

Weedon Parish Council

Clerk to the Council Mrs Ruth Millard

Minutes of the Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in the Methodist Chapel on
Wednesday 17th July 2013 at 8.00pm

53/13 PRESENT:

Cllr Justin Sellers, Cllr Wendy Kett, Cllr Kirsty Ashurst, Cllr Nigel Winnett,
Cllr Jameson-Evans had sent apologies that he would be late.

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In attendance; PC Russ McFarlane

Residents; None

Receive Apologies: the Council accepted apologies for absence from
Cllr Measures, Cllr Rose, Dist. Cllr Ashley Bond, County Cllr Netta Glover

54/13 Public Meeting Open Forum Adjournment: The Council discussed with PC Russ McFarlane the issue of noise disturbance over the last two weekend from the Gypsy Site at Cooks Hill. This had been reported to the Chairman, by the nearby residents. He advised that if there is any further disturbance it should be reported via the 101 police number. The complaint would then be logged, making the police aware so that they can deal with it before it escalates. Also discussed was the speed watch project. Cllr WK is still to produce a map to show where the volunteers are to stand. PC McFarlane volunteered to help with a visibility check. Also discussed was the NAG groups and where Weedon Village was placed. PC McFarlane said that Police management for Weedon was awkward; he suggested that if he was informed of the Parish Council meetings, he would endeavour to ensure that he or one of his colleagues attended. He also asked if the level of a Police presence in the village was felt sufficient.

55/13 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda: to declare any personal or pecuniary interests on items on the agenda. None were declared.

56/13 The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 15th May 2013 were agreed and duly signed.

57/13 Planning:

13/01725/ACD Application to extend the time limit of Conservation Area consent 10/01289/ACD – Demolition of existing bungalow.

13/01724/APP Application to extend the time limit of planning permission 10/01288/APP – Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement two storey dwelling. Comments requested by 31st July 2013

After a short discussion the Council resolved that although it had opposed the original applications which had been granted on Appeal, nothing materially had changed since, therefore it could see little point in objecting again. The Clerk was asked to send comments to that effect.

Cllr Tom Jameson-Evans arrived.

58/13 Standing Order amendment; if all the available members are in agreement by email that 'NO OBJECTIONS' to an application for tree works be recorded, an additional planning meeting will not be necessary and the Clerk is delegated to reply to the planning Officer 'No Objection', with the comment 'Weedon Parish Council defers the decision to the tree officer.'

59/13 Environment:

a. Footpaths, Footways and Highways. To report any works required, including updates on;

i Village Walk footpaths gate scheme. Cllr CM could not attend this meeting but will give a report at the September meeting

ii Village signs and entrance gates. The Clerk was asked to contact Clifford Marshall, the area technician, for an update on the Village signs recommendations.

Action; RM

The Council asked the Clerk if the neighbours near to where the council wanted the small gate erected, had been asked if they had any objections. This was an action for the Chairman. The Clerk was asked to find out if the neighbours had been contacted before completing the order for the small gate. Mr Millard had produced a drawing with the dimensions for making a small gate for New Road. From the drawing the Clerk had a quote from Briants to provide the gate fully assembled and ready to paint for £45.00 + VAT. She had forgotten to ask for the delivery charge. She had 2 estimates from Mr Millard one to paint and erect the gate into concrete at £60.00. The other to construct the gate, paint and erect the gate into concrete at £120.00. The Council requested that the Clerk asks for a price for the delivery of the gate, from Briants. If the cost is £15.00 or less, the Council delegated the Clerk to purchase a gate from Briants and

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contract Mr Millard to paint and erect it. If the cost is more than £15.00 she should contract Mr Millard to construct paint and erect the gate.

iii Community Speed watch, is in hand please see the open forum report.

- b. Street Lighting. To report any works required. None reported
- c. Play Area. To report on the WREN contract and playground project. Cllr JR had sent a report on the project to date; she had a pre-start meeting with the contractor on Monday. They will erect 2m steel safety fence on Monday 29th July. The equipment will be delivered on Tues 30th in a large artic which they will unload on to smaller flatbed trucks – probably on New Road.
Russell Smith is doing the main dismantling on Friday. The contractor thought a skip would be needed for the concrete blocks (from the ground), the membrane under the bark and the old grass mats. She will organise that if needed.
She wanted to know if any one would be able to help on Sunday. A flyer had been delivered to all the villagers requesting help.
Her thoughts were for a grand opening. Maybe in September – combine with Best Kept Village trophy presentation and ask the Chairman of BKV to open and invite Bucks Herald. The Council agreed with most of the ideas and suggested that the opening be combined with the Village BBQ and jazz evening on Sunday 1st September 2013. Cllr WK thought that it might be a nice idea – if the youngest toddlers in the village were involved in the opening of the playground. The Parish Council agreed that George and Kirsty Anson should also be invited.
- d. Best Kept Village competition. Weedon as runner-up in the Gurney Cup has been chosen to receive the Dashwood Trophy in this year's Best Kept Village Competition. This is awarded to the best runner-up. Many congratulations to all the residents.
- e. Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges. To report any works required. None reported
- f. War Memorial. Cllr JR has this project in hand.

