

Weedon Parish Council Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 17 March 2021 8pm

Minutes of Virtual General Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held on Zoom Wednesday 17 March 2021 8pm

Present: Cllrs J Rose (Chair), W Kett, S Gibbs, J Sellers, N Winnett, S Gradley

Clerk: Ruth Millard

Members of the Public: Buckinghamshire Councillors Ashley Bond, Netta Glover & Peter Cooper. Weedon Residents: Matt Palmer – re 50 AA Road (Gap Field), John & Kirsty Lever. Standing Candidates: Poonam Gupta & Diana Blamires.

24/21 Public Open Forum (under adjournment)

Joanna Rose introduced the Parish Councillors, Residents, Buckinghamshire Councillors and Candidates standing for Buckinghamshire Council Wing ward in May elections. NG said that this would be her last Weedon Parish Council meeting.

PC gave a resume of his time both with AVDC & Bucks Council. He explained that at the moment there were 202 Bucks Councillors, after the election there would be 147 and in 4 years' time, the recommendation will be to have 120 Bucks Councillors.

AB said that he will be standing again in this years' elections.

JR thanked the Councillors for all the work that they had done for the Parish Council.

PG said that she has lived in Weedon since 2006 and has a business in Aylesbury.

DB just wanted to listen in.

J&K L introduced themselves.

MP introduced himself, outlining his idea to build one family house for himself on about half of the "gap" field, restoring the views and the rest of the gap to a wildflower meadow. He explained that he is currently showing his plans publicly around the village, to assess reaction. The Chair closed the Open Forum and started the meeting.

25/21 Apologies

The members received apologies from Cllr T Jameson-Evans. These were accepted.

26/21 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.

27/21 Approval of Minutes

Members RESOLVED that the Chair should sign the minutes from the Virtual Zoom Planning Meeting on 17 February 2021 as an accurate record. The signed minutes will be sent to the Clerk.

28/21 Planning

No new applications. JR gave a resume of the applications still waiting for determination from Bucks Council.

29/21 Finance and Accounts

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

b. Accounts. Members agreed financial statement of accounts and bank reconciliation for end February 2021.

February 2021 Balances

Business Account3205	28 February 2021	19,182.82
Treasurers Account7936	28 February 2021	1,100.00

February 2021 Income

Business Account3205	09 February 2021, Interest	0.16
	16 February 2021, funeral John Edward Fleet	150.00
	16 February 2021, Adstock PC Zoom	40.00

Direct Debits February 2021

OPUS energy , invoices 10.01.2021-09.02.2021	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para 34	DD	96.26
Green Thumb , ref Chapel, 1 February 2021	LGA 1972, s214	DD	5.17

Green Thumb , ref Play area, 1 February 2021	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	DD	16.00
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Invoices for online payments

FEBRUARY 2021			
Sign Wizzard , invoice 34694	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	BP 244	133.04
ER Millard , September 2020 Remuneration	LGA 1972, s112	BP 245	327.98
HMRC , Tax February 2021	LGA 1972, s112	BP 246	3.00
MARCH 2021			
Steven Richards , reimbursement Duck Food, SI-22880	LGA 1972, s137	BP 247	59.93
ER Millard , reimbursement Litter Pickers	Litter Act 1983 ss56	BP 248	110.46
ER Millard , Home Allowance to 31 March 2021	LGA 1972, s111	BP 249	260.00
ER Millard , March 2021 Salary	LGA 1972, s112	BP 250	328.18
HMRC , Tax March 2021	LGA 1972, s112	BP 251	2.80
Sarah Gibbs , reimbursement for water butt	LGA 1972, s137	BP 252	17.50

30/21 Environment

a. Footpaths, Footways and Highways, including

i. Speed Control: MVAS, SpeedWatch and potential new measures. SpeedWatch will be re-activated as soon as possible. **Action;** SGibbs is in contact with the Neighbourhood Team at the Wing Police Station and will enquire how they operate the scheme in terms of data processing.

ii. Transport for Bucks works. JR is still waiting for the Local Area Technician to contact her with an update of street works, she voiced her disappointment of the lack of response. JR closed the meeting for the Buckinghamshire Council Councillors to respond.

