

Weedon Parish Council Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 20 January 2026 7.30pm

Minutes of the Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Old Schoolroom Tuesday 20 January 2026
7.30pm

Present: Cllrs J Rose (Chair), S Gibbs, W Kett, G Fincher, T Jameson-Evans, J Hopper

Clerk: R Millard

Members of the Public: John and Frances Smith (residents)

01/26 Apologies and Members' Interests Members received and accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs T Bailey & Bucks Cllr P Gomm.

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 declared.

02/26 Open Forum

Two households in New Road, including the residents attending the meeting, had been in correspondence with the local MP with regard to the increased traffic, including many more HGVs, and speeding through the village. There was a full discussion and the Council agreed to follow up the residents' letters with Bucks Council.

03/26 Approval of Minutes Members agreed the minutes from the Parish Council meeting 18 November 2025 as a true account of the meeting. The Chair signed the minutes.

04/26 Planning

a. **Updates on current plans and enforcement issues**

No-one has moved on to the site at the Old Stables. There are no Enforcement cases for Weedon showing on the Bucks Planning website. Due to long processing times at Land Registry, the Council is still awaiting notification of formal registration of the gap land between 40 and 50 Aston Abbotts Road.

b. **New planning applications**

None notified.

05/26 Finance and Accounts

a. **Payments** Members reviewed and signed the invoices and payments.

b. **Accounts** Members agreed the statement of accounts at 31 Dec 25 and confirmed bank reconciliations for Nov and Dec 2025.

c. **Clerk Annual Review.** The members agreed the Clerk, SG and JR would meet on Thursday 29 January 2026.

d. **Grants.** Members considered grant requests for Hardwick PCC for graveyard s.214 £200 and 1st Granborough Scouts for Xmas Tree collection s.137 £15 and agreed both.

e. **2026/27 Budget and Precept.** The members discussed the budget for 26/27 and agreed budgeted expenditure of £21,064 and a Precept of 16,107. The precept amount represented an increase of 4.95% on residents' household council tax over the 25-26 amount.

f. **Information Policies.** Members agreed to review in accordance with the updated guidance.

06/26 Environment

a. **Footpaths, Footways and Highways**

i. **Speed Control.** Speedwatch sessions will start to be scheduled from March. Members will investigate the cost of temporary road devices for traffic recording (eg. "tubes"). Cllr JR will revisit downloading data from the MVAS's, particularly the newest one. Cllr JR will invite Matt Whincup (Local Area Technician) from Highways on a site visit to discuss options.

ii. **Footpaths, gates, signs.** Re Footpath 12 hedge/ditch, latest information strongly suggests these are the landowner's responsibility – in this case, probably the showground owners. Cllr JR will contact Matt Whincup to discuss.

The Footpaths Map A4 signs discussed previously will be re-drafted by Cllr JR to show more of the southern path network. On approval, Cllr GF reiterated his offer to back the laminated sheets on to board and erect at the agreed footpath entrance gates.

iii. *Dog & Litter bins.* All in good condition. Annual dog bin invoice for 25-26 has been received – the rate is £82 per bin for weekly collection.

iv. *Bucks Highways.* Traffic/speeding was discussed in the Open Forum (item 02/26 above).

v. *Devolved services.* Notice of the 26-27 devolved services payment amount is awaited. Bucks Council's review of 25-26 D/S indicated a minor uplift of around the inflation rate. Members agreed to carry out an equivalent Devolved Services regime in 26-27 to that of 25-26 (10 standard verge cuts, 2 wildflower verge cuts, 2 cuts of Footpath 12). The 25-26 contractor will be approached to quote for 26-27.

b. **Street lighting.** Invoicing and payment of streetlight electricity was suspended in October, pending a changeover by the supplier from non-half-hourly billing of Unmetered Supply to half-hourly billing. The Council is in a 3-year fixed price contract to 2028. *After the meeting*, Ecotricity confirmed they should issue the bills by the end of February and there would be no change in the rates.

c. **Park and Play Area**

i. *Inspections and Works.* JR will purchase the bird spikes. When the weather is suitable, GF will install these and a replacement post in the palisade in the play area, for a small fee to cover his time. Sanding, bolt tightening and other minor repairs had been carried out on a voluntary basis by Cllrs GF and JH.

ii. *Horticultural.* Members decided not to get extra quotes, if the contractor will continue into 2026-27 with a reasonable quote for the same level of services.

iii. *Play equipment upgrades* [Note s.106 funding £40,748.75 by 20.02.35] Cllrs JR and WK had met with Joe Houston at Bucks Council to clarify the process of using the s.106 funding and what items would qualify. Repairs to existing equipment would not be covered; only new, upgraded or additional equipment can be funded. JR will contact Jupiter Play (who supplied and installed the play equipment in 2015) to come and give a review and make proposals on this basis.

