

Weedon Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Chapel on Monday 21st September 2016 at 8.00pm

81/16 Attendance: Cllr Joanna Rose (Chair)
Cllr Wendy Kett, , Cllr Nigel Winnett, Cllr Tom Jameson-Evans, Cllr Justin Sellers

Apologies

Cllr Mark Talbott, Cllr Stephen Gradley, David and Susie Batchelor the applicants

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County Cllr Netta Glover, District Cllr Ashley Bond & PC Danny Fahy

2 members of the public: Craig Smith, Nic Nicolay

82/16 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.

83/16 Approval of Minutes; To agree and sign the minutes of the Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held on 8th August 2016 as an accurate record. **RESOLVED**

Meeting Closed for an Open Forum

Craig Smith, the applicant's Architect gave a resume of the reasoning for developing the property and how the property was being developed, taking into account the advice they had in a pre-application meeting with historic buildings. The conservatory was being demolished to make way for a new rear extension to create a larger living area and kitchen on the ground floor and an en-suite and dressing room on the first floor. The development would be subservient to the main building and the "footprint" not significantly larger.

Meeting Opened to discuss the applications

84/16 Planning.

a. 16/02660/APP and **b.** 16/02661/ALB The Wheatsheaf 56 High Street Weedon Bucks HP22 4NS Removal of existing rear extension and replacement with a new rear extension and reconfiguration of the build form to the rear to create a new kitchen and living area on ground floor; en-suite and dressing room on first floor. **RESOLVED;** No Objections

Meeting Closed for an Open Forum to allow PC Danny Fahy, District Cllr Ashley Bond and County Cllr Netta Glover

PC Danny Fahy apologized that there hadn't been any attendance from the Police for a long time. He confirmed that the Police were patrolling the village regularly. He reported that there was a new initiative to encourage Neighbourhood Watch groups, headed by a resident of Buckingham Park. The Parish Council discussed the speeds recorded through the village, with several 60mph and lately a speed was recorded at 75mph at 5.00 in the afternoon. He confirmed that if the Parish Council could send data on significant speeding to him and he would forward it to his road traffic department and request that they take a look and see what could be done.

District Cllr AB reported that AVDC is introducing a new disabled living allowance grant for items such as toilet extensions /stair lifts. The District were analysing all the comments received from the VALP consultation. A final draft would be out in the spring.

County Cllr NG reported that Wing Church were collecting warm clothing etc for the refugees in Calais. There is an improved web service to help families apply for school places. BCC are putting together a business case for unifying the Councils in Buckinghamshire. Representatives are visiting the Parishes to explain and answer questions. The County Council are also making progress on catching fly tippers, there have been several caught and given large fines. She asked if the Council knew anyone to recommend for The Queens award for Voluntary Service in Buckinghamshire.

Nic Nicolay had arrived late to hear the planning application. The Chairman briefly explained the development to him.

Meeting Re-opened.

85/16 Environment. To report and discuss any issues arising.

a. Footpaths, Footways and Highways; Potholes in High Street and Northcroft have been repaired. The bollard at the junction of New Road and the A413 has been replaced. The Clerk has chased up on the missing road name plate and it should be replaced by the end of October. The Council are expecting

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the road sweeping to be done any time soon. The culverts on Aston Abbots Road/East End are blocked. **RESOLVED**; that they are reported on the BCC web site. **Action; WK.** The Electricity Poles in East End have had the Ivy removed and some of them are being replaced. JR concerned about the Parish Council Street lights that are attached to the poles. **RESOLVED** to monitor the work. The waste bins didn't seem to be being emptied by the bus stop on New Road and by the seat in between 10 and 52 Aston Abbots Road. **RESOLVED**; to report this to Community Services. **Action; RM.** A resident had complained to WK that it was difficult to see the entrance to Cooks Hill off the A143 in the dark. She proposed reflective bollards be placed there as they are at the entrance to New Road. **This item was discussed without coming to a conclusion.**

