are necessary for Herefordshire.

Planning

Two representatives from Cobrey Farm attended the meeting and addressed the Council members and nine members of the public regarding the recent application 102831F site A for permanent polytunnels for crops and a new holding pond.

Other applications submitted for comment were Wharton Farm to convert the farmhouse into 2 dwellings and Hornbeam for a new build house with separate garage and granny annex.

Allotments

The Council have regretfully had to make the decision that at least for the next 12 months no further action will be considered to attempt to create allotments in our Parish. . The interest has been very low so that further work and progress is not realistic. The Council members thank the three resident applicants for their interest and support and are sorry that so few people demonstrated a wish for this service.

Broadband

The Parish Council were represented at a recent Broadband workshop at Hereford where it was explained that for Herefordshire by 2015 some 90 per cent of the County will be able to receive fast levels of Broadband for both work and private use.

Parish Clerk

Keith Shilton can be contacted on 01600 890131 or write to Hightree House Pencreig Ross on Wye HR9 6HR

Next meeting will be held on 4 April 2011 at 7.30pm at Weston Village Hall.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON PARISH MATTERS.