

Weedon Parish Council

Clerk to the Council Mrs Ruth Millard

Minutes of the Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Chapel on
Thursday 18th September 2014 at 8.00pm

Open Forum Adjournment

- (a) The new owner of Turpins Orchard Stewart Wilyman and his builder attended the meeting. Mr Wilyman explained that they had been very surprised by the Parish Council's response to the outline planning application for Turpin's Orchard and that was why they withdrew the application. They were attending to try to see what the way forward would be.

Cllr J Rose reiterated the comments that the Parish Council had made and the reasons for them. She said that the Parish Council would look more favourably if there was one building with more of an agricultural feel such as that of a barn or stable look. Mr Wilyman apologised for any anxiety he may have caused.

(b) District and County Cllrs Reports:

Cllr Netta Glover gave her report, please see attached.

Cllr Ashley Bond reported that there was to be a Parish Precept workshop in October/November.

85/14 Attendance and apologies. To receive and accept any apologies for absence
Present Cllr Joanna Rose, Cllr Wendy Kett, Cllr Tom Jameson-Evans, Cllr Mark Talbott,
Cllr Nigel Winnett, Cllr Kirsty Ashurst. Clerk - Ruth Millard.
County Cllr Netta Glover, District Cllr Ashley Bond
Public: 2
Apologies: Cllr Justin Sellers

86/14 Declaration of interest. Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Weedon Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011. **No interests were declared.**

87/14 Approval of Minutes. To agree and sign the minutes from the Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held on 2nd September 2014.
Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed as a true record.

88/14 Planning

14/02567/ATC Westmead Stables 19 New Road. Fell one Damson.

Resolved: that the Parish Council had no objections to application 14/02567/ATC.

89/14 Environment.

a Footpaths, Footways and Highways, including

- i. **Stiles to Kissing Gates** project – Cllr W Kett had spoken to the tenants of Kirbys Field, regarding the Parish Council putting a kissing gate in place of the stile in situ. They were agreeable in principle but queried whether the gap was too narrow.
Resolved: that Cllr Kett would continue to work with these and other landowners and report back to subsequent meetings on progress for the council to decide action
- ii. **Additional Dog Hygiene Bin** – Cllr K Ashurst had been monitoring the Fortescues track opposite Lilies entrance regarding the dog mess issue. She confirmed that it was a problem and proposed purchasing a Hygiene Bin to place in the vicinity.
Resolved: that the Parish Council would purchase a bin and that the Clerk would source the price. Cllr Ashurst would propose its exact location at the next meeting.
- iii. **Speed Control** in Weedon, purchase of a MVAS – Cllr M Talbott had circulated 9 photographs of potential sites for a MVAS. The Parish Council discussed the sites and felt that 3 to 4 general areas should be agreed, to discuss with the local area technician (LAT) and agree the most suitable positions.
Resolved: that the Parish Council would purchase 2 MVAS signs to rotate between positions at 1) top of Aston Abbots Road 2) New Road and 3) Aston Abbots Road near Turpins Orchard. Exact locations would be agreed with the LAT. The Parish Clerk to make out the official application to TfB and arrange a date for the survey, to involve Cllr Talbott

b Street Lighting – no problems.

Weedon Parish Council

Clerk to the Council Mrs Ruth Millard

c Play Area

i. Litter bin emptying.

Resolved: That the Clerk would contact AVDC to ascertain whether the bin inside the park was being emptied regularly.

ii. Action required following ROSPA inspection – The inspection highlighted 3 problems:

1. The hedge needed to be cut back near the play equipment, this had been completed.

2. The picnic tables needed to be safely secured. The Parish Council discussed and

Resolved: not to secure them and monitor the situation.

3. The gap between the gate and the post needed to be enlarged to prevent fingers being trapped.

Resolved; that the Clerk ask Mr Millard for an estimate of costs.

iii. Cllrs J Rose and W Kett proposed that the trees in the Park needed to be thinned out to allow the best trees to flourish.

Resolved: for Cllrs J Rose and W Kett to bring recommendations of tree thinning in the Park to the next meeting for the Parish Council consideration.

d Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges

i. Terry Lynch had finished the cutting back and clearing the hedge around the Park. The Council queried whether he had cut back the brambles in footpath 12. Also discussed whether to ask him to cut further along from footpath 12.