They all agreed that meetings were being held monthly between the managers and the Local Area Technicians, which should alleviate the situation. JR asked if the Parish Council could do anything about the bird mouth fence along the high street raised footpath. PC replied that this was a Bucks Council asset and, therefore, responsibility.

iii. Footpaths. Gates and signs; the Village Walk signs have been installed. The Parish Council discussed the surface of footpath 12 which had become extremely boggy. AB reiterated that this was a Rights of Way responsibility. **Action;** WK will report it. The Parish Council had received a report that the verges on Aston Abbots Road had been damaged, also the cinder path on New Road. **Action;** SGibbs will post it on 'FixMyStreet'.

iv. Parking issues. The vehicle that was causing a problem seems to be parking elsewhere but the potential obstruction had been notified to the PCSOs. **Action;** SGibbs will post damage to the verge on "FixMyStreet".

b. Street lighting

Streetlight conversion to LED. The remedial work to the residents' concerns re Lamp 3, have been completed. **Action;** WK will monitor it.

c. Park and Play Area

Play Area. Update, to note completion of restoration to ground under the carousel. WREN has requested a report on the play equipment as they can not send anyone to visit because of Covid restrictions. **Action;** JR has completed and submitted an agreed up-to-date report.

After a short discussion regarding the temporary fencing in the play area the members agreed that it should stay in place while the Covid restrictions stand. JR will speak to the volunteers who check the play area, to get confirmation that they are happy to continue checking this year.

d. Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges

i. Hedgerow Havens verges. JR reported that plug plants may be needed to fill any gaps.

ii. Village clean-ups. The Parish Council has purchased 6 litter pickers to be stored at the back of the Chapel for anyone to use.

iii. Overhanging hedges/trees. Members agreed to delay a formal letter for 8 New Road (where some cutting back had taken place this season) and 95 Aston Abbots Road until September. The residents of 95 AA Road had asked for clarity on requirements and suggested that they would be installing a driveway **Action;** SGibbs to approach informally to suggest a site meeting.

iv. Horticultural works. Lynch Garden Services have held their prices for the Chapel work 21-22 contract. The Parish Council RESOLVED not to get a second tender and gave LGS the contract. GM Outdoor Services have said

that they will not be tendering for the 21-22 contract for the verges and green areas in the village. JR has spoken to Lynch Garden Services, who have said that they will tender for the work. The Clerk is in the process of getting another contractor to tender.

e. Management of Weedon Graveyard

JR gave a resume of the position to date. The Parish Council agreed to RESOLVED the estimate from GM Services to install the bench.

f. New capital projects

i. Pond area planting. After a short discussion the members decided not to purchase a new planter for the area. In stead an offer had been proposed by a resident to share the cost of a new bench; which the Parish Council RESOLVED. A resident near the pond had erected temporary fencing, for part of the area where the water table was high at the side of the pond, to stop the ducks from making the situation worse. He offered to re-seed the area and asked if members were happy to let him look after the area in future. All members agreed with his proposals.

ii. Grit bins. Update on renewal proposals. JR is in communication with the Local Area Technician.

iii. New dog bin at East End/top Aston Abbotts Road. A suitable position could not be found, Members agreed that an additional dog waste bin was not needed therefore the Parish Council agreed to take this item off the agenda and not pursue it further.

iv. Noticeboard on High Street; the noticeboard was in disrepair and has been removed, Members agreed to monitor the situation, if the board is not missed it may not need to be replaced.

31/21 Correspondence and Communications

a. Website. JR gave an update re complying with govt WCAG (Website Content Accessibility Guidelines). There is a draft Accessibility Statement that has been circulated for members to approve. She is checking documents back to the middle of 2020, to see how long this takes and will then review it again.

b. Community Boards. JR updated the meeting that she has been attending the Community Boards which are well attended and she is happy to keep attending if members agree.

c. The Weedon Wildlife Group is now set up and has arranged a wild life trail/easter hunt, for families to do in their own groups. The Parish Council confirmed that the Group itself could apply for a small grant from the local Community Board.

d. Members noted the Notice of local elections May 6th.

e. NALC Consultation on Model Design Code; members agreed that it was too late to submit a response.

f. Consultation on Town & Parish Charter; the Parish Council RESOLVED not to respond.

32/21 Coronavirus emergency. S Gibbs will use provisional dates for the road map out of the Covid restrictions from the government to review actions in the Parish Council's Covid Risk Assessment.

33/21 Date of next meeting.

JR proposed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be on a separate night to the Annual Parish Council Meeting. Members RESOLVED yes to the proposal.

Members agreed to have a Planning meeting on Wednesday 31 March at 7.30pm

Members agree the date of Annual Parish Council meeting – Wed 19 May 2021.

The meeting closed at 10:30 pm.

Chair Signature

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Minutes prepared by

