

Weedon Parish Council Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 21 July 2026

Minutes of a General Meeting of Weedon Parish Council held in The Old Schoolroom

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

Clerk: R Millard

Members of the Public: Residents C Macdonald, G Smith; Bucks Councillor Phil Gomm

49/26 Open Forum

Resident C Macdonald questioned if the village has an emergency plan to help housebound and vulnerable residents in the village. At the moment there were recurring water supply issues and heatwaves; later in the year, a hard winter could be a big problem. JR said that the previous Emergency Action Plan or the Covid volunteer coordination could be reinstated more formally and councillors would review these with a view to producing a new plan of action.

Bucks Councillor Phil Gomm talked about a new water pipeline through the village. Approval for this had been achieved in another of his ward villages under Anglian Water. Councillors could raise the issue with Thames Water and PG could get involved.

Re traffic issues, a walkabout was to be arranged. PG said that pothole work had slowed down due to the bigger road work being done. He said that all the left-over material from a larger job instead of being thrown away, was now being used on smaller jobs, at the end of the work. But if there were any potholes desperately needing work done, to let him know.

On planning, PG reiterated the timetable for the Bucks New Local Plan (agenda item 53/26 (c)). Traveller sites are always controversial; Bucks Council has to find 650 gypsy sites in the coming years. Regarding the planning application at 53/26 (b), PG said that he is keeping informed.

Bucks Council has thousands of free trees available that residents and organisations can apply for. PG will send a link. They are introducing a policy that on new-build applications, retaining trees will become a priority.

50/26 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.

Members accepted apologies for absence from Cllr T Bailey. No interests were declared.

51/26 Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Annual Parish Council meeting 19 May 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair.

52/26 Review of Council's Statutory and Governance Documents for 2026/27

KEY DOCUMENTS - Standing Orders, Code of Conduct, Financial Regulations, Risk Assessments

PRIVACY DOCUMENTS - Privacy Policy & Notice, Information Policy, Procedure for requests under Freedom of Information and Data Protection, GDPR Data Audit and Retention of Documents Policy

OTHER DOCUMENTS - Complaints Policy, Equality & Diversity Policy, Communications Policy

The documents are in place and valid. Due to lack of time, the review was deferred to the next meeting.

53/26 Planning

a. New applications. None.

b. Update s.106 re. Land North of Prince Rupert Drive.

The planning application is in process of consideration by Bucks Council. Weedon PC has been contacted by the Section 106 co-ordinator at BC regarding financial contributions by the developer to the parishes (Weedon and Buckingham Park) if the application is permitted. A holding letter will be sent, pending further discussion.

C. Buckinghamshire Draft New Local Plan 2025-45

Cllr J Rose had attended a parish council briefing on July 16th from Bucks Council on the draft new local plan. A Cabinet meeting of the Council was scheduled for 22nd July, where it was expected that the draft plan would be agreed and a public consultation under Regulation 19 of the relevant Planning Act launched on 23rd July 2026. *[Note after the meeting: the draft plan and the consultation were published on 23rd July as expected.]*

The Parish Council had a long discussion regarding the draft Local Plan. There was deep shock and surprise at the site allocations for new housing that were being put forward in the whole of the north of Bucks – much extended beyond what had been shown in the February 2026 initial briefing information.

Significantly for Weedon Hill particularly, a much increased extent and number of houses for the plan period and beyond were being included in the New and Expanded Settlement site for north of Aylesbury (NESS003). Two Weedon housing allocation sites, which had been questioned extensively by the Parish Council in its response to the February 2026 briefing, are also included in the draft plan.

Councillors agreed to send an email to residents who are on email and hard copies to those who are not, giving links and basic information on the draft plan and the consultation, which disappointingly runs over the summer holiday period 23rd July to 6th September.

A PUBLIC drop-in exhibition will be organised, provisionally for Friday 7th August 2-4pm and 6-8pm, in the Old Schoolroom. People will have a chance to see the Plan draft, documents and plans, with at least two parish councillors to be on hand to explain the maps and how we understand the plans and the process. Cllr J Rose and Clerk will request relevant exhibition material from Bucks Council.

Councillors agreed to send in a submission, along the lines of the previous responses in March.

54/26 Finance and Accounts

[see schedule of income and payments in appendix]

Members reviewed invoices and noted the payments. Members agreed statement of accounts and the bank reconciliation to end June 2026.

55/26 Environment

a. Footpaths, Footways and Highways

i. Speed Control. Speedwatch. The team carried out 3 Speedwatch sessions at early morning, lunchtime and early evening sessions on Friday 17 July, in the National Speedwatch Action week. 40 vehicles were picked up and details submitted. More sessions will be scheduled in September.

