

Weedon Parish Council

Clerk to the Council Mrs Ruth Millard

Minutes of a Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Old Schoolroom on Wednesday 20th January 2015 at 8.00pm

Open Forum for Parishioners: (under adjournment) County Cllr Cllr Netta Glover gave her monthly report which included;

- The Vale of Aylesbury Lottery is doing very well.
- AVDC becoming more of a business and selling its services.
- Tri County Alliance, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire, for transport are meeting on 12th February and then will have quarterly public meetings. All the papers will be on line at BCC website.
- Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum for the Rights of Way, volunteers can register on line by the 29th February 2016.
- Farm burglary is on the increase.
- Fostering, more families are needed.
- More support for dementia patients.
- Calling for community champions to promote Bucks Active in the spring.

01/16 Attendance: Cllr Joanna Rose, Cllr Tom Jameson-Evans, Cllr Wendy Kett, Cllr Nigel Winnett, Cllr Justin Sellers, Cllr Mark Talbott,
In attendance: District Councillor Ashley Bond, County Councillor Netta Glover,
Clerk - Ruth Millard

Apologies: Cllr Stephen Gradley,
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02/16 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.

Cllr JR declared an interest on item 104 a iii

The Members all declared a pecuniary interest in discussing the Precept as they all had property in the Parish.

Resolved; it was noted that all members present had signed an application of Dispensation for speaking and voting on setting the Precept at the meeting on the 18th November 2015

03/16 Approval of Minutes; To agree and sign the minutes from the Meetings of Weedon Parish Council held on Wednesday 18th and Monday 30th November 2015

Resolved; the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th and Monday 30th November 2015 are approved and are signed as a true record of the meeting.

04/16 Planning;

None to date.

The Chairman reported that there wasn't an update on the status of the previous application which has gone to appeal.

15/00089/REF Land Adjacent to Hinton House and Finchers Field.

Resolved; noted

05/16 Environment. To report any issues in respect of:

a Footpaths, Footways and Highways, including

- i. Stiles to Kissing Gates project. Cllr WK gave a resume of the action to date. It would seem that the Right of Ways team are placing the Parish Council's order.
- ii. Highways; Cllr WK reported that the drain cover opposite Hinton House was full of mud and leaves therefore the rain water was not draining away. Cllr MT and Cllr T J-E volunteered to clear it. A resident had reported that the road outside Cllr JS was eroding into a large pothole. This had been noted on the walk about with Dave Smith.

Resolved; noted the report.

- iii. Speed Control MVAS, The rota is now in place. 2 sets of data have been downloaded. There have been 2 vehicles logged at 70 mph. Cllr MT proposed taking at least 3 sets of data from each location and then dropping the locations which aren't showing any misdemeanours and concentrating on the sites where people are speeding. Cllr JR to check with Ralph Followell if the posts could be stored in the Chapel and a key for the Chapel placed with the equipment.

- iv. Fortescue Track gates; the Parish Council had received a quote from Secure a Field. The Parish Council had a discussion regarding an alternative type of gate that would be suitable.

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Resolved; The Clerk to request a quote from Secure a Field for a Hardwood picket gate and a diamond braced, 5 bar field gate with an access gate. Cllr T J-E to request a quote from Crockets for a picket gate style in hardwood. Cllr JR to request a quote for a 5 bar hardwood field gate from the internet.

- b Street Lighting;** Cllr JR proposed that in the interests of clarity, 2 members of the Council should conduct a survey of the village lights using a light meter. The comparison would be to check the new lights first.

Resolved; that Cllr JS & Cllr NW would survey the lights. Meanwhile the Clerk had requested 2 contractors to quote for an Electrical Test. She would also ask if the ballasts could be changed to enable the same bulbs to be fitted in all the lamps. Cllr JR to forward the email addresses of the adjacent landowners, whose trees are engulfing the street lamps, to the Clerk who will then request that they cut back their trees from the lights.

c Play Area:

- i. Cllr WK reported that the gate to the play area is often left open, she proposed that it have a spring loaded closure fitted.

