

Weedon Parish Council Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 15 July 2025 7.30pm

Minutes of the Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Old Schoolroom Tuesday 15 July 2025 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs J Rose (Chair), S Gibbs, W Kett, G Fincher, J Hopper

Clerk: R Millard

Members of the Public: R Bates, M Rodnight

53/25 Apologies and Members' Interests Members received and accepted apologies for absence from Weedon councillors T Bailey and T Jameson-Evans and from Bucks Cllr P Gomm.

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.

54/25 Open Forum Included a brief emailed report from Bucks Cllr Phil Gomm with his apology.

S Gibbs gave a resume of the work involved in relation to the Aston Abbotts land now known as The View and Turpins Orchard Field, culminating in the documents being signed at tonight's meeting. See Agenda Item 56/25.

J Rose expressed the thanks of the Parish Council and the residents of the village to Richard Bates, for gifting the land to the Parish.

55/25 Approval of Minutes The Members agreed the minutes from the extra Parish Council meeting 26 June 2025 as a true account of the meeting. The Chair signed the minutes.

56/25 Planning

i. In relation to land at 40-50 Aston Abbotts Road, Weedon HP22 4NH, it was confirmed that the Transfer of Part from and 999-year Leaseback to Mr R Bates had been duly signed by two councillors and witnessed in accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Order 23a. Mr R Bates also signed the documents.

It was resolved that the legal documents be completed and that Cllr S Gibbs would arrange for the relevant Land Registry application (cost £45) to be submitted.

ii. J Rose reported that there were no further updates on outstanding planning or enforcement issues. Two cases had been reported to councillors of residents putting shipping containers in their gardens. Her reading of Permitted Development law suggests that these are not allowed to be situated in front of the building line. She will talk to the residents informally and report back.

57/25 Finance and Accounts

a. **Payments** Members reviewed the invoices and payments.

b. **Accounts** Members agreed the statement of accounts and bank reconciliation to end June 2025.

58/25 Environment

a. **Footpaths, Footways and Highways**

i. Speed Control. JR reported that all 3 MVAS are in working order. Several Speedwatch sessions were held on National Speedwatch Day Friday 11 July 2025.

ii. Footpaths, gates, signs. Cars were again being parked on the verges at The View. JR will contact the manager at no. 52. WK reported that Footpath 12 needs cutting again. JR will instruct the contractor.

iii. Dog & Litter bins. It was reported that the bins had been missed a couple of times. JR had reported to StreetScene and the matter was now resolved.

iv. Bucks Highways. Update inc. traffic/accidents

v. Devolved services. Confirmation that Footpath 12 is included in the Devolved Services contract ie. owned by Bucks Council, with Weedon PC carrying out maintenance under DS.

The Devolved Services Annual Report for 2024/25 requested by Bucks Council has been sent. We had commented that maintenance of Footpath 12 and the New Road and High Street verges outside the 30mph limit were very costly, and requested an increase in the contract funding to cover this.

vi. Best Kept Village. The report had still to be received. *Note after the meeting:* Weedon scored well but Cheddington were the Tindall Cup winners.

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- b. **Street lighting.** Nothing to report.
 - c. **Park and Play Area**
 - i. *Inspections and Works.* J Rose tabled a report on what is needed. Cllrs J Hopper and G Fincher volunteered to look at carrying out some of the work.
 - ii. *Horticultural.* Contract is being fulfilled well.
 - d. **Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges.** *Update.*
To include wildflower verges, village tidiness/litter, overhanging hedges/trees, horticultural works.
 - i. Pond board is in final design stages.
 - ii. No further news from residents or Fairhive about overhanging hedge 95 Aston Abbotts Road. S Gibbs will follow up.
 - e. **Management of Weedon Graveyard**
 - i. *Admin.*
 - ii. *Applications for burials, memorials and EROBs.* None.
 - ii. *Horticultural and Works.* Native trees are expected to be delivered in October/November.
 - f. **Other capital projects.** *Section 106 £40,748.75 for Sport/Leisure to be used by 20.02.2035*
Councillor will consider further the outdoor table tennis table and Climber Challenge Replacement eg. zipwire.

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- 59/25 **Correspondence and Communications** To include website, Community Board, annual PC newsletter
- a. Annual Newsletter will be produced for September. JR will do some drafting and circulate.
 - b. To note Weedon now in West Bucks Community Board with Cllr Phil Gomm as Chair. The first meeting is in September.
 - c. New government requirements for website and Council email address. Members agreed the current website domain – owned and managed by Weedon PC – is sufficient. All formal correspondence comes from the Clerk with her PC email address parishclerk@weedonbucks.org.uk. The parish councillors are not required to have their own PC email addresses, and Members agreed this was unnecessary for us as such a small organisation.

60/25 **Date of next meeting.** To agree date of General Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 16 September 2025

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Chair Signature

Date.....

Bank Transactions 01-05-25 to 30-06-25

BANK BALANCES			Total
31 May 2025	Business Reserve Account	10894.36	11894.36
	Treasurer's (Current) Account	1,000.00	
30 June 2025	Business Reserve Account	10906.77	11906.77
	Treasurer's (Current) Account	1,000.00	

INCOME			
Community Instant Access	Interest May	9 May 2025	9.10
Community Instant Access	Interest June	9 June 2025	7.57
	Bucks Council contribution Devolved Services	24 June 2025	1349.78

DIRECT DEBITS			
Bank Service Charge Ref: 454692196	LGA 1972. s111	19 May 2025	4.25
Ecotricity re 01.04.2025 – 01.05.2025	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para	20 May 2025	10.86
Ecotricity re 01.04.2025 – 01.05.2025	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para	20 May 2025	56.52
Bank Service Charge Ref: 457122617	LGA 1972. s111	18 April 2025	4.25

ONLINE PAYMENT INVOICES			
MAY 2025			
Buckland Landscapes Ltd	(Misc Prov)A 1976, s19 & LGA 1972, s214	BP 549	442.69
MRA Garden Services, inv. 69122	LGA 1972, s101	BP 550	505.00
Playsafety Limited, inv. 87934 *	LG(Misc Prov)A 1976, s19	BP 551	124.80
Zurich Municipal, inv. 543544815	LGA 1972, s111	BP 552	683.40
ER Millard, May 2025 Salary	LGA 1972, s112	BP 553	390.48
HMRC, May 2025 tax employee & employer NIC	LGA 1972, s112		99.52
JUNE 2025			
Buckland Landscapes, inv. 55338	(Misc Prov)A 1976, s19 & LGA 1972, s214	BP 554	442.69
MRA Garden Services, inv. 09335	LGA 1972, s101	BP 555	630.00
The Old Schoolroom, inv. 7232	LGA 1972, s133	BP 556	35.00
ER Millard, June 2025 Salary	LGA 1972, s112	BP 557	390.48
HMRC, June 2025, tax employee & employer NIC	LGA 1972, s112		99.32
Brian Fludgate, Audit Support	LGA 1972, s111	BP 558	43.00