

Weedon Parish Council

Clerk to the Council Mrs Ruth Millard

Minutes of a general meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Old Schoolroom Weedon on Wednesday 15 November 2017 at 8.00pm

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

Clerk: Ruth Millard

Members of the Public: 4

78/17 Apologies: Cllr T Jameson-Evans, Cllr M Talbott

79/17 Open Forum for Parishioners: (under adjournment)

A member of the public explained why she became concerned about activities in the Chapel, which led to the discovery that girls from No. 52 had been smoking inside the building and using the heating oil and other supplies. They had also encouraged 2 young men to spend the night there. The Manager of no. 52 said that the Police had been called, in the morning after 2 young men had visited the house. She said that after the incident in the Chapel the girls had been reprimanded.

A member of the public said that the residents were uncomfortable with the young girls sitting outside of the front of the house in their dressing gowns, and concerned about the image it conveyed. *The manager agreed to address this issue.*

Cllr Glover read an email from Bucks CC regarding its investigations into the causes of the recent fatal accident on the A413.

Cllr Glover gave her usual report of what is happening at Bucks CC.

80/17 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. JS declared an interest in the 8 New Road planning application.

81/17 Approval of Minutes. Members **RESOLVED** and the chair signed the minutes from a Planning Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held on 16 October 2017, as an accurate record.

82/17 Planning.

- i. 17/03824/APP Single front extension. | 8 New Road Weedon Buckinghamshire HP22 4NS
Members **RESOLVED** no objection.
- ii. 17/03975/APP | Two storey side extension to existing dwelling and new garage/workshop within garden. | 4 Weedon Hill Farm Cottages Buckingham Road Weedon Buckinghamshire HP22 4DP
Members **RESOLVED** no objection
- iii. VALP; Members **RESOLVED** to send a response regarding the draft VALP document. **Action;** that a small working party of 3 Councillors would meet on Tuesday 28 November to draft a document for circulation to the Members for approval.

83/17 Finance & Accounts.

- a Members **RESOLVED** the financial statements of accounts and bank reconciliations for the end October 2017
- b Members noted the cheques drawn for this meeting and Direct Debits & cheques paid since the last meeting.
- c re Online banking – progress on councillors' and clerk's applications. All the Councillors who had applied for online banking were registered. The Clerk's application had been deleted by Lloyd's staff. The Clerk had made another application which was signed by JR and JS
- d Budget & Precept – initial discussions in preparation for finalising at Jan meeting **RESOLVED** in members agreeing not to raise the Precept.
- e PCSO; members **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council had no interest in paying towards the expense of a PCSO.

84/17 Environment. To report and discuss any issues arising.

a. Footpaths, Footways and Highways, including

- i. Speed Control MVAS and Sentinel; **Action;** JR will follow up with the LAF
- ii. A413; Members were hopeful that something will be done after hearing the report from Bucks CC regarding the accident at the Weedon New Road junction.
- iii. Replacement of the East End Bench; Members **RESOLVED** to purchase a heritage bench for £450 plus VAT from Glasdon.

Members discuss the status of other oak benches and **RESOLVED** that the benches on Aston Abbotts Road, and the A413 are in good condition. One leg of the bench on New Road is showing signs of rot, but is not considered dangerous and believed to be seldom used.

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- b. **Street lighting** the Clerk will follow up on the status of cleaning lamps, JR reported that street light 7 was on all the time. **Action; RM** will contact the lighting contractor and report all issues.
- c. **Play area**
 - i. Parish Council Volunteer to inspect the playground fortnightly has not been found, JR said that she would continue to inspect until a volunteer can be sourced.
 - ii. Update on new park gates opposite chapel; they should be installed in December.
 - iii. The back hedge is still to be cut & a quotation is still awaited for work on the trees.
- d. **Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges**, including
 - i. Overhanging trees and hedges; all work has been completed.
 - ii. Grass-cutting of verges and village horticultural; the season is almost finished.
 - iii. Members **RESOLVED** an additional cut to the verges outside the 30mph on New Road; Action RM to request quotes from Lynch Garden Services and GM Outdoor Services.
 - iv. Minor repairs update: Footpath gate New Road, Waste bin A413, Dog hygiene sign. Members noted that the Footpath gate on New Road had been fixed and thanked Cllr MT for his contribution. **Action; JR** will request an update on the waste bin & dog hygiene sign.
- e. **Management of Weedon Graveyard**, all the work on the graves has been completed and the overhanging branches of the beech tree trimmed. A quotation is still awaited for trimming the hedge between the graveyard and Penwick Furlong and the removal of ivy from the graves backing onto that hedge.
- f. **No. 52**, the Members were pleased that the Manager of no 52 gave the Parish Council information concerning changes made as a result of various earlier incidents as well as those made following recent events at the Chapel.
- g. **New capital projects.**
 - i. Members **RESOLVED** to purchase a Fingerpost to be sited on the village green triangle.
 - ii. Members **RESOLVED** to defer until next year the decision for a new planter for village green.
 - iii. Members will have an onsite meeting to discuss a new bench for corner of park near notice boards.

85/17 Communications.

- a. To review content and report any issues on website, JR reported that the website was now mobile friendly in a draft form but was still to be published.
- b. Members discussed the distribution of wheelie bin stickers and Thames Water leaflets and agreed that JR would envelope 4 wheelie bin stickers with a Thames Water leaflet for each household on New Road and Aston Abbots Road.

86/17 Date of next meeting. To agree the date – provisionally Wed 17 January 2017 in The Old Schoolroom

Chairman's Signature Date.....