- ii. To review trees on the Park; the Council discussed the review of the trees in the Park, that Cllr WK and Cllr JR had produced and circulated. Cllr JR proposed that an application was submitted to AVDC for the work that the Parish Council considered needed doing.

Resolved; Cllr TJ-E to purchase and fit a spring loaded closure to the park gate, as he had volunteered. Cllr JR to prepare an application for circulation of the work needing permission. Cllr WK cuts back the small branches that the Council does not need permission to trim.

d Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges, including

- i. Pond. The best time to purchase the pontoon & duck house was now. Cllr T J-E would telephone the company and request purchase by invoice of the pontoon & duck house

Resolved; Cllr T J-E would place an order for the pontoon & duck house.

- ii Grass-cutting of verges and other highways maintenance from Bucks CC. To discuss outline quotes for taking on devolved services. Cllr JR reported that BCC had offered £1126 in the devolution agenda. Mainly it was for grass cutting & included minor works where necessary.

Resolved; to request quotes for 6 & 10 cuts per year.

- iii Village horticultural contract. To agree whether to ask for tenders from April 16.

Resolved; to ask for tenders this year. Areas to be itemised.

e Management of Weedon Graveyard;

- i. Burial charges; defer to the next meeting.

- ii. Tree management; the Council discussed the review of the trees that Cllr JR & WK had circulated.

Resolved; Cllr JR to prepare an application for circulation of the work needing permission. Cllr TJ-E volunteered to cut a section out of the ivy for it to die back.

06/16 Finance & Accounts.

- a** To agree financial statements of accounts and bank reconciliations for year to date to end Dec 2015

Resolved; that the documents were noted.

Accounts November/December 2015

....3205	30.11.2015		28674.98
....7936	30.11.2015		1000.00
....3205	26.12.2015		26278.52
....7936	26.12.2015		1000.00

Income November/December 2015

9 th November 2015	Bank Interest		1.24
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- b** To draw cheques and ratify cheques drawn since the last meeting.

Resolved; Pay the invoices received for December 2015.

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Payee	Power	Cheque	Amount
Opus, invoice 10/11/2015	LGA 1972 s14 para 27	DD	81.33
Opus, invoice 10/12/2015	LGA 1972 s14 para 27	DD	84.29
Opus, invoice 10/01/2016	LGA 1972 s14 para 27	DD	92.40
Aylesbury Mains Ltd, 15865 & 16040	LGA 1972, Sched.14 para 34	001321	136.08
ER Millard – December 2015 remuneration	LGA 1972 s112	001322	277.34
HMRC	LGA 1972 s112	001323	13.60
AVDC, invoice 213846,	Litter (animal droppings) order 1991	001324	70.82
Weedon Methodist Church, hall hire 2015	LGA 1972, s133	001325	140.00
SLCC subscription 2016	LGA 1972, s111	001326	31.17
Michael Moore, duck food	LGA 1972, s137	001307	55.45

c To discuss and agree the Budget and Precept Request for 2016/17. The Council discussed the accounts that had been circulated, including the accounts to date, the forecast to the end of the financial year. From this it was

Resolved; that the Council's budgeted spending for the year 2016/17 is £16,800 (sixteen thousand eight hundred pounds). The Council will request £13,613 (thirteen thousand six hundred and thirteen pounds). Any overspend of the precept will come from the general reserves.

d To review Clerk salary from April 2016 **CLOSED SESSION**

Resolved; to move the Clerk up to SCP 24 equal to £11.190 per hour

07/16 Communications. To review content and report any issues.

a. Website

b. Parish magazine/newsletter; article for March edition to include; Trees & MVAS data

08/16 Correspondence and communications including reports on Local Area Forum and training courses

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.11.2015 BCC announces freeze on non-essential spending • 11.11.2015 Letter from BMKALC Chairman - re increase in NALC Subs • 18.11.2015 News bulletin from Transport for Buckinghamshire for parishes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22.11.2015 News bulletin from Transport for Buckinghamshire for parishes • 12.01.2016 BCC - News Report, Council Tax rise
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09/16 Date of next meeting. To agree the date – provisionally Wed 16th March 2016 in The Old Schoolroom

The meeting closed at 10.20 pm.

Chairman's Signature Date.....