60/13 Correspondence and other communications including reports on Local Area Forum and training courses;

- a. Cllr Rose had attended the Greater Aylesbury LAF meeting on 1st July 2013 which she felt had little relevance any more for Weedon. County Cllr Netta Glover would support a move to the Winslow LAF. Weedon would not be able to bid for any of Winslow LAF's budget allocations until the boundaries were moved. The boundaries are not reviewed yearly by Bucks CC. The Council all agreed that this was the correct way to go and to proceed with this move.
- b. The Clerk had attended a Risk Management Event run by BALC on 13th June 2013, paid in whole by Grendon Underwood Parish Council. The event covered Assets, financial, legal, members, employees and Health & Safety. The event was extremely informative.
- c. It was proposed that the Parish Council meet with the organizers of the Bucks County Show to make sure that everyone knows what has been organised for the village. The Council agreed. **Action; JR**
- d. Bucks Playing Fields Association Newsletter – Email. *Noted*
- e. AVDC Draft Dog waste service level agreement – Email. *Noted*
- f. Headway – the brain injury association appealing for help to find a suitable building. *Noted*
- g. War memorial Trust - requesting a donation. *The Council decided to postpone its decision at this time.*
- h. Lloyds TSB Important Changes. *Noted.*
- i. LCR Summer 2013 magazine. *Noted.*

61/13 Communications:

- a. **Items for the Parish Magazine.** For the September edition, playground, thank the workforce for clearing the old equipment, Congratulate the Village for their achievements in the Best Kept Village Competition, Police number for non emergency contact 101, vacancy for the role of Councillor. Note also that the Parish Council meetings held in September and November.
- b. **Website.** The Parish Council website <http://www.weedonbucks.org.uk/> is working well.

62/13 Finance

The Council agreed the financial statements of accounts and bank reconciliations for end of June 2013. The Council noted that the Cheque 1137 of £500.00 to Keep Weedon Green had not been credited.

Statement of Bank Accounts as at 30th June 2013

Account3205	27993.17
Account7936	14454.76
total	42447.93

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Invoices to be paid in July

Payee	Power	Cheque	Amount
Lynch Garden Services – Invoice 3122	LGA 1972, s14 para 27	1155	190.00
Lynch Garden Services – Invoice 3147	LGA 1972, s14 para 27	1156	60.00
ER Millard – June Remuneration	LGA 1972 s112	1157	250.00
ER Millard – July Remuneration	LGA 1972 s112	1158	250.00
Lynch Garden Services – Invoice 3147	LGA 1972, s14 para 27	1159	60.00
Cheque destroyed due to mistake		1160	00.00
GJ Millard	Highways Act, s43	1161	122.65
Green Thumb	LGA 1972, s14 para 27	1162	48.00
			980.65

Direct Debit

Eon – 01.06.2013	Highways Act 1980, s301	DD	32.37
Eon – 02.07.2013	Highways Act 1980, s301	DD	31.37

Receipts

Weedon Village Garage	15 th May 2013	18.28
Account205 Interest	9 th April 2013	1.11
Account205 Interest	9 th May 2013	1.15
Account205 Interest	10 th June 2013	1.23
		21.77

63/13 Parish Council Vacancy; When the vacancy occurred, it should be advertised in case 10 electors want to request a bye election. A copy of the notice should be sent to the Returning Officer at AVDC so that the PC is given formal notification that it can go ahead with the co-option. This will take 14 working days. When the notification arrives the Parish Council can advertise and co-opt a new member at its next meeting.

The Council agreed that Cllr J Rose would ask Cllr C Measures to formally give notice of his impending resignation with a date in order that the legal formalities for his replacement can be correctly followed. **Action; JR**

64/13 To agree the date of next meeting. Wednesday 18th September 2013 at 8pm to be held in the Methodist Chapel.

CLOSED SESSION

65/13 6 month review of the Clerks Post; The Council decided that the Clerk was working well and her post was held. The Clerk agreed that she was happy working with the Council and wanted to hold the post.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Chairman's Signature Date.....