MVAS data. Cllr J Rose had reviewed data from the new Elan Cite MVAS since its installation and submitted this to councillors. Due to time pressure, detailed discussion was deferred until September's meeting.

ii. Footpaths, gates, signs. The gate at East End needs adjustment again. Cllr G Fincher undertook to do this, as before.

iii. Dog & Litter bins. Nothing to report.

iv. Bucks Highways. HGV signs at New Rd/A413 junction. After some consideration, Members decided not to pursue this, as not felt to be a particular concern. HGV sign is in place at High St/A413 junction.

v. Best Kept Village. Results awaited.

b. Street lighting. No issues.

c. Park and Play Area

i. Inspections and Works. Cllr JR has a contact who will quote for the work shortly. The seat overlooking the pub needs a recoat. A volunteer will be sought. *ii. Horticultural.* Contractor is doing a good job.

iii. Play equipment upgrades *[Note s.106 funding £40,748.75 by 20.02.35].* Jupiter has produced a specimen consultation; Cllrs JR, WK and TB will progress. The WVA Chair is following up on the table tennis table and Cllr JR will meet with her for an update.

d. Pond, Grass, Hedges and Verges

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

Update on overhanging issues 8 New Road/Footpath 12 and 95 Aston Abbots Road. Letters need to be drafted to progress.

e. Management of Weedon Graveyard

i. Admin. No issues.

ii. Applications for burials, memorials, EROBs. Members considered the double burial application for Weedon residents Brenda & Graham Deacon and agreed it. Certificates were signed and will be issued on receipt of payment.

iii. Horticultural and Works. The Community Payback Team carried out cleaning of the War Memorial. Further cleaning of black spots will be initiated. The CPT were also commended for the work on isolating the ashes tablets with a border within the grass and generally carrying out additional maintenance to a high standard over and above the work done by the contractor.

56/26 Correspondence and Communications To include website, Community Board, annual PC newsletter

Website. Needs the Accessibility Statement updating. JR will review and action.

Community Board. Cllr JR is continuing to attend. The new co-ordinator for West Bucks CB wants to have a walk-around. To be arranged with Cllr JR and Clerk.

Annual PC Newsletter. Members agreed to produce an annual newsletter in September, as previously. Cllr JR will start drafting.

57/26 Date of next meeting. To confirm scheduled date of next meeting 15 September 2026.

The meeting closed at 10.10 pm.

Chair Signature

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Agenda Item 54/26

Bank Transactions 01-05-26 to 30-06-26

			Total
31 May 2026	Business Reserve Account	9,149.14	10,149.14
	Treasurer's (Current) Account	1,000.00	
30 June 2026	Business Reserve Account	9,026.86	10,026.86
	Treasurer's (Current) Account	1,000.00	

INCOME			
Community Instant Access	Interest May	09 May 2026	5.09
Churches in Hardwick	Reimbursement for self healing surface	13 May 2026	60.00
RT Gower	Memorial Tablet	02 June 2026	75.00
Community Instant Access	Interest June	09 June 2026	4.02
Bucks Council	devolution payment	12 June 2026	1,403.77

DIRECT DEBITS			
Bank Service Charge Ref: 484117003	LGA 1972. s111	18 May 2026	4.25
Ecotricity re 22.08.2025 – 01.04.2026	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para	15 May 2026	500.61
Ecotricity re 01.04.2026 – 01.05.2026	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para	20 May 2026	49.30
Bank Service Charge Ref: 486725630	LGA 1972. s111	16 June 2026	4.25
Ecotricity re 01.05.2026 – 01.06.2026	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para	22 June 2026	41.94

ONLINE PAYMENT INVOICES			
MAY 2026			
Buckland Landscapes Ltd, inv. 58640	LG(Misc Prov)A 1976, s19 & LGA 1972, s214	BP 613	442.69
Brian Fludgate, Audit & Financial Support	LGA 1972, s111	BP 614	73.00
Grave Clean Ltd, inv. 4719	LGA 1972, s214	BP 615	72.98
MRA Garden Services, inv. 07411	LGA 1972, s101	BP 616	680.00
The Old Schoolroom, inv. 7326	LGA 1972, s133	BP 617	10.00
Zurich Municipals,	LGA 1972, s111	BP 618	774.83
ER Millard May 2026 Salary	LGA 1972, s112	BP 619	308.35
HMRC, May 2026, tax employee & employer NIC	LGA 1972, s112		199.44
JUNE 2026			
Buckland Landscapes Ltd. Inv. 58958	LG(Misc Prov)A 1976, s19 & LGA 1972, s214	BP 620	442.69
Playsafety Limited (ROSPA), inv. 98228	LG(Misc Prov)A 1976, s19	BP 621	128.40
Buckland Landscapes Ltd. Inv. 59075	LG(Misc Prov)A 1976, s19 & LGA 1972, s214	BP 622	60.00
The Old Schoolroom, inv. 7334	LGA 1972, s133	BP 623	35.00
MRA Garden Services Ltd. Inv. 18832	LGA 1972, s111	BP 624	385.00
ER Millard, June 2026 Salary	LGA 1972, s112	BP 625	308.55
HMRC, April 2026, tax employee & employer NIC	LGA 1972, s112		199.24