

Weedon Parish Council Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 15 September 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

Clerk: R Millard

Members of the Public: Resident R Bates

63/26 Open Forum

Resident R Bates explained that he had been asked by the Weedon Hill Residents Group (WHRG), to be their go-between for discussions regarding exploring Neighbourhood Plans. A discussion regarding various options continued.

64/26 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 Cllrs T Bailey, G Fincher, T Jameson-Evans. No interests were declared.

65/26 Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting 2 September 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair.

66/26 Review of Council's Statutory and Governance Documents for 2026/27

- (i) Councillors reviewed existing policies and procedures and confirmed that either no or standard/minor changes were required to the following:

KEY DOCUMENTS - Standing Orders; Code of Conduct; Financial Regulations; Risk Assessments (Governance and Accountability Risk Assessment updated to reflect digital compliance).

PRIVACY DOCUMENTS - Privacy Policy & Notice (updated to reflect Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 provisions regarding complaints); Information Technology Policy; Data Protection & Information Policy.

OTHER DOCUMENTS - Complaints Policy; Equality & Diversity Policy and Communications Policy.

The new Publication Scheme needed further review together with the existing Data Audit and Retention of Documents Policy to ensure consistency. Cllrs J Rose and S Gibbs would liaise with the Clerk to finalise.

It was agreed that a risk assessment for the Pond Area should be completed and Cllrs W Kett and S Gibbs would draft this for approval.

- (ii) The new Co-Option Policy was adopted.

Cllr S Gibbs would prepare the reviewed/adopted documents for filing and uploading to the website.

It was also noted that as of July 2026, parish councils are no longer required to publish members' home addresses on the register of interests, and these must be redacted or removed from public view. Cllr S Gibbs would check the understanding that this task is carried out by the Clerk before submission to Buckinghamshire Council for publication.

67/26 Planning

- a. New applications. None

- b. Update on pending applications

Land N of Prince Rupert Drive and The Old Stables Cooks Hill are still awaiting determination. The PC's objections were registered on the planning website. The PC would not engage further with the planners on S.106 at this stage.

It was noted that there had been a change in policy at Bucks Council, such that only a very few applications could be requested to be considered at a development control meeting. The vast majority of ordinary planning application would be determined under "delegated powers" by the planning officers.

c. Draft Buckinghamshire Local Plan 2025-45

- (i) Regulation 19 consultation. This has now finished. There is no update from Bucks Council on any change to the timetable for the Draft Local Plan.
- (ii) Members had discussed Neighbourhood Plan options in the Open Forum item 63/26, and resolved to investigate Neighbourhood Planning with Buckinghamshire Council, to obtain written advice and establish capacity and cost.

68/26 Finance and Accounts

- a. **Payments & Accounts.** Members reviewed invoices and noted payments. *[see schedule of income and payments in appendix]*. Members agreed statement of accounts and bank reconciliation to end Aug 2026.
- b. **Clerk Remuneration**
Members noted new 2026/27 pay scales published by NALC August 2026 with an increase of 3.3% and confirmed their implementation at continuing SCP18 salary level. Backdated to April 2026.

69/26 Environment

a. Footpaths, Footways and Highways

i. Speed Control. Speedwatch. More sessions will be scheduled in September. There are new members of the volunteer team.

MVAS data. Cllr JR will organise a walkabout with Cllr Phil Gomm and will discuss with him the best place to send the data from the MVAS.

ii. Footpaths, gates, signs. Nothing to report, but overhanging issues discussed in 69/26 (d) below.

iii. Dog & Litter bins. Cllr WK reported that owners are leaving full dog poo bags in the area near the Aston Abbotts Road dog bin. Members agreed to put a notice into the parish magazine reminding owners of their obligations in dealing with the excrement. WK queried if the bins were being emptied regularly enough, as some were overflowing, and she agreed to check weekly for the next month. *[Note after the meeting – the bins are scheduled to be emptied once weekly.]*

iv. Bucks Highways. Potholes were getting worse. WK agreed to take photographs of the worst ones and report and upload onto Fix My Street. Cllr JH is continuing to keep a log of A413/New Road accidents, which occur at least once a month.

v. Best Kept Village. Aston Abbotts won the BKV Gurney Cup this year. Weedon scored well. Members agreed to purchase the BKV sign, which had been left in the village, for the offered price of £300.

