

Weedon Parish Council Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 19 July 2022 7.30pm

Minutes of a General Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Old Schoolroom Tuesday 19 July 2022 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs J Rose (Chair), W Kett, D Atkins, G Delaney

Clerk: Ruth Millard

Members of the Public: None

40/22 Apologies and Members' Interests

Members accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs. S Gibbs, P Gupta, T Jameson-Evans and Bucks Council Cllrs Peter Cooper, Diana Blamires and Ashley Bond

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 declared.

41/22 Open Forum For members of the public to raise any issues. No visitors.

42/22 Approval of Minutes

Members agreed the minutes from the Extraordinary Meeting 21 June 2022 as a true account. The Chair signed the minutes.

43/22 Finance and Accounts

a. Payments. The Members noted the invoices to be paid, including reimbursement to Cllr GD for refreshments for an electrician who fixed the electrical supply to the park on the day of the Jubilee celebrations.

b. Accounts. The Members agreed the statement of accounts and bank reconciliation for end June 2022.

May/June 2022 Balances

Business Account3205	30 June 2022	27,527.12
	31 May 2022	29,350.44
Treasurers Account7936	30 June 2022	1,000.00
	31 May 2022	1,000.00

June May/June 2022 Income

Business Account3205	09 June 2022 - Interest	0.25
	9 May 2022 - Interest	0.24
Treasurers Account7936	Moore Memorial	100.00

Direct Debits May/June 2022

SSE, invoices 02.06.2022-01.07.2022 Acc. June	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para	DD	47.02
SSE, invoices 04.05.2022-01.06.2022 Acc. May	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para	DD	48.32
Green Thumb, ref Chapel, 1 June 2022	LGA 1972, s214	DD	5.83
Green Thumb, ref Play area, 1 June 2022	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	DD	18.33
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Invoices for July

JULY 2022			
Steven Richards – Duck Food invoice SI-25976	LGA 1972, s137	BP 329	83.19
J Rose, Tudor Environmental invoice 0198770	LGA 1972, s101	BP 330	173.21
Buckland Landscapes Ltd, invoice 44941	LGA 1972, s101, s214, LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	BP 331	757.20
ER Millard, July 2022 Salary	LGA 1972, s112	BP 332	336.70
ER Millard, reimbursement for purchase of Tally Counters for use with Speed-Watch	LG&Rating Act 1997, s26-29	BP 333	10.98
Graham Delaney, reimbursement	LGA 1972, s 137	BP 334	8.00

c. Clerk Annual Review. To note; will be carried out in August by Cllrs JR and SG.

44/22 Planning

Appeal Ref: 22/00074/REF Application Ref: 21/02489/APP Os 7009 Aston Abbotts Road Weedon Buckinghamshire. The members decided no further submission to the appeal was required, as the PC had put in a very full letter of support for the original application, which had been refused by Bucks Council.

45/22 Environment

a. Footpaths, Footways and Highways

i. Speed Control. MVAS are back in position and will be covered when a Speedwatch session takes place nearby.

ii. Footpaths inc gates, signs.

- Dog fouling signs for Fortescue track and Kirby's Field were agreed.
- WK is still to contact the new tenant at Fields Farm regarding the conversion of last footpath stile to gate.
- Owls Barn footpath – Members discussed the access to the footpath, which had been raised at a recent Local Access Forum meeting. It was agreed to monitor the situation.

iii. Dog bins. No update regarding the repair of Fortescue footpath dog bin. Cllr JR will chase up again with Street Scene. Residents have requested a dog bin at the top of Aston Abbotts Road; to be discussed in September.

iv. Transport for Bucks. The High St railings are finished, although it does look as though the pavement needs to be finished. The road drains along the Aston Abbotts Road seem to be settled and work has been done on Northcroft drains, but may not be complete. Thames Water are monitoring the situation with the repaired Aston Abbotts Road sewer with a device that warns them if the water in the manhole gets above a certain level.

v. Devolved services. Gate re-painting work will start when the weather cools, as all supplies have been sourced.

b. Street lighting. No problems advised

c. Park and Play Area

i. Inspections. Members discussed works required. The handyman is looking at the list. Specific consideration to gates opposite the Chapel (1 gatepost wobbly due to timber decay). JR has contacted a contractor for advice.

ii. Horticultural. Members reviewed use of Green Thumb and agreed to cancel the contract and monitor the appearance of the grass.

d. Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges

- The contractor has been given the go-ahead to cut the wildflower verges
- Village tidiness/litter. All is OK at the moment.
- Overhanging hedges/trees on New Road (field belonging to no. 8) is a continuing problem and getting worse. **Action:** JR will discuss with SG the letters that need to be sent to the residents.
- Horticultural works. The new contractor seems to have settled into a good routine.
- WWG board. Awaits design by Wild Weedon.

e. Management of Weedon Graveyard

i. Horticultural. Members agreed to stop the use of Green Thumb and monitor the appearance of the grass. Noted that the GT contract only covered the top grass by the War Memorial.

ii. Administration. To agree to defer consideration of changes in Regulations to Sept meeting.

iii. Graveyard works proposals for path and rear area – The Clerk to contact the horticultural contractor (Buckland) to set up a meeting to discuss a plan of action, with a view to starting in the autumn.

iv. TPO Beech Tree overhanging neighbour – Members discussed any actions required and agreed to get some advice and quotes from 2 tree surgeons.

f. New capital projects

Bike racks had been suggested by Cllr SG. It was agreed to ask her to prepare an initial feasibility study of provision for Sept meeting.

g. Best Kept Village. No update.

Subsequent to meeting. Clerk was notified that Weedon had WON the Gurney Cup.

46/22 Correspondence and Communications

- a. Annual PC newsletter. Members discussed content, production and timing. Agreed to finalise the content during August and circulate the newsletter in early September.
- b. Website. Inc govt WCAG (Website Content Accessibility Guidelines). No issues.
- c. Community Board. Next meeting is September 20th, which Cllr JR will attend.

47/22 Date of next meeting

To agree the date of the next general meeting Tuesday 20 September 2022

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Chair Signature

Date.....

Minutes prepared by

Ruth Millard 28/07/2022