

Weedon Parish Council Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 18 November 2025 7.30pm

Minutes of the Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Old Schoolroom Tuesday 18 November 2025
7.30pm

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

Clerk: R Millard

Members of the Public: 1

69/25 **Apologies and Members' Interests** Members received and accepted apologies for absence from Tom Jameson-Evans & 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.

None declared.

70/25 **Open Forum** Included a brief emailed report from Bucks Cllr Phil Gomm with his apology. C Rodnight said that the WVA had been discussing the purchase of an item for the village and one suggestion was an outdoor table tennis unit. There followed a discussion regarding the play equipment upgrade, PC working group and S.106 money that the Parish Council had access to.

71/25 **Approval of Minutes** Members agreed the minutes from the Parish Council meeting 16 September 2025 as a true account of the meeting. JR had amended and initialled draft minute 74/25 (f) to include Cllrs TB and GF to the play equipment working party. The Chair signed the minutes.

72/25 **Planning**

a. **Updates**

JR updated the meeting regarding 24/0153/APP Old Stables Weedon, following Planning Control Committee meeting on 3 September 2025.

b. **New planning applications**

Update re potential 150-home application on Park & Ride site land N of Martin Dalby Way.

JR had researched the background to previous planning applications for this site. In 2015, MDA (major development area) plans (one for 220 homes and one for 120 homes plus employment building) were refused by AVDC and this refusal confirmed on appeal. JR also reviewed the current Local Plan (VALP 2013-33) and the early drafts out for consultation on the new Buckinghamshire Local Plan. Development on the site is not in the current VALP, nor mentioned specifically in the Bucks draft plan; however, this does not stop developers putting in ad hoc applications.

73/25 **Finance and Accounts**

a. **Payments** Members reviewed the invoices and payments, noting that the renewal of the Scribe bookkeeping package is at the same price as 2024. To note that Ecotricity are combining the two accounts for streetlight electricity and therefore September's charges will be billed later.

b. **Accounts** Members agreed the statement of accounts for 31 Oct 25 and confirmed bank reconciliation for Sept and Oct 2025.

c. **Clerk Office & Computer Allowances.** The members noted an increase from £5 to £6 per week for both allowances for the current year from April 2025. The first 6-monthly invoice was due.

d. **2026/27 Budget and Precept.** The members had an initial discussion re 26/27 forecasts and projects. A new solar MVAS sign (to replace one of the older mains rechargeable units) similar to the recently installed Elan City one was a well-supported idea. Outside funding may be required.

74/25 **Environment**

a. **Footpaths, Footways and Highways**

i. **Speed Control.** SG reported that she had spoken to the co-ordinator of Cublington's Speedwatch group. They are out with Speedwatch 4-5 times a week. They have also had a recent "tube"-style traffic survey done. A similar traffic survey would be worth doing in Weedon and members would investigate. The Bucks Transport contact is Mike Joy.

ii. *Footpaths, gates, signs.* The members discussed a draft map that JR had produced to clearly show visitors where the footpaths were in Weedon, to be placed at strategic places in the village. **Action:** JR will print the A4 sheets and laminate them. GF offered to mount on backing boards and install.

Members agreed that Footpath 12 needs to be cut back, quite severely, before March 2026.

iii. *Dog & Litter bins.* JR reported that the lid of the dog bin on the Fortescue footpath had been mended. The Parish Council would like to thank this mystery person.

iv. *Bucks Highways.* Traffic/accidents. JH has been keeping a journal of road accidents, he asks that if anyone sees an accident or the aftermath (eg. vehicle on verge) to take a picture and send it to the Council.

v. *Devolved services.* JR said that something must be done about all the leaves on the footpaths. SG agreed and said that she will be seeing the Community Payback team and will ask them if it is a job that they are allowed to do. She believes that they will have blowers.

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- b. **Street lighting.** There is a tree growing up into the electric/phone cables and blocking the streetlight at the bottom of Northcroft. **Action:** JR will report. *After the meeting* – FixMyStreet investigated and instructed the PC to deal with this under Devolved Services. JR and village volunteers cut down the stems on 24-11-25.

c. **Park and Play Area**

i. *Inspections and Works.* Cllrs J Hopper and G Fincher gave a report. They had completed several tasks including sanding and bolt tightening. However, there are items that will need replacing – parts of the boundary fence, at least one picnic table/bench and the seat at the front of the Park overlooking the pub. Also as regards play equipment, the Carousel and Climber Challenger are ripe for replacement. JR will speak to Joe Houston at Bucks Council to see if these are items that can be purchased using s.106 money. The post wall needs one or two new posts fitted. **Action:** JR will get quotes for the repairs.

ii. *Horticultural.* No work needing doing.

iii. *Play equipment upgrades [Note s.106 funding £40,748.75 20.02.35]* **Action:** JR will contact Joe Houston to clarify the process of using the s106 funding. An email to families with children will be drafted to start the consultation process. JR will also contact Jupiter Play (who supplied and installed the play equipment in 2015) to come and give a review. A meeting of the working party will be scheduled.

