

# Weedon Parish Council

Clerk to the Council Mrs Ruth Millard

## Minutes of Virtual General Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held by Zoom on Wednesday 20 January 2021 at 8pm

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

**Clerk:** Ruth Millard

**Buckinghamshire Council:** Cllr A Bond,

**Members of the Public:** Geoff Fincher, Deborah Bowers, Michael Walsh, Rebecca Neupert (residents) & Adrian Dennis (Zeta lighting Managing Director)

**01/21 Public Open Forum (under adjournment).** Buckinghamshire Council Cllr A Bond gave his report to the meeting. The Odeon Cinema has been opened as a Covid 19 vaccination centre. He had attended a meeting in Watermead, where a suggestion had been made regarding extending the scooter hire scheme to Weedon village, he said if it was extended to Weedon village it may lead to funding being made available for a better-quality cycleway on the A413 to Aylesbury. The Chair said that the Parish Council would have to discuss the implications of this suggestion and consult with the residents to see if there was an appetite for the project, in the village.

The members discussed with residents DB, MW & RN the effect the intensity of lamp 3 is having on them. AD assured the meeting that it was not a 'blue light', he agreed that it was bright for the area which it had been placed, being a very narrow street. He explained the driver is 3 stage dimmable. Therefore, full power could be reduced to 9 watts, dimming to 5 watts through the night and back to 9 watts before daylight. Regarding the spread of the light, a vinyl blackout ring could be placed around the top of inside of the bowl, shielding nearby first floor windows. Timing was discussed and the residents supported these suggested solutions.

GF. asked for a new dog bin for the village, sited at the top end of the Aston Abbotts Road or East End  
The Chair closed the Open forum and started the meeting.

**02/21 Apologies.** The members received apologies from Cllrs N Winnett, S Gradley & Buckinghamshire Council Cllr N Glover. All were accepted.

**03/21 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.

**04/21 Approval of Minutes.** Members **RESOLVED** and the chair signed the minutes from the Virtual Zoom General Meeting on 18 November 2020 and the Extra Meeting on 2 December 2020 as accurate records.  
The signed minutes will be sent to the Clerk.

**05/21 Planning.** No new applications at the time of printing. JR reported that the appeal for the Owls Barn application had been dismissed and that the application for The Old Stables had been delayed awaiting a full ecological appraisal for the site.

### **06/21 Finance and Accounts**

- The members noted payments for this meeting and payments made since the last meeting.
- The members agreed the financial statement of accounts and bank reconciliation for end December 2020.
- The members reviewed the draft budget figures and **RESOLVED** that the total Budget for 2021/22 is £24,332 made up of routine expenditure of £16,802 & exceptional expenditure of £8,250
- The members **RESOLVED** the Precept for 2021/22 of £13,810 (thirteen thousand pounds, eight hundred and ten pounds).

#### **December 2020 balance & Income**

Business Account ....3205	31 December 2020	<b>21493.04</b>
Treasurers Account ....7936	31 December 2020	<b>1,000.00</b>

Business Account ....3205	09 December 2020, Interest	<b>0.25</b>
	15 October 2020, EROB Rodnight	<b>100.00</b>

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### Direct Debits December 2020

<b>OPUS energy</b> , invoices 10.11.2020-09.12.2020	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para 34	<b>DD</b>	<b>165.15</b>
<b>Green Thumb</b> , ref Chapel, 1 December 2020	LGA 1972, s214	<b>DD</b>	<b>5.17</b>
<b>Green Thumb</b> , ref Play area, 1 December 2020	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	<b>DD</b>	<b>16.00</b>

<b>JANUARY 2021 online payments</b>			
<b>ER Millard</b> , January 2021 Remuneration	LGA 1972, s112	BP 240	<b>328.18</b>
<b>HMRC</b> , January 2021 Tax	LGA 1972, s112	BP 241	<b>2.80</b>

