

Agrivert Applications for a Composter at Manor Farm Hardwick

The Council, along with numerous residents, successfully opposed these applications which were refused on appeal, 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.

Street Lighting

Two new additional lights were put in on New Road and the High Street, covering the elevated footpath.

Neighbourhood Watch and Vandalism

The village is involved with the neighbourhood watch scheme. The Council is aware that residents will be concerned about any criminal activities as we all wish to live in a safe, secure and crime free environment. 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**, ring **999**.

The Park Children's Play Area

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

Web Site www.weedonbucks.org.uk

Weedon Parish Council – Newsletter September 2008

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 problems 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

Mrs. Joanna Rose (Chairman) 641622;
Mr. Chris Measures (Vice Chairman) 640537;
Mr. David Crombie 641252; Mr. Ralph Followell 641998;
Mr. Michael Moore 641915; Mrs Janet Jones 641828
Mr. Justin Sellers 641348

Aylesbury Vale District Councillor

Mr. Ashley Bond 641552

Buckinghamshire County Councillors

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

Other Village Contacts

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.

Dates of Parish Council Meetings for 2008 – 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 Methodist Chapel. Additional meetings are held from time to time especially to consider planning matters. Notices of meetings are placed on the Notice Boards.

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 village notice board sited at the junction of the High Street and Aston Abbots Road shortly after meetings. This is so that every elector can learn 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. A credit to all your efforts is that this year we were 'highly commended' in the Best Kept Village Competition.

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.

Planning Applications

Both Aylesbury Vale District Council and Buckinghamshire County Councils are required to consult the Parish Council about planning applications. The Parish Council hold public meetings to discuss their reaction and all members of the public may attend. An Open Forum is held prior to the meetings at which the details of the plans may be examined, questions asked or comments made, thereby making Councillors aware. The Council cannot approve planning applications; that is the responsibility of the Authorities, but can support, object or make no objections. Individual villagers can respond to any application and the Council try to make everyone who could be affected by an application aware of the meetings via the Notice Boards.

Parish Plan

Many villagers attended the Parish Plan briefing along with the excellent historical display of old pictures. The meeting was a great success and showed strong support from the village to produce a Parish Plan. The steering committee has been established and will shortly set up the working groups who will work towards a plan over the next year. It is essential that every part of the community is involved in generating ideas and giving opinions from the very young to the not so very young!

If you interested in joining one of the working groups or can provide any assistance in producing the plan then please contact Cllr. Ralph Followell.