

Weedon Parish Council Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 16 July 2024 7.30pm

Minutes of a General Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Old Schoolroom Tuesday 16 July 2024 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs J Rose (Chair), T Jameson-Evans, W Kett, Cllr G Delaney

Clerk: Ruth Millard

Members of the Public: Catherine Rodnight (Weedon Village Association), Bucks Cllrs A Bond and D Blamires

59/24 Public Open Forum

Bucks Council Councillors gave their reports to the meeting.

The Chair brought forward item 64/24f for discussion in Open Forum with Catherine Rodnight, Chair of the Weedon Village Association (WVA). WVA is donating money to the Parish Council for the purchase of the bench. The Clerk advised that for the Council to claim back the VAT it had to place the order, receive the supply, receive the tax invoice addressed to it and pay for it with its own funds. The Parish Council would remain the owner of the bench.

Pictures and prices of various hardwood seats were looked at and their merits discussed. A decision was made by the council – details in 64/24f. The PC thanked WVA for its generous donation.

60/24 Apologies and 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 members' interests declared.

Members received and accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs D Atkins, S Gibbs and J Hopper.

61/24 Approval of Minutes

Members agreed the minutes from the Interim AGAR Meeting 18 June 2024 as an accurate account. The Chair signed the minutes.

62/24 Planning

- a. Legal agreements for gap land at 50 Aston Abbotts Road. SG had confirmed that all the documents are with the lawyers at the moment. Members agreed to call the public area with the bench 'The View' in future.
- b. Responses to current planning applications. Members noted that the Buckingham Road house application had been refused on grounds of lack of sustainability. The Cooks Hill traveller site application is still being considered by Bucks Council planners. A holding objection had been put in by the Ecology Consultee, pending an ecological appraisal.

63/24 Finance and Accounts

a. Payments. Members noted payments. b. Accounts. Members agreed statement of accounts and bank reconciliation to end June 2024.

c. Grant to War Memorials Trust. Members agreed a grant of £50.

June 2024 Balances

Business Account	27 June 2024	13,949.33
Treasurers Account	27 June 2024	1,000.00

Income June 2024

Business Account3205	10 June 2024 – Interest	19.09
Treasurers Account7936	07 June 2024	100.00

Direct Debits July 2024

SSE, 01.05.2024-31.05.2024 Acc. for May 2024 invoice IV01061718	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para	DD	47.49
DD to be taken 01/07/2024			

Invoices for online payments

JUNE 2024			
Playsafety Ltd. Invoice 79107	LG(Misc Prov)A 1976, s19	BP 477	122.40
ER Millard - May 2024 Salary	LGA 1972, s112	BP 478	438.77
HMRC - May 2024 Income Tax	LGA 1972, s112		22.60
Buckland Landscapes Ltd. Invoice 51765	LG(Misc Prov)A 1976, s19 & LGA 1972, s214	BP 479	442.69
B Fludgate, Audit Support	LGA 1972, s111	BP 481	40.00
Weedon Schoolroom, invoice 7114	LGA 1972, s133	BP 480	40.00
MRA Garden Services invoice 92472	LGA 1972, s101	BP 482	985.00
ER Millard – June 2024 Salary	LGA 1972, s112	BP 483	438.77
HMRC – June 2024 Income Tax	LGA 1972, s112		22.60
JULY 2024			
Buckland Landscapes Ltd. Invoice 52059	LG(Misc Prov)A 1976, s19 & LGA 1972, s214	BP 484	442.69
MRA Garden Services, ADSTOCK Invoice 94679	LGA 1972, s101	BP 485	275.00
The Old Schoolroom, invoice 7122	LGA 1972, s133	BP 486	24.00
ER Millard – July 2024 Salary	LGA 1972, s112	BP 487	438.77
HMRC – July 2024 Income Tax	LGA 1972, s112		22.60
Steven Richards reimbursement for Duck food	LGA 1972, s137	BP 488	89.43
War Memorials Trust, donation	PC & Burials Auth. (misc prov.) Act 1970	BP 489	50.00

64/24 Environment

a. Footpaths, Footways and Highways. *Updates and action.*

i. Speed Control. MVAS, including install of new ElanCity unit. The Parish Council are still waiting to hear from Paul Foot, Local Area Technician. SpeedWatch. No more activity until September.

ii. Footpath 12 needs cutting back. **Action:** JR will contact contractor.

iii. Dog & Litter bins. To note that the gap litter bin has been moved to the side of the PC land.

iv. Bucks Highways. WK reported that the water standing in the drainage ditches on upper Aston Abbots Road (nos. 89 – 95), appears to be at least partly due to a blockage in the ditch that runs at right angles to the road along the edge of Chapmans' field beyond no. 95. **Action:** WK will speak with him and explain what she has seen.

v. Devolved services. No issues. *vi. Best Kept Village.* No news on the results yet.

b. Street lighting. No issues.

c. Park and Play Area *i. Inspections.* The monthly inspections are being undertaken by 2 volunteers. The Parish Council agree that they are doing an excellent job. **Action:** JR will meet with G Millard to discuss outstanding issues. *ii. Horticultural:* WK reported that one of the new apple trees has died. She will remove it.

d. Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges.

i. WK reported that there are a lot of borage plants and nettles in a patch on the verge next to Chestnuts Farm. **Action:** JR will inform the contractor and ask him to cut it right down next time.

ii. At 8 New Road, the brush and undergrowth is re-sprouting in the ditch and on the verge. **Action:** JR will contact the new owners.

iii. The wildflower verge on Aston Abbots Road needs clearing of ragwort. **Action:** JR and WK will carry out a blitz.

iv. The wildflower verges are still flowering, so the summer cut will be delayed. **Action:** JR will liaise with the contractor.

e. Management of Weedon Graveyard.

i. Horticultural: T JE reported that there is a lot of ground ivy growing in the graveyard. **Action:** JR will contact the grass contractor.

ii. Applications for burials, memorials and EROBs. None. *iii. Graveyard works.* JR will re-contact George Cheshire to ask when he might be able to do the clearance.

f. New capital projects

i. Update on new seat at the gap land.

After the Open Forum discussion, the choice for the bench was an 8ft long, Buckingham in hardwood from Cyan or Corido. A small plaque would be placed on the bench stating that it was donated by Weedon Village Association. The bench will be installed on a cement plinth with ground anchors, possibly topped with paving stones, as there are plenty available from Richard Bates. The back of the bench will be placed along the boundary line of the View Land with the highways verge in a central position.

Action 1: Cllr WK will finalise the sourcing of the seat, including ground anchors, plaque and wording, for the Clerk to place the purchase order.

Action 2. Cllr JR will contact RB and MP to let them know the bench choice, and to ask MP about arranging installation through his builders, or otherwise.

ii. To agree any further projects for 24/25. No projects have come forward.

65/24 Correspondence and Communications Correspondence had been received from a resident regarding placing a mirror in the entrance to the park to aid visibility down New Road from Stockaway at the High Street crossroads. This item would be added to the next agenda for discussion. Meanwhile the proposal would be investigated with Bucks Highways.

- a. Annual PC newsletter. In hand.
- b. Website. No issues.
- c. Community Board. No recent meeting due to the General Election.

66/24 Date of next meeting. To agree date of meeting Tuesday 17 September 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Chair Signature

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