

# Weedon Parish Council Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 21 March 2023 7.30pm

Minutes of a General Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Old Schoolroom Tuesday 21 March 2023 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs J Rose (Chair), W Kett, D Atkins, G Delaney, P Gupta, T Jameson-Evans

**Clerk:** Ruth Millard

**Members of the Public:** Bucks Council Cllrs Ashley Bond, Peter Cooper

## 16/23 Apologies and Members' Interests

Members accepted apologies for absence from Cllr S Gibbs, Bucks Council Cllr Diana Blamires and Sally Jones (resident).

*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.

## 17/23 Public Open Forum

Cllr Peter Cooper gave a report of the Highways Meeting that he and Ashley Bond had attended and outlined the way liaison with the new Highways contractor for Bucks Council would work.

## 18/23 Approval of Minutes

Members agreed the minutes from the Planning Meeting 13 February 2023 as a true record of the meeting. The Chair signed the minutes.

## 19/23 Planning

*23/00544/APP Glebe Farm Northcroft.* Demolition of single storey stables building together with demolition of other existing structures. Erection of 1x4 bed single storey dwellinghouse with associated parking, amenity space, landscaping provision. Members agreed No Objections.

## 20/23 Finance and Accounts

- Payments. Members noted the Old Schoolroom hire charges increase. Members noted the payments made since the last meeting and payments for this meeting.
- Accounts. **Noted statement of accounts and bank reconciliation for end February 2023.**
- Devolution Agreement. Members noted the uplift proposed and agreed and signed the document.

### February 2023 Balances

Business Account	28 February 2023	23,622.34
Treasurers Account	28 February 2023	1,000.00

### February 2023 Income

Business Account ....3205	9 Feb 2023 - Interest	<b>12.01</b>
Treasurers Account ....7936	28 Feb 2023 – J Freeman, a tree donation	<b>880.00</b>

### Direct Debits January/February 2023

<b>SSE, invoices 04.01.2023-01.02.2023 Acc. for January</b>	<b>LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para</b>	<b>DD</b>	<b>44.41</b>
<b>SSE, invoices 02.02.2023-01.03.2023 Acc. for February</b>	<b>LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para</b>	<b>DD</b>	<b>43.10</b>

### Invoices for online payments

<b>FEBRUARY 2023</b>			
<b>Buckland Landscapes Ltd. Invoice 46949</b>	<b>LG(misc Prov)A 1976, s19, LGA 1972, s101 &amp; s214</b>	<b>BP 375</b>	<b>757.20</b>
<b>The Old Schoolroom, invoice 6992</b>	<b>LGA 1972, s133</b>	<b>BP 376</b>	<b>32.50</b>

MARCH 2023			
South Bucks Tree Surgeons, Inv. 10889	LGA 1972, s214 &	BP 377	2484.00
Buckland Landscapes Ltd. Inv. 47288	LG(misc Prov)A 1976, s19 & LGA 1972, s101 & s214	BP 378	757.20
Bucks Council, inv. 2205052818 - install dog bin AA Road	Litter (Animal Droppings) Order 1991	BP 379	334.16
ER Millard, February 2023 remunerations	LGA 1972, s112	BP 380	369.46
Bucks Council, inv. 2205052826 – Dog waste Collection x 1 qtr	Litter (Animal Droppings) Order 1991	BP 381	16.85
Bucklands Landscapes Ltd. Invoice 47289	LG(misc Prov)A 1976, s19 & LGA 1972, s101 & s214	BP 382	757.20
The Old Schoolroom, invoice 7001 – 13/02/2023	LGA 1972, s133	BP 383	6.50
ER Millard, March 2023 remunerations	LGA 1972, s112	BP 384	369.46
Graham Delaney, MVAS Backup Batteries	Local Gov. & Ratings Act 1997, s26	BP 385	11.38
Parochial Church Council of Hardewicke grant	LGA 1972, s214	BP 386	200.00
The Ramblers Association (BU), Kissing gate fp WEE/7/1	Highways Act 1980, ss 43 and 50	BP 388	500.00
ER Millard, Allowances & Expenses 1.10.2022 - 31.03.2023	LGA 1972, s111	BP 389	407.33

