

# Weedon Parish Council Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 1 May 2024 7.30pm

Minutes of a Planning Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Chapel Tuesday 1 May 2024 7.30pm

**Present: Cllrs J Rose (Chair), W Kett, T Jameson-Evans, S Gibbs, David Atkins, Graham Delaney**

**Clerk: Ruth Millard**

**Members of the Public: 24 residents**

**Bucks Council Councillors: Diana Blamires, Ashley Bond, Peter Cooper**

**Agent for the applicant: Joseph Jones**

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## 28/24 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 apologies.

No interests declared.

## 29/24 Approval of Minutes

Members agreed the minutes from the General Meeting of the Council 19 March 2024 as an accurate account. The Chair signed the minutes.

## 30/24 Planning

**24/01053/APP** The Old Stables Cooks Hill High Street Weedon / Change of use of land to residential for one Gypsy Traveller family. 1 Static Caravan, 1 Touring Caravan, Parking for 2 cars with associated development and infrastructure

**JR opened the meeting to an Open Forum.**

She explained how the meeting would proceed and asked everyone to have respect while people were speaking. The Chair introduced Joseph Jones, the agent for the applicant.

JJ spoke about the history of the applicant's family (travellers) and said that she was homeless and needed a permanent place to live with her young children. He spoke about the services on the site, including a cess pit and mains water.

One resident wanted to know about the condition of the horse that was on the site as it had been loose on the street unattended. JJ said it belonged to the applicant's cousin.

The residents wanted to know exactly what was the definition of a "family". JJ said that the application was for a woman and her 2 children and partner. The application was for a 2-bedroom static caravan and a touring caravan.

One of the Councillors asked if the children were registered in school. JJ said that one was coming up to 5 years and the other one was a toddler. Therefore, the mother is looking to register the children at school and nursery, but had not done so yet.

A resident questioned where the septic tank was located. JJ said it wasn't close to the flood area.

Peter Cooper explained that the planning authority had to work to specific boundaries. The area had had temporary planning permission for the caravans from 2013 to November 2015 and this had lapsed without anyone ever moving in. This application is for change of use of land to residential traveller site for just ONE family.

Although the caravans have been moved in already, which was regrettable, no planning enforcement will take place while a planning application is being considered.