**07/21 Environment.** To report and discuss any issues arising.

**a. Footpaths, Footways and Highways**, including

- a.i. Speed Control: MVAS, Speed-Watch and potential new measures. No Update.
- a.ii. Transport for Bucks works: JR is still waiting for the Local Area Technician to contact her with an update of street works. The members noted a new street sign on New Road warning against fly tipping in the area. JR proposed to investigate the erection of a new metal railing along the raised footpath in High Street and the members agreed. **Action;** JR will raise the subject with transport for Bucks.
- a.iii. Footpath gates and signs, including Village Walk signs. Members discussed and agreed the latest design for the Village Walk signs. **Action;** WK to contact Sign Wizzard to check that the design is suitable for the engraving process, or if it needs to be amended.
- a.iv. Parking issues. The members discussed a problem at the junction of Aston Abbots Road with East End. A lorry seems to be permanently parked in East End, close to the junction, causing a hazard for drivers leaving or entering East End. S Gibbs mentioned that large vehicles were forced to mount the verge to pass the parked lorry, causing unsightly damage. **Action;** S Gibbs will contact the PCSO for advice.

JR closed the meeting for a resident to speak. The resident reported that a camper van is often parked outside Turpin's Orchard, on and causing damage to, the verge. WK said that it wasn't parked there on the day of the meeting and that she would speak to the owner and ask that in future it is kept off the verge. Members would monitor the situation. JR reopened the meeting.

**b. Street lighting;** conversion to LED. JR reported that the unmetered electricity supply notification to UKPN had been sent. After a short discussion the members **RESOLVED** to reduce Lamp 3 to full power of 9 watts, dimming to 5 watts at 11.00pm and resuming to full power at 5.00am. They also **RESOLVED** to have a vinyl blackout ring fitted around the top of the bowl to shield nearby first floor windows. **Action;** the clerk to contact Zeta lighting with the new instructions.

**c. Park and Play Area**, including inspections.

- i. Update on Play Area; the members noted that an order for repairs to the ground under the carousel has been placed.
- ii. Festive decorations; the members discussed how inspiring the festive decorations had been in the village this year. A vote of thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the Christmas tree and park lighting. Members noted that the lighting contractors had pulled out all the stops to get the installation of an electricity distributor unit within the Park at such short notice. JR confirmed that lighting specs will be sent to UKPN for their action within the next week.

**d. Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges**, including

- i. Hedgerow Havens verges: **Action:** JR will request an update of the verges work from Hedgerow Havens, to send to GM Outdoor Services.
- ii. Overhanging hedges/trees: JR thanked S Gibbs for speaking to the residents of 8 New Road who had said that they will have the hedge flailed once a year. JR suggested that a letter is sent requesting the foliage be cut well back from the street light. S Gibbs volunteered to draft a letter and circulate to the members. JR reported that there was no progress regarding 95 Aston Abbots Road. S Gibbs offered to speak to the residents.
- iii. Horticultural works: The Parish Council agreed to keep the same contractors if their quotes were reasonable. The Clerk said that she had already requested a quote from GM Outdoor Services. **Action;** Request a quote from Lynch Garden Services for the Graveyard work.

**e. Management of Weedon Graveyard**

- i. Members noted delivery of the new graveyard bench. The members had a discussion regarding the final position and questioned whether it would be better to stand it on paving slabs. **Action;** the Clerk

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would ask Mr Millard to telephone JR to discuss the final position, the possibility of paving slabs and fixing down.

**f. New capital projects**

- i. Fingerpost: The members noted that the fingerpost has been installed.
- ii. Pond area planting: No update
- iii. Grit bins; the members agreed a condition review to establish the need for additional and replacement bins. **Action;** S Gibbs will take photographs and circulate to the members.
- iv. New Dog bin at East End/top Aston Abbotts Road. The members discussed the need and some positions where discussed. **Action;** WK to check the positions discussed and take photographs to circulate to the members.

**08/21 Correspondence and Communications**

- a. Website. JR reported that the updating of the website was still a work in progress. She agreed to investigate what was necessary to comply with government Website Content Accessibility Guidelines, and would circulate her findings to the members.
- b. Community Boards. No update
- c. Update on setup of Weedon Wildlife Group; JR confirmed that the wildlife group was now set up with 5 on the committee. 33 residents had responded to the initial email.
- d. The members noted Weedon's PCSO is Tina Hobson (Wing) and she has offered a walk-round after lockdown.

**09/21 Coronavirus emergency.** JR thanked S Gibbs for continuing to update the Risk Assessments in line with the updates of Government guidelines.

**10/21 Date of next meeting.** To agree next general PC meeting – provisionally Wed 17 March 2021.

The meeting closed at 10:30pm

Chairman's Signature ..... Date.....

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