

Weedon Parish Council

Clerk to the Council Mrs Ruth Millard

Minutes of a General Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Chapel Weedon on Wednesday 26 July 2017 at 8.00pm

Present: Cllr J Rose (Chairman), Cllr M Talbott, Cllr W Kett, Cllr T Jameson-Evans, Cllr S Gradley, District Cllr Ashley Bond & County Cllr Netta Glover, PC Danny Fahy, PCSO Denise Grayburn & PCSO Sue Jones

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Members of the Public: None

Open Forum; PCSO Sue Jones gave a report regarding the latest in speed management for Parish Councils. It is called the Sentinel; an automatic number plate recognition unit that is attached to a lamp post or tripod. Set at 35 mph it takes information onto a sim card which is downloaded to a designated person's device. A warning letter is automatically generated and sent to the perpetrator. If a second letter is sent this will be stronger worded, a third letter is hand delivered by a Police Officer.

Danny Fahy discussed with the Council the MVAS Data files that have been downloaded from its MVAS units. He suggested that the Parish Council send him the data in the first instance and he will forward it on to PCSO Wendy Taylor, part of the Winslow & District policing team, administrating the data that is received.

Reports were given by District Cllr Ashley Bond and County Cllr Netta Gover.

52/17 Apologies: Cllr Justin Sellers, Cllr N Winnett

53/17 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 were given.

54/17 Approval of Minutes. Members agreed the minutes from a Planning Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held on 21 June 2017 as an accurate record and they were duly signed by the Chair.

55/17 Finance & Accounts.

- a Members **RESOLVED** the financial statements of accounts and bank reconciliations for the end June 2017 after Cllr JR explained that although a cheque had been written out the BALC for £75.74 it was showing on the bank statement as £75.75. Cllr JR proposed that as it was too small an amount to follow up the account figure had been amended to £75.75. The Council agreed.
- b Members noted the drawn cheques for this meeting and they were duly signed by 2 Councillors
- c Members discussed Cllr JR's proposal that the Parish Council registers for online banking, with delegate access to statements and making online payments to suppliers. **RESOLVED Action: JR**

Bank Accounts

Treasurers Account7936	30 June 2017	1000.00
Business Account3205	30 June 2017	32814.68
Business Account3205	Interest	1.44

Invoices & Direct Debits June 2017

OPUS energy , invoices 62372980 & 62372991 25/06/2017	LGA 1972,Sched.14 para 34	DD	76.10
Green Thumb , ref Chapel, 1 June17		DD	5.17
Green Thumb , ref Play area, 1 June17	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	DD	16.00

Lynch Garden Services , inv. 5092 & 5093	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	1409	825.00
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56/17 Planning. No applications pending.

57/17 Environment. To report and discuss any issues arising.

- a. **Footpaths, Footways and Highways**, including
 - i. Speed Control MVAS. Reported in the open forum
 - ii. Rights of Way map project, members **RESOLVED** that this had been concluded satisfactorily.
 - iii. Street sweeping. Cllr JR proposed that the Council hires GM Outdoor Services Ltd to sweep the roads within the village. Members **RESOLVED** to hire them to carry out the first sweep as soon as possible and a second in the autumn after the leaves have fallen.
- b. **Street lighting.** Nothing to report.
- c. **Play area**
 - i. Small farm gate closure. Members discussed the options to repair or replace gates and **RESOLVED** to replace the whole farm gate. **Action:** Cllr T JE will get a quote from Crocket Gates Ltd. for the Parish Council to make an informed decision.

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- ii. Inspections. Annual – to discuss works needed.
 - Divots under the matting **RESOLVED** to obtain a quote from Mr Millard. **Action: RM**
 - Chain link covers; members **RESOLVED** to contact the suppliers of the equipment. **Action: JR**
 - Roundabout; members **RESOLVED** to contact the firm that the Playground suppliers suggested, for a quote. **Action: JR**
 - Members **RESOLVED** to purchase Pigeon Scares for the tops of the swings. **Action: MT** the Clerk will send a link for the example she had brought to the meeting.
 - Regular PC – to review. Members **RESOLVED** to inspect fortnightly and would try to find a volunteer in the village.
- iii. Protection of swing frame uprights from strimmer damage. Members **RESOLVED** to purchase black plastic plant/tree protectors. **Action: JR**

d. Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges, including

- i. Members discussed 2 outstanding problems regarding overhanging trees and hedges, **RESOLVED** to speak to the residents. **Action: JR**
- ii. Grass-cutting of verges and village horticultural. Members **RESOLVED** to try the plastic tree/plant protectors on the uprights of the white-painted village gates to help stop strimmer damage. **Action: JR**
- iii. Pond. Members discussed Steve Richards' proposal for an additional pontoon when the old duck house is removed and **RESOLVED** to wait any further purchases until the old duck house is removed.
- iv. Members discussed the possibility of additional cuts by PC contractor on the New Road grass verges outside 30mph zone. Members **RESOLVED** to contact Transport for Bucks to ascertain whether permission was required. **Action: RM**
- v. Members discussed a complaint that had been made regarding the amount of dog excrement that was continuously being left by the white gate feature at Crooks Hill. Members **RESOLVED** to put a sign on the white gate to request that dog excrement is bagged & binned. **Action: MT** to source the sign.

e. Management of the Weedon Graveyard

- i. Purchase of new bench. Members discussed the options for a new bench and **RESOLVED** to purchase a 150 cm Balmoral Teak Park Bench with ground anchors, from CYAN. **Action: WK** will forward the link and instructions to the Clerk to place an order.
- ii. Admin. Members discussed an additional village-based administration delegate to support Clerk. **RESOLVED** that Cllr WK would work with the Clerk on the administration

f. Best Kept Village competition. Waiting results.

g. Defibrillator, Members **RESOLVED** fortnightly Inspections, also to check if the light is currently working and if not to contact the Clerk with the defibsafe details, who will contact the sales administrator at Wel Medical supplies to request that it is mended. **Action: JR/RM**

h. New capital projects. To discuss Fingerpost and Benches. Members **RESOLVED** that this item be deferred until the next meeting.

58/17 Communications. To review content and report any issues.

- a. Website to be Mobile friendly; JR will chase up with the host.
- b. Annual PC newsletter has been delivered to every household in the Parish; MT proposed that JR had done a wonderful job in producing the annual PC newsletter all the members agreed and thanked JR.
- c. Parish magazine; Members **RESOLVED** to only send in the Parish Council meeting dates unless there was something specific to report.

59/17 Correspondence and communications including reports on Local Area Forum and training courses

20.06.2017 VALP timetable revised – Seminar for parishes cancelled 21.06.2017 BCC News: Help us plan for tomorrow's lorry traffic 22.06.2017 Road Works plan 22.06.2017 Parish Liaison notes and Presentations 23.06.2017 2017/18 Strategic Highway Maintenance and Footway Structural Repair Programme : week commencing 26th June 2017 12.07.2017 BCC News: Have your say during East West Rail consultation

60/17 Date of next meeting. To agree the date – provisionally Wed 20 September 2017 in The Chapel

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm.

Chairman's Signature Date.....