

# Weedon Parish Council

## Clerk to the Council Mrs Ruth Millard

### Minutes of a General Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Schoolroom on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 8.00pm

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**01/17 Attendance:** Cllr Joanna Rose (Chair)  
Cllr Wendy Kett, Cllr Stephen Gradley, Cllr Nigel Winnett, Cllr Mark Talbott, Cllr Justin Sellers, Cllr Tom Jameson-Evans,  
**Clerk** - Ruth Millard,  
County Cllr Netta Glover, District Cllr Ashley Bond  
**Apologies:** PCSO Danny Fahy

**02/17 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.

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

County Cllr Netta Glover gave a report  
District Cllr Ashley Bond gave a report

**03/17 Approval of Minutes;** To agree and sign the minutes of a Planning Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 as an accurate record. **RESOLVED**

**04/17 Planning; 17/00060/ALB** – The Royal George. 1 High Street, Weedon Bucks HP22 4NW. Demolition of internal wall. After a brief discussion the Parish Council **RESOLVED** no objections.

**05/17 Environment.** To report and discuss any issues arising.

#### a. Footpaths, Footways and Highways, including

- i. Speed Control MVAS. Cllr NW has been collating the data, he proposed to only forward 2/3 months of data to the police. After a brief discussion it was agreed to forward the information from April & May. The council felt that it is a positive action to have the MVAS and will keep rotating the units. Cllr WK suggested asking the residents if they would like to be part of a team rotating the MVAS. **RESOLVED:** that the Councillors would ask some likely residents.
- ii. Footpaths. Cllr JR has had a lot of positive feedback from residents using the footpaths and new gates in the village.
- iii. Rights of Way. The Parish Council has had communication from R of W officer to say that the Definitive Map will be updated in 10 years' time with information received from volunteers concerning all the rights of ways, including those which may not be showing on the map at this time, through them being forgotten about or lost. This will then be adopted in Law and any footpaths not included will be lost forever. **RESOLVED:** to help with this project. **Action:** the clerk to register Weedon and request a Definitive Map of the area.

**b. Street lighting,** query if the light outside 10 East End has been fixed. **Action:** Cllr WK will check and let the Clerk know

**c. Play area,** the Council discussed mechanisms to self close the small farm gate. **Action:** Cllrs T-JE & NW will investigate.

The Council discussed checking the playground. At the moment it is checked by Councillors on an ad-hoc basis. The Clerk stated that it needed to be checked weekly and logged in a book. **Action:** the Clerk to check with the playground suppliers and the insurance that this is necessary.

#### d. Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges, including

- i. Pond. Although Steve Richards said that he would remove the old duck house, it is still in place as the Moorhens are using it. **RESOLVED;** that the Council will let Steve Richards decide the appropriate time to remove the old duck house.
- ii. Grass-cutting of verges and village horticultural. The Council is happy with the present contractor. Going into the new season the Council needs the park bin to be emptied fortnightly when he cuts the grass and the verges to have a minimum of 6 cuts up to a maximum of 8 cuts. **Action:** the Clerk to reiterate the Council's needs to the contractor.
- iii. Overhanging trees and hedges.
  - The Council has noticed that the trees are encroaching on the light on New Road. **Action:** Cllr WK will ask the land owner, who has the responsibility, to cut the tree branches away from the street light.
  - At the Royal George the hedge is overhanging too far into the road. **Action:** Cllr JR will speak to the owner, whose responsibility it is, to request that the hedge is cut back from the road.

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- The Council is pleased to note that the car parked on the verges on Aston Abbots Road has now been removed.

**e. Management of the Weedon Graveyard**

Including Tree management. After discussing the remaining work on the tree maintenance it was **RESOLVED** that the work would be completed on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Cllr WK would mark the trees that need to be worked on. **Action:** T J-E, NW & WK

- f. 52 Aston Abbots Road.** The Parish Council is in communication with the new manager and has invited him to Parish Council meetings and the Friday coffee morning.

**06/17 Finance & Accounts.**

- a To agree financial statements of accounts and bank reconciliations for the end December 2016

**RESOLVED**

- b To draw cheques for this meeting and ratify cheques drawn since the last meeting.

**Invoices January 2017**

<b>OPUS energy</b> , invoices 61378500 & 61378476 - 10.12.2016		<b>DD</b>	<b>89.54</b>
<b>OPUS energy</b> , invoices 61533330 & 61533306 10.01.2017		<b>DD</b>	<b>93.59</b>
<b>Lynch Garden Services</b> , invoice 4817	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	<b>1382</b>	<b>42.50</b>
<b>Joanna Rose</b> , duck food, SI-10714	LGA 1972, s137	<b>1383</b>	<b>55.65</b>
<b>The Old Schoolroom</b> , invoices 6417 & 6488	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	<b>1384</b>	<b>17.00</b>

**RESOLVED**

- c Budget and Precept 2017/2018. To discuss and agree the Budget and Precept request for 2017/18

**RESOLVED** that the Council's budget for the year 2017/18 is £14,980 fourteen thousand, nine hundred & eighty pounds.

**RESOLVED** The Council will request a precept of £13,680, thirteen thousand six hundred and eighty pounds. Any overspend will come from the general reserves.

**07/17 Communications.** To review content and report any issues.

- a. Website - Cllr JR reported that the contractor carrying out the website redesign to be mobile-friendly is expecting to have the work completed by March.
- b. Parish magazine/newsletter - The article for the March parish magazine would simply publicise the date of the March meeting and point out that anyone can come along to meetings with ideas for special issues for the PC to consider. **RESOLVED:** Cllr JR will draft and circulate.

**08/17 Correspondence and communications including reports on Local Area Forum and training courses**

28.11.2016 New Training Opportunities Accounts & Finance Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
 05.12.2016 AVDC Modernising Local Government Event 8th & 15th December 2016  
 05.12.2016 Winter Preparedness  
 06.12.2016 BCC Town and Parish Councils Conference CHANGE OF VENUE and agenda  
 06.12.2016 Defibrillators made affordable for your community  
 06.12.2016 AVDC Democratic & Electoral Services service reviews  
 15.12.2016 Play around the Parishes 2017  
 06.01.2017 News for the Parishes - 1/17  
 09.01.2017 HS2 Information - Update  
 10.01.2017 Modernising local government in Buckinghamshire

The Clerk requested that it would be advantageous if she attended the Accounts & Finance training day on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017. As she worked for 5 councils the cost could be shared between them. **RESOLVED:** that the Clerk should attend the training and the Council would pay a 5<sup>th</sup> of the cost (£52.69).

The Parish Council had received a request from Hardwick Parish Council requesting it to share the cost of a day of the 'Play around the Parishes' scheme. **RESOLVED:** not to for several reasons: -

- a) The difficulty of getting a day in the summer holidays when enough children would be around to benefit – and whether enough parents would be there too
- b) The issue of where it would take place – if in Hardwick, then it would be inconvenient for Weedon children to get there except by car; and vice versa
- c) Logistical issues to do with the need to provide an indoor alternative in the event of bad weather

**09/17 Date of next meeting.** To agree the date – provisionally Wed 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in The Old Schoolroom

The meeting closed at 10.25 pm.

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

Chairman's initials