

**Minutes of Weldon Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th January
2021 via Zoom**



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Councillors Present	David Groom, Angela Page (Chair), Mike Page, Joannie Perkins, Dick Priem, Colin Shepard, Kane Taylor, Simon Taylor, Anton Vickers and Mark Williams
Also Present	26 Members of the public, Sandra Naden-Horley (Northamptonshire County Councillor), Alexandra Wellings (Corby Borough Councillor) and Sue Cook (Clerk)

21.001 Apologies had been received from Cllr S Green and were accepted.

21.002 Cllr D Groom **Declared an Interest** in item 21.005, Weldon Traffic Update

21.003 Public time: Cllr A Page reminded the members of the public that they had 3 mins each to allow all a chance for question and reply

One resident introduced himself by giving a short profile of his life in Weldon and then went on to make a complaint about Cllr S Taylor. Cllr A Page informed the resident that there are 2 sides to every story and the incident had been investigated by the Parish Council and considered the matter closed.

A resident thanked the Councillors for their patience over the closure of the Jitty on Corby Road whilst they carried out some building work, the hand rail has temporarily been installed, it will have to be removed whilst repair work is carried out on the wall but that won't be until spring.

This resident believes that due to the length of time it has taken to consultation period for the Kettering Road closure it is out of time and too old to be considered valid. She is prepared to support and help WPC in any way that she can with the traffic calming.

Several residents highlighted their concerns over dangerous driving around the village especially motorists using the wrong side of the roundabout at Weldon Park, parking on Stamford Road close to the chicanes and the junction of School Lane along with speeding traffic along Oundle Road.

It was noted that if anyone would like to volunteer to join the Speedwatch they should please email the Clerk.

All traffic comments will be reviewed by the Working Group.

Residents are concerned about the amount of flooding that took place in December.

One resident thanked Cllr Shepard who knocked on her door to warn her of rising water outside her property. This is an ongoing problem for her. Another resident believes that there is a problem with blocked drains along the Kettering Road.

Cllr S Taylor agreed to report both of these issues.

A Resident is prepared to co-ordinate a community litter pick when it is safe and legal to do so. Residents are requested to email their offer to litter pick to the Clerk along with the areas that need doing.

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21.004 Cllr Shepard proposed that the **Minutes of the Meetings held on Monday 7th December 2020** be accepted as a true record, second by Cllr S Taylor and approved by everyone. The minutes were electronically signed.

21.005 Matters Arising

- a) **Weldon Traffic Update and Consultation Update** – Cllr S Taylor informed the meeting that Weldon Parish Council are not the decision makers but can help with the process.
- b) **Pedestrian Crossing for Priors Hall zone 1 to join Weldon**, Cllr M Page confirmed after the initial conversations it was confirmed that there is a requirement for a crossing and is currently engaging with a consultant.
- c) **Road Sign for Church Walk** – Cllr S Taylor proposed that Weldon Parish Council should contribute £250 for the cost of the signs, Cllr Groom seconded the proposal. With everyone agreeing to the proposal.
- d) **Parish Ownership** – Cllr S Taylor had nothing further to report but will chase all parties concerned for an update.
- e) It was agreed to keep the **Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration** in mind
- f) It was agreed to hold a **Summer Event** when it is safe to do so.
- g) It was agreed to defer the **Refresher Course for the Councillors** until after the Election

21.006 Reports from

- a) **Borough Cllr Wellings** reported that she attends a lot of meetings across the borough and considers that Weldon Parish Council is doing and applauds what the Parish Council is doing, it is such a shame that it is receiving some criticism. Cllr Wellings noted that the Parish Council has received documentation about the transfer of the NNC Waste. Since the Rural Forum meeting on November 19th several complaints have been made to Iain Smith as head of Corby Borough Council's planning department, with no response from Mr Smith, Cllr Wellings will chase. Cllr Wellings will be attending the NCC Budget meeting on Tuesday 19th January, any comments should be submitted to her before the end of this week.
Cllr Groom asked Cllr Wellings for details as to why Weldon Woodland Park car park had been closed off today. It is thought due to people outside the area travelling to the park that the decision has been made. Cllr Groom did state that this will only cause people to park in Hillside Crescent instead.
- b) **County Councillor Naden-Horley** also reiterated the good work that Weldon Parish Council is doing. Cllr Naden-Horley stressed that no litter picking should be carried out until it is safe to do so, both Northampton General Hospital and Kettering General Hospital are inundated with COVID cases. Cllr Naden-Horley did state that no one is contacting her about the drain problem in the village or speeding traffic, she has contacts that the Parish Council doesn't. Cllr Naden-Horley does operate an open-door policy although she will not be standing for re-election in May, she is proud to have been a NCC councillor. The elections may have to be put back until the Autumn.
- c) **Parish Maintenance** - Cllr Shepard reported that if anyone has land along the water courses could they please check the banks for anything that may cause a blockage and remove it if it is safe to do so. Some of the clay from

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the Pocket Park dam has been washed away and need repairing with clay. Cllr Groom proposed that a large bag of blue clay is purchased at the cost of £102, this was seconded by Cllr S Taylor. Cllr Shepard is hoping that work can start on the viewing platform in the Pocket Park next week, weather permitting, volunteers are needed, safe distancing can be maintained as the work will be carried out over a large area but asked that everyone wears a mask.

