

WEEDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in the Old Schoolroom
Wednesday 19th January 2011 at 8.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr Rose (Chair), Cllr Followell, Cllr Looker, Cllr Sellers, Cllr Moore, Cllr Measures, Sue Mordue – Clerk, Michelle Jackson – minute secretary and 0 members of the public attended.

6 **Receive Apologies:** Cllr Horton, County Cllrs Baldwin and Hussain, District Cllr Bond

7 **Open Forum for Parishioners:** adjournment

8 **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda:** None

9 **The minutes of the meetings** held on Wednesday 17 November 2010 and Thursday 6 January 2011 were agreed a true records.

10 **Planning: To discuss planning applications and make recommendations:**

Cllrs discussed planning application 10/02636/APP Weedon MDA – Community provision of car park and substation at Phase 5. It was resolved that WPC could not comment on the proposed car park without having sight of the plans for the community centre itself. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to AVDC requesting sight of the plans for the Community Centre and requesting an extension on the consultation period to allow WPC to review both applications simultaneously.

11 **Environment**

a) Footpaths, Footways and Highways: to report any works required

The grit bins are supposed to be refilled on a 3 weekly cycle but this was not being done. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Cllr Hussain. The Clerk to obtain costs of spreaders and a snow plough attachment to a tractor.

Roger Latham's hedge had been cut back.

Margaret Askew's hedge overhangs the footpath.

The sign had been knocked down on the main road and reflectors on New Road were missing.

b) Street Lighting: To report any works required

The light at Roger Latham's house needed fixing.

The Clerk to contact the supplier of street light bulbs to find out which ones are still in supply as some bulbs were different colours to others.

The ivy on the streetlight by Jonathan's house needed clearing.

c) Play area: to report on inspections of the area and consider any issues arising

The wood chippings had been put down in the play area by the Community Workers. The climbing frame had been made good by removing the middle sections which were rotting. The tarpaulin had been purchased to cover the excess chippings. A tree required 2 branches lopping to allow high vehicle access through the gateway- the Clerk will prepare the planning application. The gates required adjusting as they do not shut properly.

d) Path to Play Area – update from the Clerk

A revised quote of £1650 had been received following expiry of the previous quotation held to remove and replace the footpath. It was agreed to instead try spraying with weedkiller once a month as part of the grass cutting contract.

e) To discuss and agree the grass cutting and Parish Council areas maintenance specification for the tender

The area defined for fortnightly cutting included: the pond, the play area, the triangle, the trough. Other specifics included tidying the reeds/rushes by the pond twice a year (November and January), trimming the hedge by the play area twice a year (June and October), weedkill pavements 2-3 times a year (April, mid May, end June), weedkill path from village to bottom of New Road, clearing brambles/stinging nettles on footpath 12 twice a year (May and August), raking chippings on play area once a month. The Clerk to advertise the tender and bring quotes to the March meeting.

f) "Donate a Gate Scheme"

The Footpaths Officer would be requested to identify ownership of some of the stiles where this was not clear. It was agreed to reprint the village walk pamphlet.

g) New Road Trees – to update on status and agree any actions required

The Clerk to contact Adam Quant regarding replacement of the dead trees and if a response was not received within 2 weeks the PC would go elsewhere. A budget of £50 was agreed to remove the brambles within the trees. The Clerk to contact Richard Blacklock /Terry.

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- 12 Weedon Hill Development / Buckingham Park:** Update on any issues to report including the Residents Association meeting and transfer/handover to new Parish Council
- a)** A meeting has been organised by Chris Sheard AVDC on Thursday 10 February at 7pm inviting residents to a meeting to explain the tiers of local government, the electoral process and the first elections to new parish and responsibilities of PC once established. Cllrs had been invited to attend to speak about the role of a Cllr and Cllrs Rose, Looker and Followell to attend.
- b)** Grit bins at Buckingham Park were discussed. The bins were available from AVDC at £450 which includes refill but it was not possible for Buckingham Park to get refills until the roads had been adopted. As large areas were not yet resided in, it was proposed that WPC make a contribution towards 2-3 salt spreaders. It was resolved that WPC could not justify supporting Buckingham Park before providing the same for Weedon parishioners. The Clerk to write to Cllr Mary Baldwin regarding the £2k held by BCC.
- 13 Weedon within the Aylesbury vale local area: Update on Growth agenda, Local Area Forum, NAG**
PCSO Tina Hobson spoke about the NAG becoming more localised to cover issues affecting Weedon only. It was agreed to hold NAG meetings during the open forum before the PC meetings.
Cllr Rose would attend the LAF meeting.
- 14 Correspondence and other communications received since last meeting:**
- a) Vale of Aylesbury Plan – Parish Council involvement – Agree a response to AVDC**
Cllrs agreed Option C – We think only very small scale development is likely to be right for our community (eg under 10 new homes, or very small scale employment development). This was on the basis of the findings in the Parish Plan.
- b) Community Response in time of emergency** - update on Weedon Emergency Action Team and any other developments: A development team was in place.
- 15 Weedon Village Parish Plan: Update on progress**
A steering committee meeting would be taking place the following day. A draft parish plan to be launched to village at an open meeting.
- 16 Finance/Accounts:**
- a.** The financial statements of accounts and bank reconciliations for the year to date November 2010 were agreed as reviewed. The Clerk to circulate accounts for December.
- b.** The Council resolved to issue the following cheques:
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| Mike Moore Duck Food | 974 | £21.75 |
| Watermead PC | 975 | £107.50 |
| Clerks Pay and Expenses | 976 | £xxx |
| CLC Grounds Maintenance | 977 | £69.50 |
| RA Followell re woodchip project | 978 | £50.47 |
| Weedon Methodist Church Trust (Comm workers) | 979 | £20.00 |
| Lynch Garden Services | 980 | £20.00 |
| Lynch Garden Services | 981 | £50.00 |
| Community Impact Bucks | 982 | £30.00 |
| The Old Schoolroom (Comm workers) | 983 | £19.25 |
| Joanna Rose (website) | 984 | £32.88 |
| Clerks Pay and Expenses | 985 | £xxx |
- c. To discuss further and agree the budget for 2011**
The budget was reviewed and agreed as presented.
The Council resolved to make a contribution of £1k to revenue costs for the Methodist Chapel toilet under PHA 1936 s87.
The Council resolved not to make an ex gratia payment to Buckingham Park for its opening account but that it should support it in making an application to AVDC for a financial contribution. The Clerk to write to AVDC on behalf of Buckingham Park.
- 15 The date of the next meeting** will be on Wednesday 16 March 2011 in The Old School Room. It was agreed that Summer meetings (May, July and September) be held in the Methodist Chapel and the Winter meetings in the School Room.
A planning meeting would be arranged for Thursday 3 February (dependent on consultation deadline).

The meeting closed at 10.46pm.

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