

Weedon Parish Council

Clerk to the Council Mrs Ruth Millard

Minutes of Virtual General Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held by Zoom on Wednesday 18 November 2020 at 8pm

Present: Cllrs J Rose (Chairman), W Kett, N Winnett, S Gibbs, S Gradley, J Sellers, T Jameson-Evans

Clerk: Ruth Millard

Buckinghamshire Council: Cllrs A Bond, N Glover

Members of the Public: P Winrow, G Delaney, 1 other person identity undisclosed

127/20 Public Open Forum (under adjournment). Buckinghamshire Council Cllr N Glover had sent her report before the meeting. A Bond said that the idea of upgrading the pavement from Whitchurch to Aylesbury to make it into a cycle track, would be looked at by the Community Board.

127/20 Apologies. No apologies received.

128/20 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. No Interests were declared.

129/20 Approval of Minutes. Members **RESOLVED** and the chair signed the minutes from the virtual zoom Planning meeting of Weedon Parish Council held on 28 October 2020 as an accurate record. The signed minutes will be sent to the Clerk.

131/20 Review of Council's Statutory and Governance Documents for 2020/21

a. Members reviewed the revised and extended Governance and Accountability Risk Assessment and agreed the document. Members **RESOLVED** to adopt the revised Risk Assessment. **Action;** JR to upload the Risk Assessment to the website.

132/20 Planning.

a. No new applications at the time of printing.

b. **Appeal 20/00065/FTHA lodged for Owls Barn 11 Northcroft Weedon Buckinghamshire HP22 4NR.** Members noted the appeal under Fast Track Householder Appeal Process, and considered whether the Parish Council objection to the original refused application 19/04352/APP should stand. Members **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council's original objection should stand.

133/20 Finance and Accounts

a. Members noted payments for this meeting and payments made since the last meeting.

b. Members agreed the financial statement of accounts and bank reconciliation for end October 2020.

c. Members noted that Buckinghamshire Council has confirmed notification of elector numbers and precept calculation protocols for 21-22 will be delayed.

October 2020 balance & Income

Business Account3205	30 October 2020	30,930.09
Treasurers Account7936	30 October 2020	1,100.00

Business Account3205	09 October 2020, Interest	0.23
	15 October 2020, EROB Rodnight	100.00

Direct Debits November 2020

OPUS energy , invoices 10.10.2020-09.11.2020	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para 34	DD	135.16
Green Thumb , ref Chapel, 1 November 2020	LGA 1972, s214	DD	5.17
Green Thumb , ref Play area, 1 November 2020	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	DD	16.00

Invoices for online payments

November 2020			
GJ Millard , maintenance footpath gates & basket swing in Park	LGA 1972, s101 & LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	BP 220	284.00
ER Millard , November 2020 Remuneration	LGA 1972, s112	BP 221	327.98
HMRC , November Tax	LGA 1972, s112	BP 222	3.00
ER Millard, Expenses March 2020-Sept 2020	LGA 1972, s111	BP 223	341.65

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134/20 Environment. To report and discuss any issues arising.

- a. **Footpaths, Footways and Highways**, including
 - i. Speed Control MVAS and Speed Watch. Members noted that the Speed Watch initiative had been put on hold, by the Police, because of Covid 19. The Radar Gun had been purchased but members agreed not to purchase the A framed warning signs until the Speed Watch had been restarted
 - ii. Transport for Bucks works: JR was still waiting for a reply from the Local Area Technician.
 - iii. Options Review of speed control measures. Members agreed to put ideas on hold as it would seem any physical speed humps would be too expensive.
 - iv. Street sign cleaning. Members noted that the street signs had not been cleaned this year. JR proposed leaving the cleaning until late April 2021. Members agreed
 - v. Footpath gates and signs, including Village Walk signs. Members noted that a solution had been resolved for the gate from footpath 12 onto New Road. A thank you was proposed to G Millard for a well thought out solution.
 - vi. Potential cycle path along A413. Members are supportive of this initiative and the Community Board Chairman has been advised.
- b. **Street lighting.** Streetlight conversion to LED. The contractors are finding a delay in producing the historic bowls as there is a shortage in producing the polycarbonate but are hopeful of installing at the beginning of December.
- c. **Play area**, including inspections. Chair thanked T J-E & his son for putting up the revised “no-dogs” notices on the gates.
 - i. Members considered the quotes for the repairs required to the ground under the carousel. Members **RESOLVED** to purchase from Reids. **Action:** S Gibbs would confirm what if any guarantee the company offer for the work.
 - ii. Members considered the purchase of a rooted Christmas tree to be planted in the Park; and **RESOLVED** the alternative purchase of cut Christmas tree for this year. **Action;** G Delaney to source a 10 ft cut tree.
 - iii. Members couldn't consider the cost of the supply of mains electricity to the park until after the Chair had met the contractor on Friday 20 November.

Members **RESOLVED** in principle; to an electrical supply to the Park. Members agreed to a budget of up to £200 for the purchase of Christmas tree lights and to hold a working group meeting next week to move this project forward.
- d. **Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges**, including
 - i. Hedgerow Havens verges have all been completed for winter.
 - ii. Overhanging hedges/trees: On New Road the street light is getting encroached on by the overgrown hedge. The Parish Council will keep monitoring the light. S Gibbs would speak to the residents again.
 - iii. Horticultural works: The tops of the hedges in the Park do not seem to have been cut although some trimming of the sides appears to have been completed. **Action;** the Clerk to contact the contractor to clarify what has been finished.
- e. **Management of Weedon Graveyard**
 - i. Update on bench for graveyard. The Clerk has heard back from the resident who has agreed with the Parish Council choice for the bench. The family would also like a brass plaque placing on the bench which he will discuss and agree the wording with his family and then contact the Parish Council.
- f. **New capital projects**
 - i. Fingerpost: No Update
 - ii. Pond area planting: No Update

135/20 Correspondence and Communications

- a. Website. To review and consider need and process for bringing up to date with government WCAG (Website Content Accessibility Guidelines). JR gave a resume of what is needed to comply with the WCAG law, she doesn't think that it will be too onerous. She will have a look at a selection of pages so that she can assess how much needs doing.
- b. Community Board meeting is tomorrow night, JR confirmed that she will be attending.
- c. Update on setup of Weedon Wildlife Group; JR has circulated a questionnaire to ascertain the interest in the village. She has received some responses. JR will send a follow on email.
- d. To consider whether to comment on Bierton, Broughton and Kingsbrook's draft Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council decided not to respond to the neighbourhood plan except to thank them for including Weedon Parish Council in the consultation and say that it has been read with interest and that the document is well produced and impressive.

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136/20 Coronavirus emergency. No action is necessary at this time, the Parish Council will keep monitoring the situation and make adjustments when necessary.

137/20 Date of next meeting. To agree next general PC meeting – provisionally Wed 20 January 2021.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm

Chairman's Signature Date.....