- d) **HR committee** – Cllr A Page confirmed that although there has not been a committee meeting recently both she and Cllr S Taylor are in constant touch with the Clerk, who highlights any concerns she has.
- e) **NPD Committee** – Cllr Vickers is hoping to hold a review meeting early February.

21.007 Finance

- a) Cllr A Page reported to the meeting that due to unforeseen circumstances the December meeting was cancelled, however she did carry out the monthly internal audit with no anomalies.
- b) The Clerk informed the meeting that there is currently £136426.17 across both Unity Accounts.
- c) The following payments were approved in line with current legislation.

Payee	Reason	Amount	Power
Unity Bank	Service Charge	£18.00	
MKM	Repairs to the Roundhouse	£125.00	OSA1906, s9
Cllr Shepard	Expenses for printer ink	£19.99	
Cllr Priem	Course	£38.93	
Sue Cook	Salary Plus Expenses	£927.14	LGA1972 s112
Parish Online	Ordinance Survey Licence	£120.00	
N P Cox	Maintenance	£267.00	OSA1906, s9

- d) Cllr A Page proposed that as the information which had been requested from the December meeting from Weldon School PTA has been received that the grant can be approved, we should however delay payment until the start of the next financial year, this was seconded by Cllr S Taylor. It was also suggested that perhaps the school should have a plaque showing the support that Weldon Parish Council give them.
- e) With Cllr A Page now being Chairman of the Parish Council there is a need to elect a new Chairman for the Committee. The Clerk confirmed that this can be done at the next Committee Meeting

21.008 Planning Applications:

Cllr M Page gave the following update to the meeting.

- a) Cowthick – the Section 106 document is being formulated it is hoped that this will be approved by NNC and not NCC. There will be a traffic survey carried out but only once Phase 1 has been completed, Phase 1 is only a small part of the development. An individual is looking into the possibility of a Judicial Review.
- b) Fircroft Nurseries – Corby Borough Development Control Committee meet on Tuesday 19th to discuss the application.
- c) Kirby Lodge – approved, developers to consult with the Parish Council
- d) 26 Dwellings at Glebe Farm, Church Street – strong objection has been submitted on the grounds of the site is in a conservation area, mix of properties, increase traffic both construction and residents, no footpath, flooding issues and primary school is full.
- e) Single Storey rear extension at 19 Church Walk – no objections

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- f) Installation of a 12 Meter CCTV column on Kestrel Road – no objections
- g) Weldon Park School – Weldon Parish Council are in communication with the developers for a better consultation.

21.009 To Consider Any Incoming Correspondence as previously circulated

- a) Updates from NCALC
- b) Transfer of Household Waste Recycling Centre Contracts to Urbaser
- c) Consultation on Proposed Secondary School, Oundle Road, - covered in planning
- d) Litter Pick – covered in public time
- e) Resident request to purchase a strip of land on the Triangle – it was agreed this request has to be refused due to the land being bequeathed to the Parish Council on the proviso that the Parish Council do not sell it as a whole or a part of. The Clerk to respond to the resident.
- f) Tresham Garden Village Housing Study

21.010 To note any concerns raised by residents via email to the Clerk

- a) Dog Fouling -
- b) Flooding in the Village
- c) Street Lighting – several lights have been reported by the clerk over the Christmas period

21.011 Future agenda items/business for future meetings. The nature of future agenda items can be discussed at this point however no decision can be made until the next meeting.

- a) To appoint a Police Liaison Representative to act as a single point of contact with Northamptonshire Police.
- b) To request either a representative from the school to attend the Council meetings or at least submit a report.

20.152 Date of next meeting – Monday 1st February

A member of the public thanked the Parish Council for all their hard work and commitment to the Village.

Cllr A Page thanked all the members of the public and Councillors for attending the meeting.

This being all the business the meeting closed at 9:05 pm

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Appendix to Full Council Meeting Minutes

Points written in Zoom Chat at the time of the meeting:

1. Park News - this is a quarterly magazine delivered to every household in Weldon. A copy is also displayed on the Weldon Parish website.
2. Appreciate the offers for litter pickers. Can people please email their offer to the clerk. It will be organised only when it is safer to action.
3. Will also need to know the areas to litter pick, again email in.
4. All Parish, Borough and County councillor contact information is available on parish website and in Park News.
5. All traffic comments will be reviewed by the Working Group.
6. If you are interested in volunteering for Speed Watch please provide your details to the clerk.
7. Weldon Park School - WPC are in communication with the developers for a better consultation.

Weldon Parish Council appreciates the attendance and support of the parishioners.