

Weedon Parish Council Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 17 March 2026 7.30pm

Minutes of the Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Old Schoolroom Tuesday 17 March 2026
7.30pm

Present: Cllrs J Rose (Chair), S Gibbs, W Kett, G Fincher, T Bailey

Clerk: R Millard

Members of the Public: Bucks Councillor P Gomm

20/26 **Apologies and Members' Interests** Members received and accepted apologies for absence from councillors T Jameson-Evans and J Hopper

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.

21/26 **Open Forum**

Discussion regarding the input of comments from Weedon Parish Council to the drafting of the new Bucks Local Plan. Bucks Cllr Philip Gomm offered to speak at a public meeting in Weedon when consultation is opened to the public. Bucks Council is working as quickly as possible on the plan, as it will be subject to fines from national government if it delays beyond the end of 2026.

Cllr Gomm was updated on Weedon highways issues. The drainage problems in East End are now resolved in part and the LAT has put in a work request to finalise these asap. Cllr Gomm is working within Bucks Council Highways and with the County Show and Vintage Car Show organisers on options to reduce accidents at the junction of New Road with the A413. He offered a Weedon site walk-round to establish possible current options for reducing speeding within the village.

The budget/council tax for Buckinghamshire Council is being raised by 2.99% (general) plus 2% (social care) for the coming year.

22/26 **Approval of Minutes** Members agreed the minutes from the Parish Council Interim meeting 3 March 2026 as a true account of the meeting. The Chair signed the minutes.

23/26 **Planning**

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

On Cooks Hill, a Judicial Review Consent Order is still waiting to be sealed by the court. Although no-one has moved on to the site at the Old Stables, there is water running out of the caravan and onto the road. This has been reported multiple times to Thames Water, but as the leak is on the private property behind locked gates, it is unclear what can be done. The PC will monitor.

b. **Bucks New Local Plan 2025-45**

The Parish Council's submission has been made to the initial feedback request regarding sites.

c. **New planning applications**

None notified.

24/26 **Finance and Accounts**

a. **Payments** Members reviewed and signed the invoices and payments. See page 4 of these Minutes.

b. **Accounts** Members agreed the statement of accounts at 28 February 2026 and confirmed bank reconciliations for Jan and Feb 2026.

c. **Clerk Annual Review**. The Clerk agreed in principle the new model contract from NALC. Members agreed the Clerk would meet with Cllr SG and go through the differences in her job contract before she signs.

d. **Devolved Services Agreement** Members had reviewed the 26/27 agreement with Bucks Council and the Clerk signed on behalf of the Parish Council.

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

f. **Appointment of Internal Auditor** Members agreed to appoint Brian Fludgate, as in previous years.

g. **Horticultural Contracts Amenity Areas & Chapel Graveyard**. The agreed 3-year contract 2026-28 as supplied had a typing error. Clerk would request a corrected copy and then sign the contract.

25/26 Environment

a. Footpaths, Footways and Highways

i. Speed Control.

Speedwatch: Cllr SG will organise an action day in the short term now that daylight hours are longer.

General: Per item 21/26, cllrs will arrange a walkabout in the village. The Smiths and Loftys of New Road, who had written to the local MP, will be invited to join this.

MVAS data: Cllr JR will revisit downloading data from the MVAS's, particularly the newest one. This could be forwarded to the police to try to get TVP mobile officers or van (with direct enforcement powers) to come to Weedon again.

20mph limit: Cllrs agreed not to write to support a 20mph campaign proposed by Whaddon PC. All agreed that in the absence of a school, Weedon villagers were satisfied with 30mph as long as this was strongly enforced.

ii. Footpaths, gates, signs. Re Footpath 12 hedge/ditch. Latest information from Bucks Council Rights of Way confirms that, unless their deeds show otherwise, under the 'hedge and ditch' rule the hedge and ditch bordering footpath 12 are owned by the owners of the showground field and they are therefore responsible for the maintenance. Cllrs SG and WK will draft a letter to the owners to confirm these obligations and ask them, after the bird nesting season, to cut back the hedge overhanging the footpath. The Footpaths Map A4 signs discussed previously have been re-drafted by Cllr JR to show more of the southern path network. On approval, from all the landowners, 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 was received and paid, but Bucks Council then issued a second invoice at a lower price. The Parish Council have requested a refund of the difference.

iv. Bucks Highways. Traffic, accidents & speeding were discussed in Open Forum and item 25/26 a i.

v. Devolved services. The Devolved Services contract for 26-27 was signed (item 24/26 d.) Members had 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), and by the same contractor, even though the payment from Bucks Council has only been increased by 4% to £1,403.77 and by no means covers the work the PC feels necessary.

vi. Best Kept Village. Members agreed to participate again this year. WK said that the WVA will organise a village clean-up as usual.

b. Street lighting.