- i. Speed Control MVAS; **RESOLVED** to send information to Danny Fahy Nigel will put the evidence together concentrating on the Aston Abbots Road.
- b. **Street lighting**; light number 10 had been reported and had been fixed.
- c. **Play area**; JR read a summary of the work that has been completed. Total cost were £330 on clearing weeds to pavement/road edges, £248.70 on the remedial work in the park, lifting the matting and replacing the soil (excluding soil cost), removal of the stump and work on the gate etc. Also £15 on repair to a grave in the Chapel graveyard.
- d. **Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges**, including
 - i. Pond. The old duck house needs to be removed. JR will ask Steve Richards The Parish Council noted that the pond is very low at the moment which may enable works which are difficult when the water level is higher.
 - ii. Grass-cutting of verges and village horticultural. The Parish Council discussed the car parked permanently on the verge on Aston Abbots Road. **RESOLVED**; that a note is posted through the door explaining that the Parish Council are responsible for the verges this year and it hasn't been able to cut this part of the verge because of the car. A date and time for Terry Lynch to cut this verge would be agreed and the resident asked to remove the car at that time.. **Action; JR**
 - iii. Overhanging trees and hedges. The hedge is overgrown to the horse field on New Road. WK reported that she has spoken to the resident who believes it is not his responsibility. WK will pursue the matter. JR had a complaint from a resident regarding the overhanging hedge at the turning into High Street from New Road. **RESOLVED**; that one of the Councillor Tom Jameson-Evans would speak to the owner in the first instance. **Action; T J-E.** Also the hedges of the new house at East End haven't been cut back at all. **RESOLVED**; that JR emails the owner.
- e. **Management of the Weedon Graveyard**; WK has done some work on the outstanding forms, JR still has to look at them and the plan still needs finishing.
Councillors T J-E and NW will complete the tree pruning in the next few weeks.
- f. **52 Aston Abbots Road.** JR reported that the girls had made biscuits once for the Friday Cafe. They hadn't stayed and they hadn't repeated the offer. She had thanked them and given them good feedback. They would be welcome if they repeated the offer.

86/16 Finance & Accounts.

- a To agree financial statements of accounts and bank reconciliations for the end August 2016. **RESOLVED**
- b To draw cheques for this meeting and ratify cheques drawn since the last meeting. **RESOLVED**
- c The Annual Return is completed; Mazars have returned the form without any comments.
- d Projects for next year to consider in the budget figures. JR asked if the members could think of future projects for the village next year.

Accounts July and August

Current Account7936	29 July 2016	1000.00
Deposit Account3205	29 July 2016	26384.69
Current Account7936	30 August 2016	1000.00
Current Account3205	30 August 2016	25103.59

Income July and August

11 July 2016	Interest	1.25
09 July 2016	Interest	1.06

Invoices September

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Aylesbury Main Ltd. invoice 16523	LGA 1972, sh, 14, para 34	1365	75.84
Lynch Garden Service, invoice 4675, 4676 & 4692	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	1366	662.50
GJ Millard, invoice; 0011370	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	1367	360.48
Ben Tripkovic, invoice 0204707	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	1368	255.00
ER Millard, July, August & September Remunerations	LGA 1972, s112	1369	772.69
HMRC, 2 nd Quarter	LGA 1972, s112	1370	117.60
ER Millard, reimbursement 01.04.2016-30.09.2016	LGA 1972, s111	1371	362.61
MAZARS, external Audit	LGA 1972, s111	1372	120.00
Wendy Kett, bulbs from the County Show	RTRA 1984, s72	1373	20.00

87/16 Communications. To review content and report any issues.

a. Website. Work is being done for a framework for the new website to make it mobile friendly, once finished the existing website content will be transferred onto it.

b. Parish magazine/newsletter; Peggy is putting together an article for November edition regarding the Best Kept Village Competition. Parish Council article to include noting the new Fortiscue Gates and the next meeting date

88/16 Correspondence and communications including reports on Local Area Forum and training courses

25.07.2016 Parishes Seminar on VALP Presentation - 13 July 2016	05.08.2016 Streamlining local government in Buckinghamshire
26.07.2016 New LTN's	23.08.2016 Prevention Matters
28.07.2016 NALC Survey on Community Led Housing	30.08.2016 From AVALC
	08.09.2016 Telephone Scam

The Parish Council discussed the invitation from representatives of BCC to speak to the Parish Council about its draft Business Case. Ashley Bond had said that Whitchurch Parish Council had organised a meeting for the representatives to attend. Monday 10th October at 7.30pm. JR proposed to find out more details and attend the meeting if appropriate for Weedon Parish Councillors to do so.

89/16 Date of next meeting. To agree the date – provisionally Wed 16th November 2016 in The Old Schoolroom

The meeting closed at 10.05 pm.

Chairman's Signature Date.....