

Applications for a Composting Plant at Manor Farm Hardwick

The Council have held two public meetings about the applications and **STRONGLY OPPOSED** them, primarily on the grounds of safety because of the inherently dangerous entrance and accident history, together with adverse impact on the environment including visual, noise, odour and flood risk. The Development Control Committee of Bucks County Council refused the first application and the second is due to be heard on 11th September and is open to the public.

Highways and Street Lighting

A recent weeklong traffic survey identified that there is speeding in the village 30mph zone, but there are very limited economic options for further traffic calming measures. However, the neighbourhood police will periodically target the Aston Abbotts Road with hand-held laser speed guns. Bucks County Council will be reviewing the speed limit of our area in 2009/2010.

Two new street lights are being installed shortly – one covering a long dark stretch of New Road, and the other illuminating the raised pavement on the High Street.

Neighbourhood Watch and Police Matters

The village is involved with the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Some 10 local NW Coordinators have been working since the scheme was started. But we really need a Leader in order to re-invigorate it. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Residents are encouraged by the police to report all incidents to them as soon as they occur. Should you notice anything suspicious, you should report it to a Coordinator or Councillor but if it is of a **serious nature**, it should be reported immediately to the **local police on 0845 8 505 505**. If you know who are the culprits, contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. If you **witness a crime in progress**, ring **999**.

This yearly Newsletter gives information to assist you to contact a Councillor or attend a Parish Council Meeting. **If you have any concerns, please call a Councillor or, better still, attend a meeting.** It also contains some information about the issues currently being considered by your Council.

Clerk to the Weedon Parish Council (to whom any correspondence should be sent)

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Councillors and their telephone numbers

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Mr. Chris Measures (Vice Chairman) 641681; Mr. David Crombie 641252; Mr. Ralph Followell 641998; Mr. Michael Moore 641915;
Mrs. Janet Jones 641828; Mr. Justin Sellers 640254.

Aylesbury Vale District Councillor

Mr. Ashley Bond 641552

Buckinghamshire County Councillors

Mr. Niknam Hussain 01296 485847. Mrs. Mary Baldwin 01296 426629

Other Village Contacts

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| Tuesday Club | Judy Nagele | 641278; |
| Village Association | Catherine Rodnight | 641071; |
| Good Companions | Joan Cornock | 641400; |
| Old Schoolroom | Shirley Bush | 641382; |
| Methodist Chapel | Laurie Gower | 641510. |

Web Site www.weedonbucks.org.uk

Dates of Parish Council Meetings for 2007 – 8.00 p.m.

The Council meet on the third Wednesday of alternate months commencing in January. The meetings alternate between the Old School room and the Chapel. Special meetings are held from time to time, to consider planning matters. Notices of meetings are placed on the Boards throughout the village and on the website.

Recurring Agenda Items

Open Forum – an opportunity for parishioners to ask questions or make comments

Correspondence - letters received and sent by the Council

Planning - review of any current applications

Financial - review of income and expenditure

Minutes

Minutes of each meeting are issued by the Clerk to the Council and are presented for approval or amendment at the next Council meeting. The unapproved minutes are posted on the website and the village notice board sited at the junction of the High Street and Aston Abbots Road shortly after meetings, so that villagers are kept informed of the matters discussed and actions agreed by their Councillors.

Keeping Up Appearances

The beauty of the surrounding countryside, the character of the buildings and the friendliness of the people enhance the benefits of living in a village. Weedon is no exception and can boast all these things. Even so, there is much that has to be done to ensure the appearance of the village is maintained. This rests in the main with the villagers themselves - the upkeep of their home and gardens, the preservation of local amenities and acting with respect for one another - but the Parish Council also plays its part.

A considerable amount of the total annual expenditure of the Parish Council is spent on maintaining and improving the appearance of our village and thus making it a better place in which to live. With your

help there may be areas where we can reduce the expenditure and hence save you money. On the other hand you may think more money should be spent in other areas. If so, come along to the next Council meeting and let us know.

The Park Children's Play Area

All the equipment satisfies all the current safety regulations and is examined annually by ROSPA.

Planning Applications

Both Aylesbury Vale District Council (responsible for the majority of planning applications) and Bucks County Council (waste sites, educational establishments) are required to consult the Parish Council about planning applications in their parish, and, for large-impact plans, in the neighbouring parish.

Weedon Parish Council holds a meeting in public to discuss its response to each plan. The Open Forum session of the meeting invites anyone to comment and ask questions, so that Councillors' decision is as informed as possible. The Parish Council does not "approve" planning applications – that is the responsibility of AVDC or Bucks CC – but we can SUPPORT, OBJECT or make NO COMMENT.

Individual villagers also have the right to comment directly to AVDC or Bucks CC on any application. Look out for notices announcing Planning Meetings on village notice boards and the website.

Parish Plan

Some time ago the Council called a meeting of residents to discuss the preparation of a Parish Plan for Weedon, at which it was evident that the project had a lot of support. The task of preparing the plan although led by the Council, should be carried out by a group of residents, which is representative of the community. e.g. all ages; employed and retired etc. The Council is now anxious to progress this exercise and will be arranging a general meeting in September /October to get things started. Hopefully this meeting will be well supported as we all wish the best for the future of our village and its residents.