

Weedon Parish Council Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 21 September 2021 7.30pm

Minutes of a General Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Old Schoolroom Tuesday 21 September 2021 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs J Rose (Chair), W Kett, S Gibbs, D Atkins, P Gupta

Clerk: Ruth Millard

Members of the Public: Buckinghamshire Councillor Peter Cooper. Weedon Residents: Suzanne Dover, Ray Marzec, Beau Samuelson, Thea Bailey, Chris Measures, Margaret Askew & Clare Macdonald.

100/21 Public Open Forum

A resident reported that the streetlight in Northcroft is becoming obscured by overgrowth.

Cllr Peter Cooper updated the members on various items of interest.

101/21 Apologies and Members' Interests

Apologies. Members accepted apologies for absence from T Jameson-Evans.

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. None declared.

102/21 Approval of Minutes

Members agreed the minutes from the General Meeting 20 July 2021 as a true account, the Chair signed the minutes.

103/21 Planning

21/03458/ALB / 20 High Street Weedon HP22 4NW / Listed building application for various internal works

The Chair closed the meeting for the applicant to give a resume and explanation of the changes that she has applied for. The Chair opened the meeting for the members to discuss the application. Members **RESOLVED** no objection to 21/03458/ALB.

21/03466/APP / Tarn Hows 9 Northcroft Weedon HP22 4NR / Application for 2-storey side extension

The Chair closed the meeting and the applicant explained that his application was for a side extension to his home, in keeping with the original property. A member of the public commented that if this and the application for the adjacent property both got permission there could be building work at both properties at the same time. This could cause problems with a number of large vehicles using Northcroft, a single-track cul-de-sac. Peter Cooper suggested that the Parish Council could ask Buckinghamshire Council to add a condition that the developers use nothing bigger than 7½ tonne short wheel-based vehicles to transport building materials to the property. The Chair opened the meeting for the members to discuss the application. Members **RESOLVED** no objection to 21/03466/APP with a comment that transporting of building materials should be limited to 7½ tonne vehicles with a short wheel-base.

104/21 Governance and Accountability

The members received an update from Cllr S Gibbs on potential revisions to Standing Orders, Complaints Procedure and Financial Regulations & the Code of Conduct following new NALC templates. Members agreed that the Clerk and S Gibbs should go through the Complaints Procedure & the Code of Conduct and circulate the amended versions for review and adoption at the next meeting. S Gibbs will circulate the minor amendments to the Standing Orders and the Financial Regulations that she proposes.

105/21 Finance and Accounts

a. Members noted the invoices for payment.

Direct Debits July/August 2021

OPUS energy, invoices 10.06.2021-09.07.2021	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para	DD	28.83
OPUS energy, invoices 10.07.2021-09.08.2021			
Green Thumb, ref Chapel, 1 July 2021	LGA 1972, s214	DD	5.17
Green Thumb, ref Play area, 1 July 2021	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	DD	16.00
Green Thumb, ref Chapel, 2 August 2021	LGA 1972, s214	DD	5.17
Green Thumb, ref Play area, 2 August 2021	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	DD	16.00

Invoices for online payments

AUGUST			
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Steven Richards, bird food, inv SI-23899	LGA 1972, s137	BP 275	61.49
The Old Schoolroom, inv. 6858 for August	LG(misc.prov.)A 1976, s19	BP 276	26.00
ER Millard reimbursement for Bird Spikes	LG(misc.prov.)A 1976, s19	BP 277	16.20
SEPTEMBER			
ER Millard, August Remunerations	LGA 1972, 112	BP 278	330.98
Bucks Council, election May 2021	LGA 1972, s111	BP 279	84.59
Lynch Garden Services, invoices 7066 & 7067	LG(misc.prov.)A 1976, s19 & LGA 1972 s214	BP 280	780.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP, Auditor invoice SB20212002	LGA 1972, s111	BP 281	240.00
ER Millard, September remunerations	LGA 1972, s112	BP 282	330.98
ER Millard, office costs	LGA 1972, s111	BP 283	273.45
GJ Millard, various items in the village	LG(misc.prov.)A 1976, s19	BP 284	245.62

b. Accounts. Members agreed statement of accounts and bank reconciliation for end August.

August 2021 Balances

Business Account3205	31 August 2021	21817.26
Treasurers Account7936	31 August 2021	1,000.00

July/August 2021 Income

Business Account3205	10 July 2021	0.20
	09 August 2021	0.20

c. J Rose reported that the amended bank signatories and online banking authorisers are P Gupta, S Gibbs, W Kett & J Rose.

106/21 Environment

a. Footpaths, Footways and Highways

i. Speed Control. MVAS, SpeedWatch. Members agreed that the draft diagram for the A Boards was suitable. Action: The Clerk would confirm the order.

