

# Weedon Parish Council Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 18 July 2023 7.30pm

Minutes of a General Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Old Schoolroom Tuesday 18 July 2023 7.30pm

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

**Clerk: Ruth Millard**

**Members of the Public:** N and S Lofty (planning applicants), PCSOs Tina Hobson and Connor Smith

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## 53/23 Public Open Forum

The PCSOs (from Wing Neighbourhood Policing Team) gave the members the crime stats for the area, answered questions and left publicity material.

## 54/23 Apologies and Members' Interests

Members received and accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs S Gibbs, P Gupta, Bucks Council Cllrs A Bond and D Blamires, and PC Dionne Edwards.

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 Members' Interests declared.**

## 55/23 Approval of Minutes

Members agreed the minutes from the Extraordinary Meeting 21 June 2023 as an accurate account of the meeting. The Chair signed the minutes.

## 56/23 Planning

- a. *23/01854/APP 4 New Road* Householder application for erection of a single storey rear extension and relocation of front door with canopy above.

The Chair opened the meeting to allow the applicants to explain their planning application.

They explained that the original extension was done in 1965 and it didn't work for them. The front door was around the back of the house therefore visitors had difficulty finding it. It also blocks the light to the neighbouring property. There is a shower that can't be used as without insulation it is too cold and damp most of the time. The canopy is already in position where they would like to move the front door to and they would slope the roof the opposite way to the extension to the back.

The Chair closed the meeting for the Councillors to discuss. **Resolved:** No objection to 23/01854/APP.

- b. Update on OS 7009 Aston Abbots Road remaining gap land (wildlife amenity space and public park bench). JR, SG and T-JE have been working with R Bates of Turpins Orchard towards the Heads of Terms. SG, a qualified and practising solicitor, will act for the Parish Council on a pro bono basis. SG will arrange for a review of proposed actions and documents by NALC lawyers to ensure the PC's position is fully in accordance with the statutory framework.

## 57/23 Finance and Accounts

- a. **Payments.** Members noted invoices to be paid and payments made between meetings.
- b. **Accounts.** Members agreed statement of accounts for 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and bank reconciliation for end June.
- c. **Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23** Members noted that Weedon Parish Council has been selected as part of the random 5% sample subject to intermediate level review procedures this year. **Action:** Clerk had sent of copies of the requested March 2023 bank statements to the Auditors.

## 58/23 Environment

- a. **Footpaths, Footways and Highways**

i. **Speed Control.** MVAS, SpeedWatch, Other.

**Speedwatch.** Regular sessions are continuing. **Action:** SG is trying to contact PC Turnham for a meeting.

**Upgrade MVAS.** **Action:** GD will make contact with Wingrave Council following an email received from them regarding newer-style SiDs.

*Data submission. Action:* JR will contact police speed data specialist Neil Biggs (contact given by attending PCSOs) to help determine stats that need to be submitted to inform any feasibility study of fixed speed control solutions.

*Bucks Highways. Action:* Members agreed to aim for a meeting with Bucks Highways in the autumn to discuss options.

*ii. Litter, Dog and Grit bins.* All in good repair and waste collections are being done as scheduled.

*iii. Best Kept Village.* Members were pleased with the condition of the village during the judging period. Results are awaited.

*iv. Footpaths inc gates, signs.* The two footpath gates with dedication notices are completed. The grant reclaim from the Community Board is in progress.

*iv. Bucks Highways. Village gates:* GD and volunteer P Winrow carried out a very effective repair. The local area technician had inspected and confirmed Bucks would schedule a full replacement, but this would be of low priority. Members thanked the volunteers and confirmed they were perfectly happy with the repair.

*Street sign replacement.* JR has reported the damaged Northcroft sign on FixMyStreet. Awaiting repair/replace.

*General street condition.* Members noted that potholes were being repaired in a timely way and there was nothing pressing to contact the LAT about.

b. *Street lighting.* Nothing to report.

c. *Park and Play Area*

*i. Inspections and works arising.* Works to be done following annual ROSPA inspection. **Action:** JR, GD, TJ-E will meet with the handyman on site and discuss what needs doing. Date to be fixed mid-August. **Action:** JR will contact the installer of the new gate closing mechanism to establish how to reduce the ROSPA-reported "violent action".

*ii. Horticultural.* The Park hedges have been very well cut (June cut).

d. *Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges:* The new contractor has done a good job on the verges. **Action:** Within 2 weeks, instruct him to cut and remove on the wildflower verges.

*Village tidiness/litter:* All OK *New overhanging issues:* None reported.

*Overhanging at 8 New Road (hedge/ditch/verge)* SG is liaising with the owner. If actions are not taken satisfactorily in September, then statutory notices will be served.

e. *Capital Projects/Exceptional Expenditure.* No new projects.

59/23 *Weedon Graveyard Management* inc horticultural, administration, applications for memorials/EROBs

a. *Administration* *i.* The Chair and Clerk signed the EROBs for Graham Fincher and Roger Aiston.

*ii.* Graveyard deposits made before WPC lease. **Action:** SG will present a review and proposal for procedure.

b. *Horticultural:* *i.* Works proposals for path and rear area. Members decided that an appropriate path design was not currently worthwhile. **Action:** JR to get re-quotes for just the levelling out and earth moving.

60/23 *Correspondence and Communications*

*Website* - all up to date. *Community Board* - JR is continuing to attend the meetings. *Newsletters* - JR is working on the annual newsletter for September publication.

*i. Town & Parish Survey.* JR tabled her proposed responses. Cllrs were invited to make comments, before she submits online by 31<sup>st</sup> July.

61/23 *Date of next meeting* Tuesday 19 September 2023

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Chair Signature .....

Date.....

Minutes prepared by *Ruth Millard* 19/07/2023