## 21/23 Environment

### a. Footpaths, Footways and Highways

- i. *Speed Control*. MVAS, SpeedWatch, Other. Members discussed status and options with Bucks councillors, which included proposal for working party to meet with PC Turnham/ Bucks Highways to optimise SpeedWatch.  
**Action**. SG to arrange with PC Lee Turnham and a working party of the PC.  
Bucks Cllr P Cooper suggested to formalise all data, decide what the PC wants to achieve and then speak to Bucks Highways when the new contractor has been working for about 3 months. Some options Members will discuss with Bucks Highways were a road speed measuring strip and longer-term fixed solutions including upgrading MVAS to smiley signs.
- ii. *Footpaths inc gates, signs*. Update on install after CB grant award for 2 new gates. WK reported that one of the gates will be installed this week.
- iii. *Litter, Dog and Grit bins*. WK reported that the new bin is being well used and she'd had a thank you from a resident. A problem with incorrect invoicing of the emptying of the dog bins for the year 22-23 was being resolved by the Clerk.
- iv. *Transport for Bucks*. Future liaison (note transition briefing 30 March 2023). Agree to raise High St parking issues, street sign replacement with Bucks Highways. **Action**. JR will be attending.
- v. *Bus stop benches*. Consider replacement of fallen-down bench at New Rd/A413 bus stop and any other bus stop benches. The members discussed this and agreed that due to very low usage of bus stops in the village, to await consideration until it is raised by a resident.
- vi. *Best Kept Village*. Members agreed to enter the competition for 2023 and have a volunteer clean-up session on the Coronation weekend Bank Holiday Monday. Additional floral displays at the entrance gates were discussed, but Members decided against, as these would be very difficult and expensive to maintain. JR suggested photographing the Spring daffodil displays at the gates and including them in the entry.

b. *Street lighting*. No problems advised.

### c. Park and Play Area

- i. *Inspections*. The Annual Inspection is expected in May. TJE will purchase and install new bird spikes. WK reported that both the newly repaired park gates are fine.
- ii. *Horticultural*.  
JR queried whether the hedges had both been cut in October, and it was confirmed they had.

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

- i. *Horticultural Contracts 23-24*. Members considered the tenders and awarded the contracts to: Buckland for the Amenities Areas and Chapel, and MRA for the Devolved Services. **Action**: JR will request an on-site visit.

ii. *Overhanging issues.* Review 8 New Road (hedge/ditch/verge). Members agreed to send a letter stipulating completion by end of November. **Action:** SG. 95 Aston Abbotts Road verge. Members agreed to leave it and review again at the end of the season, as it will be getting cut regularly as part of the standard verges contract.

e. **Capital Projects/Exceptional Expenditure.** Projects yet to be proposed.

## 22/23 Weedon Graveyard Management

### a. Administration

i. *Risk Assessment for the Graveyard.* Members agreed the version finalised by SG and JR would upload.

ii. *Charges review from April 23.* Members agreed a 20% uplift.

### b. Horticultural

i. *Works proposals for path and rear area.* Suggestion to contact George Cheshire, which Members agreed.

ii. *Works to TPO beech tree.* An excellent job has been done to the beech tree. Neighbours had made a donation to the tree costs.

## 23/23 Correspondence and Communications

a. **Website** inc gov't WCAG (Website Content Accessibility Guidelines). No problems.

b. **Community Board.** The Parish Council to consider applying for grants for speed control feasibility study and, if approved, for SIDs (speed indicator devices).

### c. Grant requests.

i. Consider grant and permission requests from Weedon Village Association for Picnic in the Park event Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May for the Coronation. Members agreed.

ii. Consider grant request £200 for Hardwick graveyard. Members agreed.

24/23 Date of next meeting      Tuesday 16 May 2023

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Chair Signature .....

Date.....

Minutes prepared by

Ruth Millard              04/04/2023