

# Weedon Parish Council

Clerk to the Council Mrs Ruth Millard

## Minutes of a Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Chapel on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 8.00pm

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**75/16 Attendance:** Cllr Joanna Rose (Chair)  
Cllr Wendy Kett, Cllr Mark Talbott, Cllr Stephen Gradley, Cllr Nigel Winnett,

### Apologies

Cllr Tom Jameson-Evans, Cllr Justin Sellers

### Clerk - Ruth Millard

5 members of the public: Graham Delaney, Helen & Rollo McIntyre, Isobel Wood, Catherine Moran

**76/16 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. None declared.

**77/16 Approval of Minutes;** To agree and sign the minutes of the Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016 as an accurate record.

**78/16 Planning;**  
a **16/02579/APP** Sycamore House 4 High Street Weedon HP22 4NW Erection of a single storey car port.

### Open Forum for Parishioners: (under adjournment)

Graham Delaney explained his application for a single storey car port;

The car port would be sited in the back of the garden off the existing access.

None of the mature trees in the garden would be disturbed

The structure would be made of oak with the same roof tiles as the house (slate), the small amount of brickwork would be the same as the house. Larchwood would be on 3 of the sides, which will weather sympathetically.

Neighbours suggested an alternative positioning of the carport in the top corner of the site, and there was discussion about use of red clay tiles instead of slate.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that anyone can send their individual comments to the planning department.

### The meeting reopened.

The Parish Council noted that the building seemed sympathetic to the surrounding area. It emulates two similar constructions in the area. All **RESOLVED** no objections.

b **Draft VALP;** Cllr JR had circulated a draft document of the working party's findings. **RESOLVED;** The document was agreed in principle but the Councillors suggested a few amendments which JR will include in the statement and forward to the Council for its comments.

c **Best Kept Village competition 2016;** The Parish Council had received the news that Weedon has won the Gurney Cup and the Sword of Excellence in this year's Best Kept Village Competition.

These are the judges' comments on Weedon:

*The chapel graveyard, next to the Methodist Chapel, surrounds were presented well and grounds maintained. The War Memorial next to the Chapel was tidy and clean with a wreath fixed in situ. The toilet was a welcome feature. The green at the crossroads was immaculately prepared and managed with a soft surface walkway. The play area within the same rounds was very well equipped and constructed. The wild area near the Hall has a gateway entrance and is festooned with good broadleaf foliage.*

*The Old School Room is used as the village hall and its surroundings are well maintained. The panel were provided with a regular booking sheet of all sorts of community events and functions that are available for hire. The verges within the village were tidy. The village pump, dated 1877, was well presented with good maintained surroundings. The panel learnt that the Five Elms public house has recently come into the ownership of the village residents through a community purchase. The surroundings were neat and well presented.*

*The notice boards were full of current community information including a BBKV notice as well as a competition Merit award from a past BKV entry.*

*The map and the Principal Features narrative provided were clear and informative.*

*Overall it is a very neat and compact village with no evidence of pockets of litter.*

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The presentation will be made at 2.15pm on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September. The organisers will erect a sign for the BKV that the village holds for the year.

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to place the sign on the village green triangle, Cllr MT agreed to survey the site and supply the plan/photos for the BKV organisers.

A location needs to be found for the Gurney Cup and Sword of Excellence to be displayed during the year. The pub was suggested for the sword. Cllr MT will confer with the publicans to discuss feasibility of this.

## 79/16 Finance & Accounts. Invoices August 2016

<b>Joanna Rose</b> , reimbursement for Duck Food x 2	LGA 1972, s137	<b>1362</b>	<b>111.10</b>
<b>Joanna Rose</b> , reimbursement for printing newsletter	LGA 1982, s142	<b>1363</b>	<b>104.94</b>
<b>Crockett Gates Ltd</b> , invoice 7145	LGA(misc prov) 1976, s19	<b>1364</b>	<b>904.40</b>

**RESOLVED** to pay all presented invoices.

## 80/16 Date of next meeting. To agree the date – provisionally Wed 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016 in The Chapel

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Chairman's Signature ..... Date.....