- b. **Street lighting.** WK reported that the vegetation around light outside 45 High Street needed to be cut back more than it has been. She will follow up.

c. **Park and Play Area**

i. Inspections and Works. Cllr JR reported that there is an issue with the rope ladder on the Climber Challenge, both bottom ends have come adrift. JR will try to find a suitable contractor to fix. Meanwhile, general handyman JB is going to quote for the surfacing, replacing palisade timber etc.

ii. Horticultural. Contractor is doing a good job.

iii. Play equipment upgrades [Note s.106 funding £40,748.75 by 20.02.35]. Following up on the table tennis table via WVA, Cllr JR reported that the quotes for surfacing were very high from Jupiter. Catherine R is getting quotes from a local builder.

The new equipment working party and consultation need to be re-started. Cllr JR will follow up.

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

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

(i) Update on overhanging issues.

8 New Road/Footpath 12. Cllr SG will draft the following:

- An informal email to send to the new residents at no. 8 to introduce their responsibility for hedge cutting and fence maintenance.
- A formal notice to the owners who retained the land along New Road re the ditch and verge.
- An email to the owners of the hedge between FP 12 and the show field

95 Aston Abbotts Road. SG will call Fairhive for an update.

(ii) Members agreed to take preliminary steps towards applying for a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) for the various large trees in 8 New Road hedge to the road (which is in the Conservation Area). R Bates offered to make a list of the trees, take photographs and mark them on an OS map and liaise with Cllr WK.

e. Management of Weedon Graveyard

i. *Admin.* No issues. ii. *Applications for burials, memorials, EROBs.* None

iii. *Horticultural and Works.* Cllr JR commented that the graveyard is looking particularly good, thanks to contractors and Community Payback team.

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- 70/26 **Correspondence and Communications** To include website, Community Board, annual PC newsletter
- Website.* Cllr JR is looking into the accessibility and updating. JR will also research getting cloud storage for the Clerk's ongoing documents.
- Community Board.* At the meeting JR had attended the members had been asked to provide a list of local businesses in the parishes. Cllr WK has been working on this and had circulated the list for any comments before sending it on.
- Annual PC Newsletter.* Members agreed to leave the production of a newsletter until next year.

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- 71/26 **Date of next meeting.** To confirm scheduled date of next meeting 17 November 2026.
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The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Chair Signature

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APPENDIX

Agenda Item 68/26

Bank Transactions 01-07-26 to 31-08-26

			Total
31 July 2026	Business Reserve Account	8,157.49	9157.49
	Treasurer's (Current) Account	1,000.00	
31 August 2026	Business Reserve Account	7,852.80	8852.80
	Treasurer's (Current) Account	1,000.00	

INCOME			
Community Instant Access	Interest July	09 July 2026	3.99
	Interment RT Gower	28 July 2026	205.00
Community Instant Access	Interest August	10 August 2026	3.81
	Double Burial Plot – Graham Deacon	03 August 2026	320.00

DIRECT DEBITS			
Bank Service Charge Ref: 489196491	LGA 1972. s111	20 July 2026	4.25
Ecotricity re 01.06.2026 – 01.07.2026 ref.09087489	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para	20 July 2026	36.32
Ecotricity re 01.07.2026 – 01.08.2026	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para	20 Aug 2026	39.54
Bank Service Charge Ref: 491762505	LGA 1972. s111	18 Aug 2026	4.25

ONLINE PAYMENT INVOICES			
JULY 2026			
MRA Garden Services, inv. 94340	LGA 1972, s101	BP 626	530.00
ER Millard July 2026 Salary	LGA 1972, s112	BP 627	308.55
HMRC, May 2026, tax employee & employer NIC	LGA 1972, s112		199.24
AUGUST 2026			
Joanna Rose – Remuneration Strimmer Guards	LG(Misc Prov)A 1976, s19	BP 628	51.72
The Old Schoolroom, inv.7351	LGA 1972, s133	BP 629	25.00
ER Millard, Aug 2026 Salary	LGA 1972, s112	BP 630	308.55
HMRC, Aug 2026, tax employee & employer NIC	LGA 1972, s112		199.24