

Weedon Parish Council

Clerk to the Council Mrs Ruth Millard

Minutes of a General Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Old Schoolroom on Wednesday 15th March 2017 at 8.00pm

10/17 Attendance: Cllr Justin Sellers, (Chair)
Cllr Wendy Kett, Cllr Stephen Gradley, Cllr Nigel Winnett, Cllr Mark Talbott, Cllr Tom Jameson-Evans,
Clerk - Ruth Millard,
County Cllr Netta Glover, District Cllr Ashley Bond
Resident Chris Webster & Resident (Hardwick) Colin Creed

Apologies: Cllr Joanna Rose, PCSO Danny Fahy

11/17 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)

Colin Creed was concerned that planning permission had not been obtained to cut down some of the trees and cut back the hedgerow on the A413 between its junction with Cooks Hill and the bridge over the brook separating Hardwick from Weedon. Cllr Sellers explained that planning permission is not required for hedge cutting or for tree works other than in a conservation area and for trees covered by a preservation order.

Chris Webster spoke about the tree that had been blown over into the village pond, after Storm Doris. He explained that he had spoken to Joanna Rose and as he believed that he owned part of the pond and that the tree was his responsibility he had obtained 2 quotes to remove it. He commissioned Terry Lynch (Joanna's recommendation) to do the work. After subsequently checking his house deeds he found that his boundary is at the edge of the pond and as the tree was growing on the bank outside his fence he now believes that he is not totally responsible. He had settled with the contractor £450.00. The Parish Council thanked him for attending the meeting and said that it would discuss his request for a contribution to the cost in the meeting.

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

12/17 Approval of Minutes; To agree and sign the minutes of the Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held on 18th January 2017 as an accurate record. **RESOLVED**

1317 Planning. No applications to consider

14/17 Environment. To report and discuss any issues arising.

a. Footpaths, Footways and Highways, including

- i. Speed Control MVAS; Cllr MT reported that there was nothing new to report except that the batteries were due to be changed.
- ii. Rights of Way map project. the Clerk reported that she had requested a definitive map from Jonathon Clark (County)

b. Street lighting nothing to report

c. Play area

(i) Playground checks. The Clerk had sent a comprehensive set of documents, that day, to the Councillors by email – recommendations from the Insurers, Jupiter (the playground manufacturers) and Rospa on both the Inspections & Risk Assessment plus 4 random Parish Council Risk Assessments for playground inspections. After a short discussion while looking at the paperwork, she said that it was for the Parish Council to read the documents and then make a decision on how to proceed, at the next meeting. She said that she hadn't changed her advice that the playground should have weekly checks regarding any dangers that were present in the Park i.e. bird droppings on the equipment, rubbish lying about, broken bottles, vandalism; any play equipment looking damaged. Also after reading all the documents she advised that quarterly checks, by a competent person, looking at the play equipment was in order. The Chairman said that in the documents it stated, 'a specialist to check the equipment quarterly', he asked her to check what was meant by a 'specialist'. He also mentioned that one of the four random Parish Council Risk Assessments referred to 'TVBC', and he asked the Clerk to find out who they are. **Action: RM**

i.

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ii. Small farm gate closure. After a short discussion Cllr T J-E said that when he next visited 'George Brown Agricultural' he would try to obtain a larger spring closer so that the gate would self-close. He said that it might be a while before he went. The Clerk said that there was an outlet in Buckingham and she would call in and ask.

d. Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges, including

i. Pond. To agree costs of clearing a fallen tree on the bank of the pond. **RESOLVED:** as it was not clear in whose land the fallen tree had been, to pay Chris Webster half the cost of its clearance, on sight of the invoice.

ii. Grass-cutting of verges and village horticultural, including;

(a) Proposal to clean all road and street signs; the Parish Council had all the high level street signs cleaned last year. This year, Cllr JR had proposed to have all the road and street signs cleaned, Cllr JS seconded and it was **RESOLVED.** The Council asked **Councillor** Talbott to obtain a quote from Sign Wizzard. **Action: MT**

(b) Issue of fallen leaves on roadside; Last year the leaves on the roadside had rotted and composted and caused problems with weed growth. Cllr JR had proposed that the Council ask Terry Lynch for a quote to clear all the composted leaves from the kerb edges in the village before the growing season. **Action: RM**