Invoicing and payment of streetlight electricity is still suspended by the supplier. As we are in a 3-year fixed-price contract, this should be a timing, not a price issue. Clerk or Cllr JR will follow up.

c. Park and Play Area

i. Inspections and Works. The bird spikes have been purchased. 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. A first cut before the start of April will be arranged by contractors within the contract price.

iii. Play equipment upgrades [Note s.106 funding £40,748.75 by 20.02.35] Cllr JR has heard from Jupiter Play and a meeting has been arranged for them to show their plans. The application deadlines for the s.106 money are in a rolling programme every 6 weeks. JR will speak to Joe Houston regarding an initial application for an additional picnic table and seat before the summer. Sourcing options for a table-tennis table are being investigated.

iv. Noticeboard renovation. A good quote has been received for self-healing pin-board material which can be applied to the existing open public boards. The Parish Council agreed to purchase.

d. Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges.

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

i. The pond information board has been delivered and an unveiling is being organised for 24 May 2026.

ii. 95 Aston Abbots Road hedge/ditch issue. Matt Whincup (Highways) has confirmed that the responsibility of the hedge and ditch along Aston Abbots Road is that of the property owners – therefore, the housing trust Fairhive for their properties and the owner residents for no. 95. He had offered to meet residents if required but was in touch with Fairhive who were co-ordinating their response to all stakeholders. Fairhive properties are affected by the flooding due to the neglect of the ditch.

iii. Other. 8 New Road. The owners of the retained piece of land will be contacted about continuing to maintain the hedge and ditch so that the verge is clear for the PC's contractor. Realistically, work would only be possible after the nesting season. Cllr SG would draft notice documents at the appropriate time.

e. Management of Weedon Graveyard

i. *Admin.* Members reviewed the graveyard charges from April 2026 and agreed appropriate inflation-linked rises, as there had been no increase last year. Regulations will be reviewed in May along with the other statutory policy documents.

ii. *Applications for burials, memorials and EROBs.* None.

iii. *Horticultural and Works.* Members agreed to purchase appropriate cleaning materials for the War Memorial. Cleaning will be carried out by volunteer groups or the Community Payback Team.

The Community Payback Team will continue with other clear-up tasks to complement the work of the horticultural contractor. The work by the CPT on improving the setting of the ashes tablets in the ground was admired and the rest of the tablets in the New Graveyard will be completed asap. This will allow easier strimming and neater edging through the summer season. Cllr SG was thanked for her very productive management of the CPT.

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

- Cllr JR gave a report from 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.

27/26 Date of next meeting. To agree date of General Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 19 May 2026

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Chair Signature

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Bank Transactions 01-01-26 to 28-02-26

			Total
31 January 2026	Business Reserve Account	8,526.84	9,526.84
	Treasurer's (Current) Account	1,000.00	
28 February 2026	Business Reserve Account	6,873.36	7,873.36
	Treasurer's (Current) Account	1,000.00	

INCOME			
Community Instant Access	Interest January	09 Jan. 2026	5.19
CE Moran		12 Jan. 2026	300.00
Community Instant Access	Interest February	09 Feb. 2026	4.21

DIRECT DEBITS			
Bank Service Charge Ref: 474200067	LGA 1972. s111	19 Jan. 2026	4.25
Ecotricity re - Ac 200321921	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para	No bill	
Ecotricity re - Ac 200321932	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para	No bill	
Bank Service Charge Ref: 476634646	LGA 1972. s111	17 Feb. 2026	4.75

ONLINE PAYMENT INVOICES			
JANUARY 2026			
Buckland Landscapes Ltd, inv. 57494	LG(Misc Prov)A 1976, s19 & LGA 1972, s214	BP 592	442.69
Bucks Council, inv.2205099586 Empty Dog Waste Bins		BP 593	295.20
PCC of Hardwick, Grant under s214	LGA 1972, s214	BP 594	200.00
1 st Granborough Scouts – Collecting Xmas Tree	LGA 1972, s137	BP 595	15.00
ER Millard Jan 2026 Salary	LGA 1972, s112	BP 596	273.75
HMRC, Jan. 2026, tax employee & employer NIC	LGA 1972, s112		234.04
ER Millard, error Nov 2025 Salary	LGA 1972, s137	BP 597	0.63
FEBRUARY 2026			
Chris Race – Invoice WPC017 Website & email address	LGA 1972, s111	BP 598	630.00
The Old Schoolroom, inv. 7294	LGA 1972, s133	BP 599	25.00
Joanna Rose – reimbursement Bird Spikes	LG(Misc Prov)A 1976, s19	BP 600	47.46
Buckland Landscapes, inv. 57781	LG(Misc Prov)A & LGA 1972, s214	BP 601	442.69
ER Millard, February 2026 Salary	LGA 1972, s112	BP 590	273.75
HMRC, February 2026, tax employee & employer NIC	LGA 1972, s112		234.04