Members agreed to ask the volunteer who looks after the MVAS signs for the latest data from them, this would give the members an idea of where and at what times of day any speeding is regularly occurring in the village. Members agreed to start Speedwatch trials and put a request for extra volunteers in the Parish Magazine.

It is understood that volunteers are also needed at the police station, to generate and send off the letters to people whom the Speedwatch teams record speeding through the village. D Atkins is interested in volunteering and will make contact with the local team.

ii. Footpaths inc gates, signs. No update.

iii. Grit bins. JR reported that Buckinghamshire Council has agreed to replace the grit bin at East End at its cost, as it is split, and the bin at the top of New Road at a proposed cost of £450, with green ones. Bucks Council has also confirmed that the Parish Council can purchase black bins to replace other grit bins and they will continue to be filled, provided that they are in the same locations. JR proposed 2 black bins to replace the bins outside 4 Aston Abbots Road & Lilies wall. The members RESOLVED to purchase 2 black bins, and asked JR to try to get both green bins at Tfb's cost, as one other current bin is split, which had been missed by Paul Foot's inspection.

iv. Transport for Bucks: JR reported that Tfb has agreed to another 'no through road' sign in Stockaway. There has not been any progress on the High Street railings.

b. Street lighting

i. Update on Stockaway repair. JR reported that Zeta had replaced the sensor.

ii. Members ratified the decision for a 3-year contract with SSE for the three streetlight electricity MPANs made by the Clerk and Chairman as an emergency decision between meetings. All members had been kept informed at the time.

c. Park and Play Area

i. Inspections. Mr Millard had sent an update on the finished works in the park. Works still pending included re-location of plaque from old pond bench, the removal of the extra dog sign at the park entrance, strimmer guards around the base of the bucket swing and rubbing down of areas of fencing. The Parish Council agreed that it was pleased with his work and very grateful for his expertise in solving problems and thanked him for his services.

ii. *Horticultural*. JR reported that Lynch Garden Services had fallen behind with their work due to some mechanical failures.

iii. *Xmas Tree*. JR proposed that the Parish Council purchases a cut Xmas Tree each year in preference to planting a growing tree. Members **RESOLVED** to purchase of a cut Christmas Tree each year. Clerk will contact the previous supplier to check price and put on order a 12' tree as last year.

d. Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges

i. *Wildflower verges*. WK said that she had been given wildflower seed from BBOWT to sow in the verges. JR proposed asking Weedon Wildlife Group if they would take that job on. All the members agreed. **Action**: WK would contact the members of the wildlife group and ask them if they could sow the seeds once the verges have been cut.

ii. Weedon Wildlife Group request for permission to install Interpretation Board by Village Pond. The Members **RESOLVED** that the Wildlife Group could, subject to approval of the design, have permission to install an interpretation Board. WK reported that WWG has been offered 5 disease resistant Elm Trees.

iii. SG reported that she had been approached by a resident querying if the missing notice board on High Street was going to be replaced. Members agreed to add this item to the next agenda for discussion.

e. Management of Weedon Graveyard

iii. *Applications for burials, memorials and EROBs*. After a short discussion the members **RESOLVED** that Derek and Rita Moore could purchase a double ashes plot. **Action**: Clerk to confirm and quote the purchase price. Once they have paid for the plot WK will prepare the EROB for signature at the next meeting.

f. New capital projects. None

107/21 Correspondence and Communications

a. Website. Inc govt WCAG (Website Content Accessibility Guidelines). Updating the original documents on the website to WCAG standards in still a work in progress.

b. Community Board. In his report Peter Cooper had said that the boards still have a reasonable amount of money for the Parishes to request grants for community projects.

c. PC Annual Newsletter. The Members agreed to leave the production of the annual newsletter until 2022.

d. Members noted the publication of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan Inspector's Report which Buckinghamshire Council has now adopted. In his report Peter Cooper had said work is underway to produce the Buckinghamshire Council Plan which needs to be finalised by 2025.

108/21 Appointments

i. Members noted that Stephen Gradley had resigned in the last month. JR proposed a vote of thanks for all his work while on the Parish Council. This leaves the Parish Council with a Casual Vacancy. The statutory notice has already been sent to Buckinghamshire Council and the process by the Parish Council to fill a Casual Vacancy will start on the 30 September 2021, if nobody has called for an election by the 29th.

ii. Members noted that Stephen Gradley had also resigned as Trustee to Lord Fortescue's Charity. JR asked if any member of the PC had an interest to take on the position. No one did; therefore, the members needed to consider suitable people for the appointment of a new trustee.

109/21 Coronavirus emergency

Members agreed to take down the notices in the park.

110/21 Date of next meeting Tuesday 16 November 2021

The meeting closed at 10:55 pm.

Chair Signature

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Minutes prepared by

Ruth Millard

25/09/21