

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 19 September 2018 at 8.00pm

Present: Cllrs J Rose (Chairman), W Kett, S Gradley, N Winnett, S Gibbs, J Sellers

Clerk: Ruth Millard

Members of the Public: None

87/18 Apologies: Cllr T Jameson-Evans, District Cllr A Bond, Bucks County Cllr N Glover

Open Forum for Parishioners: (under adjournment)

Cllr JR read Cllr N Glover's report giving an update what is happening at Bucks CC.

88/18 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. No interests declared.

89/18 Approval of Minutes. Members **RESOLVED** and the chair signed the minutes from a Planning Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held on 3 September 2018, as an accurate record.

90/18 Planning. No new planning applications at the time of publishing

91/18 Finance & Accounts.

- a Members agreed financial statements of accounts and bank reconciliations for the end August 2018
- b Members agreed cheques and online banking for this meeting and noted payments made since the last meeting.

92/18 GDPR. Cllr WK is still working on drafting of policies.

93/18 Environment. To report and discuss any issues arising.

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

i. Speed Control MVAS and Sentinel

Cllr JR reported that MT is still volunteering to move the units around the village his help is very much appreciated.

This month Cllrs JR & WK attended the sentinel training at Waddesdon Police Station. They reported that the locations where the camera can be set up must be agreed with the police.

ACTION: Cllrs resolved to set up a Sentinel session as soon as practicable. Cllrs SG and WK will lead the project, and SG will liaise with the police to get the location risk assessment done.

ii. A413 Speed Review – The Council **RESOLVED** to respond to the consultation regarding the A413 between Buckingham Park and Whitchurch, supporting the proposals and suggesting the possibility of an “undertaking” bay opposite New Road. **ACTION.** Cllr JR will draft a letter and circulate to the Councillors for comments before it is sent.

iii. TfB Aug walk-round. Cllr JR reported that the walk-around with Matt Whincup had gone well and that she had circulated a summary of the discussions and conclusions.

TfB actions included a new sign on the pole holding the Playground sign indicating 'No Left Turn / No Through Road, and replacing the existing Public House sign at the corner of the park with a combined Public House/Village Hall brown sign.

b. **Street lighting.** Nothing to report

c. **Play area.**

i. Monthly inspection. Cllr JR reported that JWS is continuing to inspect the play equipment each month and report to the Council. This month he has also done some remedial work to one of the benches in the park. The Council expressed its thanks; his help is very much appreciated.

ii. The Council then discussed the proposed new bench outside the double Park gates and moving the dog bin. **ACTION.** Cllr WK will project lead.

iii. The Council **RESOLVED** to instruct GM regarding the outstanding items from the yearly Park Inspection to include checking under the plastic cover of the chain links on the basket swing. **ACTION.** RM to initiate a meeting to include herself, Cllr JR, GM & JWS if possible.

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The Council **RESOLVED** to purchase a length of black plastic-sleeved link chain to replace the throw-over latch on Park gates as it had been highlighted as a finger trap hazard.

d. Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges, including

- i. The Council **RESOLVED** to ask the representative of the Hedgerow Havens project for advice on the removal of the lumps of tarmac, left by the Bucks CC contractors, on the Aston Abbots Road verge, in preparation for sowing wildflower seeds, as the Council had not managed to find another way of doing this. ACTION. Cllr JR to raise this with BBOWT. [Note subsequent to the meeting: The HH project officer carried the work out personally after the matter was raised.]
- ii. The Council **RESOLVED** to proceed with the Hedgerow Havens project as outlined in a proposal from BBOWT, which will involve sowing wildflower seeds on some of the village verges, planting some fruit trees along the front of the Park and restoring the field hedge at the rear of the graveyard (see also 93/18 e. iii.). ACTION. Cllr JR will contact BBOWT to give the go-ahead.
- iii. Overhanging hedges/trees – contacting residents; Ongoing work.
- iv. The Council **RESOLVED** the purchase of daffodil bulbs for village verges retrospectively and discussed planting locations. ACTION. Cllr WK will arrange a volunteer planting session later in the year which will be publicised to residents.
- v. The Council agreed the removal of the oak bench by New Road bus stop and decided not to replace the bench. ACTION. Cllr NW will dismantle and remove the bench.

e. Management of Weedon Graveyard.

- i. The Chairman and Clerk signed the EROB for a Burial Plot for June Lucas. ACTION. Clerk will send Certificate 105 in the post to June Lucas.

Cllr JR reported that Cllr WK has spent a lot of time on the graveyard plans and burial register and gave a vote of thanks for all her work.
 - ii. The Council **RESOLVED** the removal of a Cupressus tree near the war memorial which is to be replaced by 1 or 2 smaller trees funded by the Methodist Chapel. ACTION. Cllr WK will apply for planning permission.
 - iii. The Council agreed to proposals for laying and planting additional hedging plants in the gaps in the rear hedge, as part of the BBOWT Hedgerow Havens project (see above). The Council deferred a decision about the possible removal of part of the conifer hedge until after the work had been completed on the rear hedge.
 - iv. The Council deferred deciding the Silent Soldier location until it arrived. ACTION. A site visit will be arranged.
 - v. A resident of Weedon, JE, has offered to be a volunteer graveyard monitor. ACTION. Cllrs JR & WK will walk around the graveyard with him to explain what needs to be done.
- f. Grit Bin.** The Council agreed with the proposed colour (dark green) and position of the grit bin on Aston Abbots Road, per Matt Whincup's walk-round notes. The Council **RESOLVED** to place an order and pay £420. ACTION. RM to order. Cllr JR to talk to TL about clearing the vegetation from the pole prior to installing the bin, as requested by TfB.
- g. Best Kept Village Competition.** Cllr JR reported that the Best Kept Village sign had been erected on the triangle at the crossroads and the cup was being held in the pub.

Cllr JR proposed highlighting that the village had won the Best Kept Village award on the home page of the village website. The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal. ACTION. JR to contact the web designer to alter the home page.

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h. New capital projects

i. Fingerpost at the village green triangle. The Council agreed to the fingerpost sign, as laid out by TfB, although it would be preferred if there could be four fingers, rather than the TfB-proposed three. ACTION. Cllr JR will request again if a fourth finger can be added pointing down Stockaway stating "No Through Road".

ii. Cllr JR reported that TfB had approved the location for a new bench at East End/Aston Abbots Road. TfB had advised that it should have hard standing and the Parish Council must use one of TfB's preferred contractors.

The Council **RESOLVED** the proposal for the placement of the bench at East End/Aston Abbots Road junction. ACTION. Cllr WK will request a quote from 3 contractors and bring their quotes to the next meeting. It was hoped that the contractor would assist in the preparation of plans and application for the required licence from Bucks CC to carry out the works.

iii. Noticeboard at Providence Place, High Street. The Council discussed the noticeboard, which is in a state of poor repair. ACTION. Cllr SG will ask her husband to look at it and give his opinion on whether refurbishment or replacement is necessary. The Council **RESOLVED** to defer a decision about the noticeboard until the next meeting.

94/18 Correspondence & Communications

Cllr JR reported that the Clerk had requested an email address linked to the website as she had been having problems with her computer. The Council **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should have an email address linked to the weedonbucks.org.uk website.

95/18 Date of next meeting. To agree the date – provisionally Wed 21 November 2018 in The Old Schoolroom

The meeting closed at 10.10pm

Chairman's Signature Date.....