

Weedon Parish Council Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 16 November 2021 7.30pm

Minutes of a General Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Old Schoolroom Tuesday 16 November 2021 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs J Rose (Chair), W Kett, S Gibbs, David Atkins, Graham Delaney

Clerk: Ruth Millard

Members of the Public: Buckinghamshire Councillors A Bond and D Blamires. PC Lee Turnham, TVP Speedwatch co-ordinator. Weedon Residents: B Samuelson, S Welman, N and R Jackson.

117/21 Public Open Forum

B Samuelson spoke about a private fireworks display on 5 November close to his property. He has 8 horses which were very frightened by the show which lasted 40 minutes. S Welman also spoke about this event which adjoined her field in which she has 3 elderly horses. She was with them as she had been warned by neighbours that there would be a few fireworks but hadn't envisaged a long and loud event which was distressing for her animals. The amount of debris that she had to clear up from her land was substantial. Both residents called on the Parish Council to send out information to villagers explaining the public safety and animal welfare, as well as clean-up, responsibilities of those who wish to hold such displays in the future.

PC Lee Turnham gave a presentation of the new Community Speedwatch scheme that each parish can apply to join. The Parish must have a co-ordinator as a primary contact to register the parish account and to input site locations after which other volunteers can carry out the online training and be added to the account.

118/21 Apologies and Members' Interests

Members accepted apologies for absence from T Jameson-Evans and P Gupta.

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.

119/21 Approval of Minutes

Members agreed the minutes from the Extra Meeting 26 October 2021 as a true account, the Chair signed the minutes.

120/21 Co-Option Members co-opted Graham Delaney as councillor to fill the Casual Vacancy. The Clerk will forward the Acceptance of Office and Register of Pecuniary Interests forms for his completion and signature.

121/21 Planning None.

122/21 Governance and Accountability

Cllr S Gibbs reported that the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations had been updated in line with the NALC recommendations and the new time and date of the Parish Council's meetings. She would circulate the new documents to the members for their records and Cllr J Rose would upload to the website. The Complaints Procedure and Code of Conduct had been completely revised and would be circulated for comments and adoption at the January meeting.

123/21 Finance and Accounts

a. Members noted payments made and those to be initiated.

Direct Debits September/October 2021

OPUS energy, invoices 10.08.2021-09.09.2021	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para	DD	30.31
OPUS energy, invoices 10.09.2021-26.09.2021	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para	DD	54.53
Green Thumb, ref Chapel, 1 September 2021	LGA 1972, s214	DD	5.17
Green Thumb, ref Play area, 1 September 2021	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	DD	16.00
Green Thumb, ref Chapel, 2 October 2021	LGA 1972, s214	DD	5.17
Green Thumb, ref Play area, 2 October 2021	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	DD	16.00

Invoices for online payments

OCTOBER			
Steven Richards, bird food, inv SI24236	LGA 1972, s137	BP 285	61.49

Sign Wizzard, Invoice 35437, A frames Speedwatch	Local Gov Ratings Act 1997, s26	BP 286	215.59
ESE Direct, 2x Black Grit Bins	LGA 1972, s137	BP 287	453.60
The Old Schoolroom, invoice 6867 October	LG(misc.prov.)A 1976, s19	BP 288	16.25
ER Millard, October 2021 Remunerations	LGA 1972, s112	BP 289	330.98
NOVEMBER			
Parish Online, inv. 11UB096-0006	LGA 1972, s111	BP 290	40.50
ER Millard, November 2021 Remunerations	LGA 1972, s112	BP 291	330.98
Race Computing Solutions,	LGA 1972, s111	BP292	178.00

b. Accounts. Members agreed the statement of accounts and bank reconciliation for end October 2021.

