

Weedon Parish Council Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 19 March 2024 7.30pm

Minutes of a General Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Old Schoolroom Tuesday 19 March 2024 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs J Rose (Chair), S Gibbs, T Jameson-Evans, W Kett, D Atkins

Clerk: Ruth Millard

Members of the Public: R Followell, S Lofty (residents), Bucks Cllr P Cooper (who was called away unexpectedly)

18/24 Public Open Forum

RF reported that his car had been damaged when parked outside the pub. He was concerned about village security and has spoken to the landlord about having cameras installed. He also felt the need for extra defibrillators, and holding a CPR course for residents.

SL reported his concern regarding the speed of vehicles coming down the Aston Abbots Road and into New Road especially where the road narrows beside the pub and asked the Council to consider further speed control options in the village.

19/24 Apologies and Members' Interests

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.

Members received and accepted apologies for absence from Cllr G Delaney and Bucks Cllrs A Bond and D Blamires.

20/24 Approval of Minutes

Members agreed the minutes from the Planning Meeting of 13 February 2024 as an accurate account. The Chair signed the minutes.

21/24 Planning

i. Update on OS 7009 Aston Abbots Road remaining gap land (wildlife amenity space and public park bench). SG reported that R Bates would like to change the location of the espalier area. Members agreed to review, but did not think there was a problem.

ii. Legal and contracts. SG was still waiting for NALC's advice, but signing of the Heads of Terms on previously agreed terms was imminent.

iii. Members considered options for 4-person hardwood bench, its positioning and installation, including building up the land and re-siting of litter bin. The feeling was that the ground was too wet at the moment for work on the bench. It would be better to wait and also see the position of the drive to the new house. **Action:** TJE will re-position the bin as soon as possible.

22/24 Finance and Accounts

a. **Payments.** Members noted invoices to be paid and payments made between meetings.

b. **Accounts.** Members agreed statement of accounts and bank reconciliation for end February 2024. To note that 22/23 VAT reclaim is still to do.

January / February 2024 Balances

Business Account	27 February 2024	17,049.42
Treasurers Account	27 February 2024	1000.00
Business Account	26 January 2024	18,177.22
Treasurers Account	26 January 2024	1,000.00

Income November/December 2023

Business Account3205	09 February 2024 - Interest	20.77
	04 January 2024 - Interest	20.16

Direct Debits Nov/Dec 2023

SSE, invoices 01.01.2024-31.01.2024 Acc. for Jan 2024	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para	DD	47.36
SSE, invoices 01.12.2023-31.12.2023 Acc. for Dec 2023	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para	DD	47.36

Invoices for online payments

JANUARY 2024			
PCC of Hardwick & Weedon, Donation	LGA 1972, s214	BP 451	200.00
1 st Granborough Scout Group, Donation	LGA 1972, s137	BP 452	50.00
ER Millard, Salary Jan 2024	LGA 1972,s112	BP 453	514.66
HMRC Jan 2024 Income Tax	LGA 1972, s112	BP 453a	114.80
FEBRUARY 2024			
Jaydee Living Ltd. Inv. 18764 Outdoor Rubbish Bin	Litter Act 1983, ss5	BP 454	152.34
The Old Schoolroom, inv. 7086	LG(misc Prov)A 1976, s19	BP 455	20.00
Buckland Landscapes Ltd, Jan 2024 inv. 50617	LG(Misc Prov)A 1976, s19 & LGA 1972, s214	BP 456	402.50
MRA Garden Services	LGA 1972, s101	BP 457	65.00
ER Millard, Salary Feb 2024	LGA 1972, s112	BP 458	380.17
HMRC Feb 2024 Income Tax	LGA 1972, s112	BP 458a	81.20
MARCH 2024			
Bucks Council, Inv 2205075646 dog waste collect	Litter (Animal Droppings) Order 1991	BP 459	210.31
The Old Schoolroom, Inv. 7094	LG(misc Prov)A 1976, s19	BP 460	8.00
Buckland Landscapes Ltd, Feb 2024 Inv. 50907	LG(Misc Prov)A 1976, s19 & LGA 1972, s214	BP 461	402.50
Buckland Landscapes Ltd, March 2024 Inv.	LG(Misc Prov)A 1976, s19 & LGA 1972, s214	BP 462	402.50
ER Millard, Salary March 2024	LGA 1972, s112	BP 463	380.17
HMRC March 2024 Income Tax	LGA 1972, 112	BP 463a	81.20
ER Millard, Expenses & Allowances	LGA 1972, s111	BP 464	375.00
South Bucks Tree Surgeons Ltd, inv.11830	LG(Misc Prov)A 1976, s19 & LGA 1972	BP 465	816.00
South Bucks Tree Surgeons Ltd, inv.11831	LGA 1972, s214	BP 466	810.00
Elan City-UK	LGA 1972, s137	BP 467	2807.99

23/24 Environment

a. Footpaths, Footways and Highways

i. Speed Control.

- Update on install of new ElanCity MVAS and review of 2 older MVAS. Members discussed laying out the spare current MVAS pole (3m) and presenting the unit and solar panel to it. If not suitable, then a new pole could be sourced. **Action:** JR, GD would meet with installers to carry out the exercise.
- Update on Speedwatch. Members agreed to advertise for volunteers for Speedwatch in May, then do a blitz for a week.

ii. Litter, Dog and Grit bins. The members noted a new litter bin has been installed on the A413.

iii. Footpaths inc gates, signs. WK reported that Footpath 12 was becoming very muddy and in areas the fence is leaning into the footpath. **Action:** SG to ask the landowner to fix the fence.

iv. Bucks Highways. No specific tasks outstanding, but members noted that issues reported on FixMyStreet were being dealt with quickly. Everyone was encouraged to use FixMyStreet.

v. Bucks Highways Devolution. Members noted the 24/25 agreement signed at a marginally increased rate.

vi. Best Kept Village 2024. Members agreed to enter the competition. **Action:** JR will prepare the entry forms.

b. Street lighting No problems reported.

c. Park and Play Area

i. Inspections and works arising. The volunteers who did monthly inspections can no longer do so. **Action:** JR to ask potential new inspectors. Some scheduled work is still to be completed in the park by the contractor, when weather permits.

ii. Horticultural. Members noted that the tree surgery work has been completed according to the planning consent.

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

i. *Overhanging issues.* JR was pleased to report that 8 New Road hedge has been cut back to its original position by the new owners.

e. **Capital Projects/Exceptional Expenditure** The members discussed the resident's proposals for increasing village security, but decided no action was viable. In respect of more defibrillators and training, JR will contact Cllr Peter Cooper to ask his advice, due to his experience as a First Responder.

24/24 Weedon Graveyard Management inc horticultural, administration, applications for memorials/EROBs

a. **Administration.** Members reviewed the charges and decided to hold them for another year.

b. **Horticultural** Members agreed that it was too wet at the moment to clear the spoil at the end of the graveyard. Members noted that the tree surgery work has been completed according to the planning consent. TJE was thanked for his donation towards the works.

25/24 Correspondence and Communications inc website, Community Board, annual/other newsletters

26/24 Casual vacancy

Members noted the resignation of Poonam Gupta and thanked her for her service as a councillor. The Clerk will inform Buckinghamshire Council who will advise on process. If no election is called for by residents, a co-option process will start and the vacancy be advertised in the May parish magazine.

27/24 Date of next meeting Tuesday 22 May 2024

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Chair Signature

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