

Weedon Parish Council Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 18 January 2022 7.30pm

Minutes of a General Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Old Schoolroom Tuesday 18 January 2022 7.30pm

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

Clerk: Ruth Millard via zoom

Members of the Public: Buckinghamshire Councillors Cllr Diana Blamires, Cllr Peter Cooper, Nigel O'Shea (Weedon resident and planning applicant)

01/22 Public Open Forum

Diana Blamires spoke about the task force set up by Thames Valley Police to try to stop hare coursing and other rural crimes. She explained that the Community Boards still had funds to help local communities and encouraged Weedon to apply. She also drew attention to the Boundary Commission consultation and urged members to respond with how they viewed Weedon's relationship with other communities within the council ward.

02/22 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. All declared an interest in deciding the amount of Precept to request. All members were given a dispensation to be involved in the discussion and voting for the Precept.

03/22 Approval of Minutes

Members **AGREED** and the Chair signed Minutes from the Planning Meeting 14 December 2021 as a true account.

04/22 Planning

- a. 21/04858/APP / 6 New Road Weedon Buckinghamshire HP22 4NN / Householder application for Conversion of outbuilding to residential use linked to main property by proposed single storey rear extension.

The Parish Council discussed the application and **RESOLVED** to submit No Objections.

The applicant and Cllr Peter Cooper arrived. JR closed the meeting for a further Open Forum.

The applicant spoke about his application. He had two outbuildings used as storage. Joining them to the main building, they could have a new bedroom, bathroom and open garden room. The buildings do not overlook any of his neighbours. JR thanked him for coming to the meeting and said that the members had decided to submit no objections to his application.

Cllr Peter Cooper reiterated what his colleague had said about the Community Board grants.

- b. 21/00096/REF / Appeal re Stables at Glebe Farm Northcroft Weedon Buckinghamshire HP22 4NR.

The Parish Council had previously made no objection to the original application. Members **RESOLVED** to submit no comments to the Appeal.

05/22 Governance and Accountability

Cllr S Gibbs had circulated revised versions of the Complaints Procedure, Code of Conduct and a Press and Media Policy, following changes in advised templates and legislative framework. The members discussed the documents and suggested some minor amendments which were agreed.

JR proposed that the policies be adopted with the minor amendments. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the Complaints Procedure, Code of Conduct and Press and Media Policy. SG would finalise and JR would upload to the website. JR proposed a vote of thanks to SG for her work in drafting the policies.

06/22 Finance and Accounts

- a. Payments. Members noted the payments to be made at this meeting and payments that had been made after the last meeting.

Direct Debits October/November/ December 2021

SSE, invoices 27.09.2021-01.10.2021 Acc. September	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para	DD	7.50
SSE, invoices 02.10.2021-01.11.2021 Acc. October	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para	DD	47.02
SSE, invoices 02.11.2021-01.12.2021 Acc. November	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para	DD	45.71
SSE, invoices 02.12.2021-04.01.2022 Acc. December	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para	DD	50.92
Green Thumb, ref Chapel, 2 November 2021	LGA 1972, s214	DD	5.17
Green Thumb, ref Play area, 2 November 2021	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	DD	16.00
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Green Thumb, ref Play area, 2 December 2021	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	DD	16.00

Invoices for online payments

Weedon Wildlife Group- donation	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	BP293	200.00
Wild Rose Flower Company, Christmas Tree	LGA 1972, s137	BP294	100.00
J&C Rose, costs for tidying the verges weekends	LGA 1972, s137	BP295	71.00
DECEMBER			
The Old Schoolroom, November inv. 6884	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	BP296	16.25
J Rose, reimburse for, Eco Tech Graffiti Wipes inv 68112		BP297	44.90
Bucks Council, Dog Waste Service, inv. 555904		BP298	156.43
Steven Richards, bird food, inv. SI-24687	LGA 1972, s137	BP299	64.69
Lynch Garden Services, inv. 7209		BP300	70.00
ER Millard, December 2021 remunerations	LGA 1972, s112	BP301	330.98
JANUARY 2022			
Lynch Garden Services inv 7249	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	BP302	90.00
The Old Schoolroom, 31 October 2021 inv 6876	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	BP303	9.75
ER Millard, January 2022 remunerations	LGA 1972, s112	BP304	330.98

