

# Weedon Parish Council

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## Minutes of a General Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Chapel Weedon on Wednesday 20 September 2017 at 8.00pm

**Present:** Cllr J Rose (Chairman), Cllr M Talbott, Cllr W Kett, Cllr S Gradley, Cllr Justin Sellers, Cllr N Winnett, District Cllr Ashley Bond & County Cllr Netta Glover

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**Members of the Public:** None

### Open Forum;

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

**61/17 Apologies:** Cllr T Jameson-Evans

**62/17 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 by the members; the Clerk Ruth Millard declared an interest if work for Mr Millard was approved.

**63/17 Approval of Minutes.** Members agreed the minutes from a General Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held on 26 July 2017 as an accurate record and they were duly signed by the Chair.

### 64/17 Finance & Accounts.

- a Members **RESOLVED** the financial statements of accounts and bank reconciliations for the end August 2017.
- b Members noted the drawn cheques for this meeting and they were duly signed by 2 Councillors
- c Cllr Joanna Rose, Cllr Justin Sellers, Cllr Mark Talbott & Cllr Wendy Kett signed Lloyds Bank application forms for online access. The Clerk signed a Lloyds Bank application form for delegated user access.

### Bank Accounts

Treasurers Account ....7936	31 July 2017	<b>1000.00</b>
	31 August 2017	<b>1000.00</b>
Business Account ....3205	31 July 2017	<b>31584.18</b>
	31 August 2017	<b>29978.58</b>
Business Account ....3205	Interest – July 2017	<b>1.40</b>
	Interest – August 2017	<b>1.30</b>

### Invoices & Direct Debits July/August 2017

<b>OPUS energy</b> , invoices 25/07/2017	LGA 1972,Sched.14 para 34	<b>DD</b>	<b>75.77</b>
<b>OPUS energy</b> , invoices 25/08/2017	LGA 1972,Sched.14 para 34	<b>DD</b>	<b>88.20</b>
<b>Green Thumb</b> , ref Chapel, 3 July 17	LGA 1972, s214	<b>DD</b>	<b>5.17</b>
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<b>Green Thumb</b> , ref Play area, 1 Aug 17	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	<b>DD</b>	<b>16.00</b>
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<b>CYAN, Balmoral Bench</b>	LGA 1972, s214	<b>1414</b>	<b>399.99</b>
<b>Aylesbury Mains ltd</b> , inv 17429	LGA 1972,Sched.14 para 34	<b>1415</b>	<b>63.60</b>
<b>Joanna Rose</b> , re inv SI-12335 – Duck Food	LGA 1972, s137	<b>1416</b>	<b>56.19</b>
<b>Lynch Garden Services</b> , inv.5209 & 5210	Various pow ers	<b>1417</b>	<b>717.50</b>
<b>GM Outdoor Services Ltd.</b> inv 1041	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	<b>1418</b>	<b>300.00</b>
<b>AVALC</b> - Donation Financial year 2017-18	LGA 1972, s137	<b>1419</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>ER Millard</b> , July August & Sept Remunerations	LGA 1972, s112	<b>1420</b>	<b>885.77</b>
<b>HMRC</b> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	LGA 1972, s112	<b>1421</b>	<b>4.60</b>
<b>Wel Medical Ltd</b> , order no. S218128	LGA 1972, s137	<b>1422</b>	<b>60.00</b>

**65/17 Planning.** Members discussed planning enforcement re unauthorised new access ref 17/00319/CON3 Old Telephone Exchange, Buckingham Road. Cllr Joanna Rose proposed writing to the enforcement team and confirming that the Parish Council is supportive of enforcement action against the access that has been created at the Old Telephone Exchange. Members **RESOLVED** to write a letter. **Action;** Cllr Rose will draw up a draft letter and circulate.

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**VALP.** Members discussed the VALP which has been published on the Aylesbury Vale District Council website.

**66/17 Environment.** To report and discuss any issues arising.

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

- i. Speed Control MVAS. Members **RESOLVED** to forward the MVAS analysis data to PCSO Danny Fayh. **Action; RM**
- ii. Sentinel Speed Control. Members **RESOLVED** to investigate the use of a Sentinel unit. **Action; JR** to attend the next LAF meeting to request information about the purchase or loan of a unit.
- iii. Cllr Rose proposed that the Parish Council purchase Wheelie Bin Stickers, for the residents to display on their Wheelie Bins, promoting the 30 MPH sign. Members **RESOLVED** to purchase 500 stickers, to share with each household in prominent positions and encourage the use of them. **Action; RM** to order the stickers.
- iv. Cllr Kett reported that the nettles on footpath 12 needed strimming. **Action; RM** to inform Terry Lynch
- v. Cllr Kett reported that one section of the footpath from Weedon to Hardwick is overgrown. **Action; JR** to inform the land owner.
- vi. Cllr Kett reported that Mr Chapman had installed the kissing gate provided by the Rights of Way Team.

