

Weedon Parish Council

Clerk to the Council Mrs Ruth Millard

Minutes of a general meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Old Schoolroom Weedon on Wednesday 15 January 2020 at 8.00pm

Present: Cllrs J Rose (Chairman), W Kett, S Gradley, S Gibbs,
District Cllr Ashley Bond

Clerk: Ruth Millard

Members of the Public: None

Open Forum for Parishioners: (under adjournment)

Dist Cllr A Bond gave a report on what is happening at AVDC and with the new unitary authority. He also asked for the Parish Council's comments on extending the cycle path from Winslow to Aylesbury explaining that Whitchurch and Hardwick Parish Councils were in favour. The councillors said that they are in favour of an extension and AB said that he would follow this through with AVDC.

08/20 Apologies: Cllrs N Winnett & T Jameson-Evans & J Sellers

09/20 Members' Interests: 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.

The Council members present signed a dispensation to discuss and vote on the Precept required for 2020/21, no other interests were declared.

10/20 Approval of Minutes. Members **RESOLVED** and the Chair signed the minutes from the Planning Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held on 2 January 2020 as an accurate record.

11/20 Statutory and Governance Documents

a. Review of WPC Financial and Governance Risk Assessment – JR reported that this is a work in progress and should be ready to agree at the March meeting.

12/20 Planning. No applications at the time of printing

13/20 Finance and Accounts

a. To note payments for this meeting and payments made since the last meeting, the invoices were signed.
b. Members **RESOLVED** the financial statement of accounts and bank reconciliation for the end December 2019.

December balance & Income

Business Account3205	31 December 2019	33045.54
Treasurers Account7936	31 December 2019	1,000.00
Business Account3205	09 December 2019, Interest	1.28

Direct Debits January 2020

OPUS energy , invoices 10.12.2019-09.01.2020	LGA 1972, Sched.14 para 34	DD	136.54
Green Thumb , ref Chapel, 2 January 2020	LGA 1972, s214	DD	5.17
Green Thumb , ref Play area, 2 January 2020	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	DD	16.00

January 2020 invoices for online payments

TC Jameson , reimbursement for land registry searches	LGA 1972, s111	BP 152	48.00
GM Outdoor Services Ltd. Inv. 1472 removal of 3 trees and stumps etc	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	BP 153	617.50
ER Millard , Jan 2019 Remuneration	LGA 1972, s112	BP 154	313.30
HMRC , Jan Tax	LGA 1972, s112	BP 155	2.60
			981.40

c. Members **RESOLVED** the 2020/21 Budget as £15,475 (fifteen thousand, four hundred and seventy five pounds) for the routine payments.

d. Members **RESOLVED** the 2020/21 Precept request for £13,920 (Thirteen thousand, nine hundred and twenty pounds).

14/20 Environment. To report and discuss any issues arising.

a. Footpaths, Footways and Highways, including

- i. Speed Control MVAS and Sentinel; S Gibbs gave a briefing of what is needed to initiate Community Speed Watch with a hand held unit. As the Parish Council has been preparing to use a loaned Sentinel Unit, all that is needed are mobile warning signs that Speed Watch is taking place and a hand held unit. JR proposed that the Parish Council purchases a hand held unit to start regular

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- speed watch events in the spring. **Action**; S Gibbs will speak to Sign Wizzard to ascertain if they can make suitable signs and confirm requirements with the TVP Neighbourhood supervisor.
- ii. Transport for Bucks works: JR confirmed that there hasn't been an update from the local area technician and that she will send a follow up email.
 - iii. Update on Options Review of speed control measures on Aston Abbots Road; JR confirmed that this item is still a work in progress.
 - iv. S Gibbs reported that there are a couple of potholes forming along the Aston Abbots Road. **Action**; She will report them to the TfB team.
 - v. JR reported that a voluntary group, North Bucks rRIPPLE, working with Bucks CC is going to replace two stiles, on the village walk, with wooden gates.
 - vi. Members **RESOLVED** the quote from GM Outdoor Services to cut the hedges along footpath 12 Hard back to the original hedge line.
- b. Street lighting.** Update on streetlight conversion to LED – ProVision and Zeta are possible suppliers.; The Parish Council has not heard from ProVision, the Clerk has followed up the request for a quote. Zeta has sent a quote and suggested meeting with the Parish Council to discuss it. **Action**; the Clerk will invite the representative to attend the March Parish Council meeting.
- c. Play area**
- i. Monthly inspection; the members were pleased with the appearance of the park without the over-crowded trees.
- d. Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges, including**
- i. Hedgerow Havens verges: JR reported that there was just one area of verge to seed with wild flowers, at the bottom of the Aston Abbots Road. It was too wet at the moment and would now take place in March.
 - ii. Overhanging hedges/trees: The Parish Council has not had a response from residents at 8 New Road and 95 Aston Abbots Road to its last requests. **Action**; S Gibbs and S Gradley will speak to them informally, and the Parish Council will re-contact in March if no progress.
 - iii. Tree and stump removal in Park, graveyard and verges. This has been completed with the exception of 2 stumps; the contractor is aware.
 - iv. Horticultural and Devolution contracts from April 2020: Consider specifications and process. After some discussion the members **RESOLVED** that if the current contractors were to hold their prices, which they paid last year, on each contract (which would remain otherwise unchanged) for a further year the Parish Council would not advertise the contracts and would ratify the situation at the next meeting. **Action**; Clerk to inform the 2 contractors of the decision.
- e. Management of Weedon Graveyard;**
- i. Members discussed the application for a double burial plot from P & J Kent and **RESOLVED** to allow the purchase. **Action**; the Clerk to inform the applicant of the Parish Council's decision and the fees to purchase the EROB (Exclusive Right to Burial).
 - ii. Members discussed an application received to remove the surround from plot 35 leaving the headstone in place and **RESOLVED** to allow the removal. **Action**; the Clerk to inform the applicant and copy in the person amending the memorial.
 - iii. Members discussed an application to inter ashes into plot 76. Plot 76 is a double ashes plot in which 2 burials have taken place and therefore cannot have any more ashes interred. The Parish Council would however look favourably on an application for the EROB in adjacent plot, 77. **Action**; the Clerk will contact the applicant to discuss.
 - iv. Members discussed if any works were required on trees and **RESOLVED** not to change the Cypress and review the position of the Oak in the spring.
 - v. Members discussed the levelling works required on graves plots 46 & 47 and **RESOLVED** that some work was necessary. **Action**; the Clerk to ask GM Services for an estimate of labour costs.
- f. New capital projects**
- i. Fingerpost: No update JR is still waiting to hear from the local area technician.
 - ii. Pond: Members discussed the area for planting against retaining wall. Over the winter this area has become flooded, the members therefore **RESOLVED** to wait until spring to review the situation. In the meantime WK will take regular photographs of the area.
 - iii. Plank seat on wall close to noticeboards; the Clerk reported the plank was drying out nicely so that it could be worked on before installing when the weather is better.

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- iv. PC land Bird's Acre: JR reported that the PC had agreed a succession tenancy and new rent and is waiting for the agreement to be drawn up.

15/20 Correspondence & Communications

- a. Review website; JR reported that the Clerk had received a spam email regarding the website and had informed the hosting agent who had dealt with it.

16/20 Date of next meeting. To agree the date – provisionally Wed 18 March 2020 in The Old School Room

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm

Chairman's Signature Date.....