When their suggestions come forward, JR will formulate a consultation document for residents to comment on. The PC will be dependent on the S.106 funding, plus outside or residents' grants, as the 26-27 budget has no room for capital expenditure. WVA and a previous grant provider (resident) have already offered contributions.

d. **Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges.**

To include wildflower verges, village tidiness/litter, overhanging hedges/trees, horticultural works.

i. The pond information board should be delivered soon.

ii. Update re 95 Aston Abbotts Road hedge/ditch issue. Matt Whincup has confirmed that the responsibility of the hedge and ditch along Aston Abbotts Road is that of the property owners – therefore, the housing trust Fairhive for their properties and the owner residents for no. 95. A site meeting will be arranged by Fairhive to include relevant stakeholders.

e. **Management of Weedon Graveyard**

i. *Admin.* Working well. ii. *Applications for burials, memorials and EROBs.* None.

iii. *Horticultural and Works.* Native trees in the rear hedge were planted by the Community Payback team.

Re 2026/27 horticultural contract, members decided not to get extra outside quotes, if the current contractors will continue into 2026-27 with a reasonable quote for the same services.

iv. *War Memorial Cleaning.* Outside contractors were felt to be unnecessary. Cleaning would be carried out using appropriate cleaning products by volunteer groups or the Community Payback team.

f. **Other capital projects.** None to consider outside the new Play Equipment, discussed under item 06/26 c.

07/26 **Correspondence and Communications** To include website, Community Board, annual PC newsletter

- Cllr JR is continuing to attend the local West Bucks Community Board meetings.
- The website is still working well with the current hosting and has enhanced security built in.
- It was agreed to continue to produce the annual PC newsletter in September.

08/26 **Date of next meeting.** To agree date of General Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 17 March 2026

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Chair Signature

Date.....

Agenda item 05/26

Bank Transactions 01-11-25 to 31-12-25

			Total
30 November 2025	Business Reserve Account	11,070.51	12,070.51
	Treasurer's (Current) Account	1,000.00	
31 December 2025	Business Reserve Account	9687.21	10,687.21
	Treasurer's (Current) Account	1,000.00	

INCOME			
Community Instant Access	Interest November	10 Nov. 2025	7.34
Community Instant Access	Interest December	09 Dec. 2025	5.68
	Interment Fee Eileen Aiston	30 Dec. 2025	180.00

DIRECT DEBITS			
Bank Service Charge Ref: 469242432	LGA 1972, s111	18 Nov 2025	4.25
Ecotricity re 30.08.2025 - Ac 200321921	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para		
Ecotricity re 30.08.2025 - Ac 200321932	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para		
Bank Service Charge Ref: 466763338	LGA 1972, s111	16 Dec 2025	4.25

ONLINE PAYMENT INVOICES			
NOVEMBER 2025			
Scribe - Starboard Systems Ltd. Inv. 12614	LGA 1972, s111	BP 578	328.32
Buckland Landscapes Ltd, inv. 56159	LG(Misc Prov)A 1976, s19 & LGA 1972, s214	BP 579	442.69
Sarah Gibbs ref Elixir Garden Supplies	LGA 1972, s214	BP 580	46.49
ER Millard Nov 2025 Salary	LGA 1972, s112	BP 581	393.95
HMRC, Nov 2025, tax employee & employer NIC	LGA 1972, s112		113.84
SE BAYLIS Christmas Tree inv.2728	LGA 1972, s137	BP 582	174.00
MRA Garden Services, inv.02974	LGA 1972, s101	BP 583	1075.00
Wel Medical, 1 pair AED pads	LGA 1972, s137	BP 584	158.70
DECEMBER 2025			
Buckland landscapes, inv. 57149	(Misc Prov)A 1976, s19 & LGA 1972, s214	BP 585	442.69
Joanna Rose reimbursement Domain Renewal	LGA 1972, s111	BP 586	46.76
The Old Schoolroom, inv. 7281	LGA 1972, s133	BP 587	25.00
Steven Richards inv. SI-34254	LGA 1972, a137	BP 588	89.19
MRA Garden Services, inv. 28745	LGA 1972, s101	BP 589	75.00
ER Millard, December 2025 Salary	LGA 1972, s112	BP 590	273.75
HMRC, October 2025, tax employee & employer NIC	LGA 1972, s112		234.04
ER Millard, Expenses & Allowances 6mths 01.04.25-30.09.25	LGA 1972, s111	BP 591	377.80