October 2021 Balances

Business Account3205	31 October 2021	25,380.29
Treasurers Account7936	31 October 2021	1,000.00

September/October 2021 Income

Business Account3205	9 September 2021 - Interest	0.18
	11 October 2021 - Interest	0.24
Treasurers Account7936	10 September 2021 – Precept 50%	6905.00
	12 October 2021 – Chapman Rent	46.32
	28 October 2021 – R&D Moore, EROB	100.00

124/21 Environment

a. Footpaths, Footways and Highways

- i. *SpeedWatch*. S Gibbs will become the co-ordinator and set up the Speedwatch account for Weedon Parish She will liaise with PC Turnham who volunteered to attend an initial Speedwatch session in the village.
- ii. *Footpaths inc gates, signs*. Footpath 12 has not been cut. J Rose has spoken to the contractor and received an apology and explanation. Lynch Garden Services would like to tender for next year.
- iii. *Grit bins*. The new bins are in place, the Parish is waiting to hear from TfB with regards to the removal of the old bins.
- iv. *Transport for Bucks*: Stockaway signage; has been erected, Northcroft road drains have been done. Thames Water have not solved the problem with the drains on Aston Abbotts Road. The High St railings are still on the 'to do' list.
- v. *Noticeboard on High Street*: The Members discussed whether to replace the old noticeboard after a resident's request. The Members agreed to replace the board and investigate a new position, which was not to be on anyone's private property.

b. Street lighting. Nothing to report.

c. Park and Play Area

- i. *Inspections*. Update of pending and finished works. All the work in the park is finished except for the small gate area. Mr Millard has still to order and collect the posts for the small gate.
- ii. *Horticultural*. The bungalow side of the park hedge still needs cutting.
- iii. *Xmas Tree*. The Christmas Tree is being delivered at the end of November. The lights used previously were agreed to be sufficient, including the string along the Park fence. Cllr G Delaney and volunteer P Winrow will take charge of tree and light installation.

d. Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges

- i. *Wildflower verges* have been reseeded after cutting and raking. The Parish Council thanked the Weedon Wildlife Group for their help and agreed to donate £200 to their funds. Other expenses on the day were for a local farmer and his trailer to take the debris away, paid by J Rose £55, and refreshments for the volunteers paid by C Rose £16. The members agreed to reimburse J & C Rose for their out-of-pocket expenses.
- ii. *Overhanging hedges/trees*. Nothing to report.
- iii. *Horticultural works Pond*. The pond area is still to be completed.
- iv. No update on WWG interpretation board by the pond.

- e. Management of Weedon Graveyard
 - i. *Administration*. Nothing to report.
 - ii. *Horticultural*. The grass and hedges need cutting and tidying for the winter. Cllrs S Gibbs and G Delaney will inspect.
 - iii. *Applications for burials, memorials, EROBs*. The Chairman and Clerk signed the EROB Certificate for Derek and Rita Moore.
- f. New capital projects The Chair said that the next meeting would be the budget setting for the next financial year and asked the members to think about any particular projects that could be done to enhance the village.

125/21 Correspondence and Communications ..

- a. Website. All the new documents that are uploaded are in compliance with WCAG (Website Content Accessibility Guidelines). Changing older documents is still a work in progress.
- b. Community Board. Still has funds available for some community projects that fit the criteria.
- c. Correspondence
 - Resident’s email requesting fireworks ban in village. S Gibbs will speak to the neighbourhood watch police to find out what the regulations are for letting off fireworks in close proximity to neighbours with livestock which cannot be housed. The Parish Council will send out a community email, close to potential fireworks on 5 November and New Year, reminding villagers of the legal requirements and requesting consideration.
 - Cllr Peter Cooper emails re 20mph zones. Cllr Cooper thanked all the Parishes that have submitted comments – Weedon had offered support for this initiative.

- 126/21 Appointments
- i. The Members considered the re-appointment of Mrs Margaret Askew as trustee to Lord Fortescue’s Charity. All agreed.
 - ii. The Members agreed to ratify the appointment of Lady Nicolette Habgood as a trustee to Lord Fortescue’s Charity.

127/21 Coronavirus emergency To review actions and policies. The Members agreed to continue with the hand sanitiser station at the Park.

128/21 Date of next meeting Tuesday 18 January 2022.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

Chair Signature

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Minutes prepared by

Ruth Millard 18/11/2021