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

December 2021 Balances

Business Account3205	31 December 2021	26273.19
Treasurers Account7936	31 December 2021	1,000.00

November/December 2021 Income

Business Account3205	09 November 2022	0.21
	09 December 2021	0.23

- c. Budget. The Parish Council discussed the Budget figures, circulated to all prior to the meeting, and **RESOLVED** a budget of £17,075 for routine expenditure and £9,500 ring-fenced for exceptional expenditure. Precept. The Parish Council discussed the Precept to request for 2022/23 and **RESOLVED** a precept of £13,813 (thirteen thousand, eight hundred and thirteen pounds). The tax base had gone up very slightly, so the precept represented a 0% increase in the Weedon element of Council Tax for residents.
- d. Devolution Agreement. Members noted and welcomed the uplift by 3% on the amended devolution agreement signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

07/22 Environment

- a. Footpaths, Footways and Highways
- i. *SpeedWatch*. SG reported that she had several residents registered for Speedwatch. She was waiting for the sites to be approved by the police.
 - ii. *Footpaths inc gates, signs*. WK is waiting for permission from a landowner to replace a stile with a footpath gate on his land. The work would be carried out by the rRIPPLE volunteer group, who will no doubt expect a donation from the Parish Council.
GD advised that the white village entrance gates need painting. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to have them repainted, as this work fell within the Devolution Agreement.
 - iii. *Grit bins*. The old bins have been removed.
 - iv. *Dog and litter bins*. Fortescue bin is still to be repaired; JR has followed up with an email request.
 - iv. *Transport for Bucks*: The new High Street railings are on the TfB schedule. JR will follow up for timing and request prior notice of works, as road closure may well be necessary.

- v. *Noticeboard on High Street:* The members were finding it difficult to establish where to site a noticeboard on High Street. GD will carry out a feasibility study.
- b. Street lighting. Nothing to report.
- c. Park and Play Area
 - i. *Inspections and 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. It was to have been completed as part of the second (October) hedge cut, which has not yet taken place. The contractor has been reminded.
 - iii. *Festive decorations* The Christmas tree that had been purchased was a 'second', it was a young tree with thin branches. It still looked good, but Members **RESOLVED** to purchase a more substantial tree next year and budgeted £150 towards the cost. Tree and fence lights were well liked, appropriate and sufficient.
- d. Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges
 - to include* Wildflower verges. Village tidiness/litter. Overhanging hedges/trees. Horticultural works. Pond. No immediate problems except that the rushes around the pond still need tidying up, as per the contract.
 - i. *Horticultural Contracts 22-23.* The members reviewed the specifications on the contracts, making some additions, and agreed to advertise for tenders in the Parish Magazine and more widely. Anyone wanting to tender would have to apply to the Clerk. **ACTION.** The Clerk will send the specifications when completed to Reynolds Landscaping Services, Lynch Garden Services and Longmore Garden Maintenance.
 - ii. WWG pond interpretation board. This is a work in progress.
- e. Management of Weedon Graveyard
 - i. *Administration.* Nothing to report. The system is working well.
 - ii. *Horticultural.* A working party will visit the site to discuss the work needed at the bottom of the graveyard, to include WK's suggestion of a central path, and report back to Members at the March meeting. The contractor is to be reminded of outstanding works.

08/22 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 a work in progress.
- b. Community Board. Noted that the CB still has some funds available for community projects that fit the criteria.
- c. Correspondence
 - i. Parish Liaison Meeting – 19 January 2022 Noted
 - ii. Boundary Commission Consultation. After a short discussion, Members agreed that Weedon should respond to the consultation, pointing out its close links with Aston Abbots, Whitchurch and Hardwick. **ACTION.** JR will fill in the Consultation.
 - iii. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Events. JR suggested a traditional street party outside the Old Schoolroom, similar to that for the Queen's Golden Jubilee. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to budget for a grant of £500 towards the event, which would be organised by the Weedon Village Association and Old Schoolroom Committee.

09/22 Coronavirus emergency The Parish Council continues to follow Government instructions.

10/22 Date of next meeting Tuesday 15 March 2022.

The meeting closed at 10.30pm.

Chair Signature

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Minutes prepared by

Ruth Millard 20/01/2022