Cllr TB gave her apologies and left the meeting.

iv. *Festive decorations.* JR reported that she had spoken to the Wild Rose Company regarding the cost of the usual Christmas Tree, this year it will be £145 plus VAT. All members agreed to the purchase. **Action:** JR will co-ordinate delivery and supply of lights and contact volunteers to put up and light the tree. GF offered to be in charge of tree installation if previous volunteers were not available.

d. **Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges.** *Update.*

To include wildflower verges, village tidiness/litter, overhanging hedges/trees, horticultural works.

i. The pond information board has been ordered and the deposit paid by WWG. ii. *Update re 95 Aston Abbotts Road hedge/ditch issue.* SG has spoken to Matt Whincup (who has returned to the role of Weedon Local Area Technician for Bucks Transport) for an update.

e. **Management of Weedon Graveyard**

i. *Admin.* ii. *Applications for burials, memorials and EROBs.* a) Members approved the wording for Lucy Orchard ashes tablet. b) Members approved Clare Macdonald application for ashes EROB.

iii. *Horticultural and Works.* Native trees to form the hedge have been planted by the Community Payback group. SG sourced canes and protectors. iv. *War Memorial.* The memorial was last cleaned in 2014 and there is renewed algal growth. **Action:** JR will get quote from a professional stone cleaner.

f. **Other capital projects.** None to consider.

75/25 **Correspondence and Communications** To include website, Community Board, annual PC newsletter

- a. Lord Fortescue's Charity. Members approved the re-appointment from 2026 of Margaret Askew and Nicolette Habgood as Trustees.
- b. Community Board. JR will continue attending the meetings – the next one is Thursday 27th November.

76/25 **Date of next meeting.** To agree date of General Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 20 January 2026

The meeting closed at 9.34 pm.

Chair Signature

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Agenda item 73/25

Bank Transactions 01-09-25 to 31-10-25

			Total
30 September 2025	Business Reserve Account	12998.20	13998.20
	Treasurer's (Current) Account	1,000.00	
31 October 2025	Business Reserve Account	13799.78	14799.78
	Treasurer's (Current) Account	1,000.00	

INCOME			
Community Instant Access	Interest September	09 Sept. 2025	4.61
	Precept	19 Sept 2025	7581.50
	Chapman Rent	23 Sept 2025	46.32
Community Instant Access	Interest October	09 October 2025	5.72
	HMRC – VAT rebate	14 October 2025	1700.59
	CE Macdonald EROB Cremation Plot	15 October 2025	120.00

DIRECT DEBITS			
Bank Service Charge Ref: 464320357	LGA 1972. s111	16 Sept 2025	4.25
Ecotricity re 01.08.2025 - 29.08.2025 Ac 200321921	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para	17 Sept 2025	6.67
Ecotricity re 01.08.2025 - 29.08.2025 Ac 200321932	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para	17 Sept 2025	35.51
Bank Service Charge Ref: 466763338	LGA 1972. s111	18 Oct. 2025	4.25

ONLINE PAYMENT INVOICES			
SEPTEMBER 2025			
MRA Garden Services, inv.92864	LGA 1972, s101	BP 570	540.00
Buckland Landscapes Ltd, inv. 56159	LG(Misc Prov)A 1976, s19 & LGA 1972, s214	BP 571	442.69
Kidd Rapinet LLP, fees	LGA 1972, s111	BP 572	900.00
ER Millard, Sept 2025 Salary	LGA 1972, s112	BP 573	450.10
HMRC, Sept 2025, tax employee & employer NIC	LGA 1972, s112		146.64
OCTOBER			
The Old Schoolroom, inv. 7261	LGA 1972, s133	BP 574	25.00
Buckland landscapes, inv. 56487	(Misc Prov)A 1976, s19 & LGA 1972, s214	BP 575	442.69
Parish Online - Mapping software	LGA 1972, s111	BP 576	45.00
ER Millard, October 2025 Salary	LGA 1972, s112	BP 577	393.95
HMRC, October 2025, tax employee & employer NIC	LGA 1972, s112		113.84