

Weedon Parish Council Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 28 September 2022 7.30pm

Minutes of a General Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Old Schoolroom Wednesday 28 September 2022 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs J Rose (Chair), W Kett, David Atkins, Graham Delaney, S Gibbs

Clerk: Ruth Millard

Members of the Public: Buckinghamshire Council Cllrs Peter Cooper, Ashley Bond, Diana Blamires

55/22 Apologies and Members' Interests

Members received and accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs P Gupta and T Jameson-Evans.

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 were declared.

56/22 Open Forum Buckinghamshire Cllrs discussed the draft boundary changes. The Planning Enforcement Team has new officers who are working well together and enforcement issues are being resolved. Bucks Council's Highways contractors will change in April 23 from Ringway Jacobs to Balfour Beatty, who are taking on an eight-year contract with the option of a further two years. Improved working and liaison are expected.

57/22 Approval of Minutes

The members AGREED the minutes from the Interim Meeting 24 August 2022 as a true account. The Chair signed the minutes.

58/22 Finance and Accounts

a. Payments; Members noted the payments for August and September.

AUGUST 2022			
Buckland Landscapes. Inv. 45211	LGA 1972, s101, s214, LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	BP 335	757.20
Joanna Rose, BREWERS order No. 328577	LGA 1972, s101	BP 336	117.50
SEPTEMBER			
Jalexia Webprint Ltd ref. JOB5300647	LGA 1982, s142	BP 337	178.50
Bucklands Landscapes, inv. 45451	LGA 1972, s101, s214, LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	BP 338	757.20
The Old Schoolroom, inv. 6935	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	BP 339	16.25
The Old Schoolroom, inv. 6942	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	BP 340	4.00
Steven Richards, duck food	LGA 1972 s137	BP 341	83.19
Buckinghamshire Council, new dog bin,	Litter (Animal Droppings) Order 1991	BP 342	334.16
ER Millard, August Salary	LGA 1972, s112	BP 343	336.70
S Gibbs, reimbursement, Dog fouling signs, QEII Photo	Litter (Animal Droppings) Order 1991, LGA 1972, s137	BP 344	26.88
Geo Cheshire Plant Hire & Contractors, pond clearance	LG(misc Prov)A 1976, s19	BP 345	960.00
ER Millard, September Salary	LGA 1972, s112	BP 346	336.70
Sarah Gibbs, reimbursement light lunch BKV award	LGA 1972, s137	BP 347	35.14
Ruth Millard, Home Allowances and Expenses to 30.09.22	LGA 1972, s111	BP 348	316.85

b. Accounts. Members AGREED the statement of accounts and bank reconciliation for end August 2022

c. Clerk Annual Review. To note, will be carried out before November meeting by Cllrs JR and SG.

59/22 Planning No new applications.

60/22 Environment

a. Footpaths, Footways and Highways

i. Speed Control. MVAS, SpeedWatch. The Council is looking for additional volunteers to help with MVAS. Cllr GD to contact Mark Talbott, currently responsible for MVAS. SpeedWatch is being carried out regularly twice a week. Data will be reviewed so that a feasibility study for further permanent speed control measures can potentially be requested from Bucks Council. Speed control measures in other villages will be surveyed.

ii. Footpaths inc gates, signs. Members noted that dog fouling signs have been positioned at either end of Fortescue track and Kirby's Field. WK reported that she will follow up again with the tenant about converting the footpath stile to gate on Fields Farm. No update re Owls Barn footpath. The case is with the Local Access Forum, but progress can take many years.

iii. Dog bins. Members noted the payment for a new bin at the Fortescue gate. Members discussed the purchase of a new bin for Aston Abbots Road and RESOLVED to apply to Bucks Council for one to go on the footpath pole at the pavement end of the track to Kirby's Field, as both immediate neighbours had no objections.

iv. Transport for Bucks. Update re. poplar tree in verge outside Hinton House. WK has reported to UK Power Networks the growth being close to the overhead wires. Transport for Bucks have full details and are considering whether they have responsibility for its care.

v. Devolved services. Members noted that entrance gates have been repainted, and offered a vote of thanks to volunteers Graham Delaney and Paul Winrow. Members agreed to pay £21 for volunteers' refreshments.

b. Street lighting. No issues.

c. Park and Play Area

i. Inspections and Works. On minor works for the equipment, Mr GM is to review and quote. On the gates opposite the Chapel (1 gatepost wobbly due to timber decay), the Council had one quote and was awaiting another.

ii. Horticultural. Members noted cancellation of grass treatment service and reimbursement of £246.99 from Green Thumb.

iii. Parish Noticeboard. To note and discuss the damage to the Noticeboard at the entrance to the Park. The contractor has admitted liability. The original manufacturer Greenbarnes has been asked to provide a quote for a new section.

d. Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges inc. wildflower verges, village tidiness/litter, overhanging hedges/trees, horticultural works, WWG board

i. Pond. Members noted the completion of dredging works. Members noted and agreed the additional support works payment of £99. Members agreed the purchase of new hardwood posts and metallised post protector wrap. ACTION. GD to source the posts and the Clerk to purchase the post protectors from Amazon account.

ii. Overhanging hedges/trees. Update on 8 New Road. The residents have made an initial cut of the overgrowth with a flail. SG will review and contact them again if nothing further is done, as the cut is not yet sufficient.

New issues - 1 High Street (ivy on the wall) and Rosemount House High Street (hedge/brambles overhanging). ACTION. JR will contact the residents. *Subsequent to meeting.* Both residents said they had works planned soon.

iii. Verges. Members discussed the wildflower verges status and agreed to wait until the spring to review further seeding. Members agreed that it is necessary to know what Buckinghamshire Council's schedule is for the New Road verge outside 30mph, in the 2023 season.

e. Management of Weedon Graveyard

i. Horticultural. To note cancellation of grass treatment service and reimbursement of £15.51 from Green Thumb.

ii. Administration. Members agreed the proposed changes to the Graveyard Regulations. ACTION. SG will update the document and circulate to the members. A Risk Assessment for the Graveyard will be produced for review at the next meeting.

iii. Graveyard works proposals for path and rear area. JR had spoken to Buckland Landscapes and chased up their quote. A proposal to ask George Cheshire if he could also submit a quote for the work was received and agreed. ACTION. JR to contact GC.

iv. TPO Beech Tree overhanging neighbour. A Tree Protection Order works application has been submitted to Bucks Council by South Bucks Tree Surgeons on behalf of the council. The neighbour has agreed a contribution to the cost.

f. New capital projects Update on feasibility study of bike rack provision. This item was deferred to the November meeting.

g. Best Kept Village. To review judges' scores and lessons for future years in Gurney Cup win. JR reported that if the PC considered floral displays at the village entrances it may receive extra points. This idea was dismissed as not being feasible, due to the maintenance burden. SG and WK were thanked for their help in providing a superb home-made sandwich lunch in the Old Schoolroom for the 20 members of the BKV Presentation Party on 24th September.

61/22 Correspondence and Communications

a. Website. Inc gov't WCAG (Website Content Accessibility Guidelines). b. Community Board. JR to attend the next meeting 13 October 2022 c. Death of Queen Elizabeth II. Members offered Weedon Parish Council's condolences. The provision of a black-draped table with a picture of the late Queen in the Chapel grounds near the War Memorial where people could lay floral tributes during the period of mourning was felt to be suitably respectful and appropriate for a village of Weedon's size.

62/22 Date of next meeting

To agree the date of the next general meeting Tuesday 15 November 2022.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Chair Signature

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Minutes prepared by;

Ruth Millard 06/10/2022