**b. Street Lighting;** Cllr Rose proposed to have all the village street lamps cleaned. Members **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact Aylesbury Mains to request the cleaning of all the village street lamps. **Action; RM**

**c. Play area**

- i. To update on proposals from Crocketts. Representatives of Crocketts are making an initial visit to the village tomorrow; their estimate for a gate will follow.
- ii. To receive any further information regarding a Parish Council Volunteer to inspect the playground fortnightly. No update, in the meantime, Cllr Rose will continue inspections.
- iii. to discuss and update on:-
  - Members **RESOLVED** to accept an estimate from Mr Millard for the remedial work under the matting. **Action; RM** to inform Mr Millard
  - The Parish Council, having inspected the Chains on the basket swing, **RESOLVED** that the chains are in good condition.
  - Planning permission had been granted for the work on the trees. **Action; RM** to ask Terry Lynch to quote for the work
  - Members **RESOLVED** to accept the quote from Playground Services, for the repair of the roundabout. **Action; JR** to contact Playground Services and order the repair.
  - Cllr Talbot has measured the play equipment to attach bird scares and placed an order.
  - Cllr Rose showed members the strimmer protectors for the swing frames. Members **RESOLVED** that the Clerk requests Mr Millard to modify and fit them at his normal hourly rate. **Action; RM**
  - Cllr Rose reported that the hedge needed cutting again. **Action; RM** to inform Terry Lynch

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

- i. Overhanging trees and hedges; Members received an update of the outstanding overhanging hedges and **RESOLVED** to send gentle reminders to the residents. **Action; JR**
- ii. Grass-cutting of verges and village horticultural;
  - Members agreed that the strimmer protectors would not work on the white gate features. Cllr Mark Talbot proposed using off cuts of Di Bond, of which he had a plentiful supply, cut to size and nailed into position. Members **RESOLVED** to use Di Bond and ask Mr Millard to fit. **Action; RM** to give MT contact details to Mr Millard and requests that he collects the off cuts, and cuts and fits them to the gate features, at his normal hourly rate.
  - To receive an update of a dog hygiene sign on the white gate feature at Cooks Hill. A work in progress.
- vii. To receive & discuss the possibility of additional cuts to the verges outside the 30mph on New Road. The Clerk had not received a reply to her request regarding the Parish Council cutting the verges outside the 30 mph sign. **Action; RM** to contact Netta Glover and request a contact name to ask about this problem,
- viii. A Councillor reported that the footpath gate on New Road has dropped. **Action; MT** to adjust the gate to fit.
- ix. A Councillor reported that the strap, on the waste bin on New Road, needs adjusting. **Action; MT** to adjust the strap.
- x. Cllr Kett reported that the bench by the Pond was in need of refurbishment. **Action; RM** to request an estimate of the cost from Ben Tripkovic.

**e. Management of the Weedon Graveyard**

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- i. Members **RESOLVED** the estimate from Mr Millard to modify the area in the graveyard for the new bench and to install the bench. **Action; RM** to inform Mr Millard
  - ii. Members **RESOLVED** the estimate from Mr Millard for the remedial work to 2 graves. **Action; WK** to confirm with one of the grave owners that she wants the Parish Council to do the work. **RM** to inform Mr Millard when he can proceed.
  - iii. Cllr Rose and the Clerk signed EROB certificates for deeds 101 and 102.
  - f. **Best Kept Village competition;** Weedon Village were Runners Up for the Tindall Cup in the Best Kept Village Competition 2017.
  - g. **Defibrillator,** Cllr Rose reported that the transformer needed to be replaced in the defibsafe. Members **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to order a transformer. **Action; RM** to order a transformer from Wel Medical.
  - h. **New capital projects.** Members discussed a Fingerpost at the crossroads in the village and **RESOLVED** that some more research was needed into the type and cost of the Fingerpost. **Action; MT** to do more research and present a report at the November meeting.
- 67/17 Communications.** To review content and report any issues on website, including update to mobile-friendly and any special items for parish magazine.

## Emails received

04.09.2017 Bucks & Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils Update
12.09.2017 Speed awareness stickers
15.09.2017 Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) has been published on the AVDC website
15.09.2017 BCC Waste & Minerals consultation
18.09.2017 Bucks & MK ALC - Weekly Update

The Clerk to the Trustees of the Lord Fortescue Charity had written to the Clerk asking the Parish Council to appoint a new Trustee to the Charity. **Action; RM** to add to the next agenda.

**68/17 Date of next meeting.** To agree the date – provisionally Wed 15 November 2017 in The Old Schoolroom

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm.

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