(c) Dog bin clearance. The Clerk had contacted Jackie Robain, community services, to query the invoice for the Dog Waste Service for emptying the Dog Bin weekly, as the Parish Council agreed that the bin had been missed on several occasions. Her reply was that what the Parish Council was paying for was the yearly service of emptying the Dog Bin. If the bin was missed in the collection round, the Parish Council could contact her and the bin would be emptied. The normal collection for Weedon was Wednesday, but as the men work until late she asked to wait until Thursday to see if it had been missed.

iii. Overhanging trees and hedges. There were a couple of outstanding issues, Cllr JR was going to speak to one resident who was responsible for a hedge and Cllr WK had already spoken to another resident responsible for a tree that was encroaching on a street light.

e. Management of the Weedon Graveyard

i. Purchase of new bench. To see options and progress project. Cllr WK had downloaded one example of a bench for the Council to agree the design. **RESOLVED:** to purchase a 1.8 mtr classic design made in hard wood for approximately £500. **Action: WK** would do some further research.

ii. Tree management in the graveyard was finished except for 1 branch which needs cutting back. **Action: NW & T J-E**

f. **52 Aston Abbotts Road.** No problems at the present time.

g. **Best Kept Village competition.** The Council **RESOLVED** to enter this year competition.

h. **Defibrillator.** After a discussion to ensure that the unit is regularly inspected, Cllr JS wanted clarification of point 3. **RESOLVED:** that Cllrs JR & JS would check the unit fortnightly and the Clerk would order new pads

15/17 Finance & Accounts.

a To agree financial statements of accounts for the end February 2017

RESOLVED

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

Accounts January and February 2017

Current Account7936	27 January 2017	1200.00
Deposit Account3205	27 January 2017	28725.17
Current Account7936	25 February 2017	1000.00
Current Account3205	27 February 2017	28795.57

Income January and February 2017

09 January 2017	Interest	1.23
09 February 2017	Interest	1.22
26 January 2017	Donation from resident, re graveyard	200.00

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Invoices & Direct Debits January & February 2017

OPUS energy , invoices 61864984 & 61865008 - 10.03.2016	LGA 1972,Sched.14 para 34	DD	78.98
OPUS energy , invoices 61697585 & 61697561 10.02.2017	LGA 1972,Sched.14 para 34	DD	92.65
Green Thumb , ref Chapel 3Jan17	LGA 1972, s214	DD	5.17
Green Thumb , ref Play area 3Jan17	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	DD	16.00
Green Thumb , ref Chapel 1Feb17	LGA 1972, s214	DD	5.17
Green Thumb , ref Play area 1Feb17	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	DD	16.00
Aylesbury Mains Ltd , invoice 16670	LGA 1972,Sched.14 para 34	1385	71.76
Joanna Rose , duck food, SI-11069	LGA 1972, s137	1386	55.65
Lynch Garden Services , invoice 4844 - Chapel	LGA 1972, s214	1387	155.00
AVDC , dog waste service, invoice 257110	Litter (animal droppings)Order 1991	1388	72.21
ER Millard , remuneration Jan, Feb & March 2017	LGA 1972, s 112	1389	765.55
HMRC , 4 th Quarter	LGA 1972, s 112	1390	116.00
ER Millard , reimbursement October 2016-March 2017 inclu.	LGA 1972, s111	1391	327.84

- c Hardwick Church graveyard. To discuss whether to offer £200 grant towards graveyard maintenance as in previous years. **RESOLVED**; to do so following a request from Hardwick Church

16/17 Communications. To review content and report any issues.

a. Website

b. Parish **magazine**/newsletter; article for May edition. Suggestions included notifying that the next meetings are the APM & APCM on the 17th May 2017, that the Parish Council is entering Best Kept Village Competition this year & Speed Data from the MVAS.

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

31.01.2017 Buckinghamshire County Council newsletters for your local areas
 07.02.2017 Modernising Local Government Thursday 23rd Feb 2017 Diamond Room 18.00pm
 07.02.2017 LLACC - London and Luton Airports Consultative Committee.
 28.02.2017 MyBucks - March 2017
 10.03.2017 Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition 2017
 13.03.2017 New Legal Topic Notes
 03.03.2017 Parish Precepts

- a To agree response to Secretary of State re. Reorganisation of local government in Bucks. The Parish Council **RESOLVED**; to ratify the sending of a letter to the Secretary of State in support of AVDC's proposal for 2 Authorities for Buckinghamshire.

18/17 Date of next meeting. To agree the date – provisionally
 APM followed by the APCM Wed 17th May 2017 at 7.30 pm in The Chapel

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Chairman's Signature Date.....