Resolved: not to request that Terry Lynch cuts further along from footpath 12 but the Clerk ascertain whether he has cut back the brambles as in his contract.

ii. **Pond** – The Parish Council discussed the proposals from Steve Richards and Mike Moore.

Resolved:

- Cllr Mark Talbott will provide a design and quote for a new combined “Ducks crossing”/”Deep Water” sign which could replace the existing “Deep Water” one on Mark and Karen Adams’s tree.
- The Parish Council decided that the reeds were not too intrusive – yet. Perhaps a working party of volunteers could be looked at next year.
- Cllr Mark Talbott will get quotes from two landscape contractors for works to the bank:
 - a) replacing any broken/rotted wooden stakes
 - b) topping up the soil in the gabian baskets which are behind the wooden stakes
- The current duck house is at the end of its life, and should go. Instead of replacing the duck house like-for-like, the Council decided to purchase a fairly large floating moored pontoon on which could be placed a small new duck house. This would suit both the Aylesbury ducks and the moorhens, and could look very attractive. Cllr Tom Jameson-Evans will investigate what can be bought in ready-made.

e The Chapel graveyard – The Manchester Trustees do not have a problem with the break clause being taken out. Some minor procedural changes are being made to the lease, but it is close to being finalised. Cllr J Rose has been advised that the surveyor should not be jointly appointed as the surveyor (in charity law) has to work solely for the Charity.

Resolved: That the Parish Council would pay half of the cost of the survey (including VAT if the Methodists could not claim this back) which would be initiated by and invoiced to the Methodists.

f Defibrillator for the village – Cllr K Ashurst confirmed that the defibrillator did need electricity to keep the cabinet warm to prevent frost damage to the defibrillator; it also supplied a light in the cabinet. She had contacted UK Power Networks who supplied the un-metered electricity to the lamps in the village. They had given permission to feed a defibrillator from one of the lamps. Therefore she proposed siting the defibrillator underneath the notice boards at the Park entrance and feeding it from the nearest lamp. She proposed the green cabinet. If the Parish Council agreed she proposed to place an order. The Clerk said that she had already spoken to WEL Medical and had ordered a defibrillator and cabinet, as she had been requested to. (minute 66/14). She had been waiting for a decision from the Council on the colour of the cabinet to complete the paperwork. Cllr K Ashurst insisted that she should place the order.

Resolved: That the defibrillator be positioned under the notice boards at the Park entrance. That a green cabinet be ordered and paid for. That Cllr K Ashurst place the purchase order for the defibrillator and cabinet. Cllr Ashurst would request quotes for the electricity supply work and report back.

g 52 Aston Abbots Road – no issues to report.

Weedon Parish Council

Clerk to the Council Mrs Ruth Millard

90/14 Correspondence and other communications including reports on Local Area Forum and training courses

28.08.2014 AVDC Planning Services-Changing the way we communicate with Parish Councils

01.09.2014 AVALC Planning Services-Communicating with Parish Councils

19.09.2014 BCC HS2 Update

Resolved: that the correspondence is noted and no action is taken.

91/14 Communications. To review content and report any issues.

a Website. No problems

b Parish magazine/newsletter; article for November issue. To include Defibrillator location details and picture if installed in time; MVAS were being purchased and locations reviewed; new dog bin

Resolved: that the Parish Council would make contributions bi-monthly ie. for the months in which PC meetings would be held.

92/14 Finance & Accounts.

Resolved: That the Financial Statements and bank reconciliations for August 31st be noted and the invoices presented be paid.

Account 3205	28806.89
Account 7936	1,000.00
	29,806.89

Direct Debit payments in September 2014

E.on Statement 2 September 2014	LGA 1972 s14 para 27	32.37

Payments for September 2014

Payee	Power	Cheque	Amount
HMRC 2 nd Quarter	LGA 1972 s111	1233	6.20
ER Millard – September 2014 remuneration	LGA 1972 s112	1231	259.04
Lynch Garden Services -	LG (Misc. Prov.) A 1976 s19	1235	500.00
Abingdon Stone & Marble Ltd	LGA 1948, s133	1236	1784.40
E.Sharp (Electrical) Ltd	LGA 1972 s14 para 27	1237	129.55
Wel Medical Ltd	LGA 1972 s137	1238	1658.10

93/14 To agree the date of next meeting Wednesday 18th November 2014 to be held in the Old Schoolroom.

The meeting closed at 10.10 pm.

Chairman's Signature Date.....