

Weldon Parish Council

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Minutes of Weldon Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th July 2020 via Zoom

Councillors Present	David Groom, Angela Page, Michael Page, Joannie Perkins, Dick Priem, Colin Shepard, Simon Taylor (Chair), Bridget Watts, and Mark Williams
Also Present	4 Members of the public, Alexandra Wellings (Corby Borough Council District Councillor) and Sue Cook (Clerk)

20.079 Apologies had been received from Cllr Simon Green and Cllr Kane Taylor both were accepted.

20.080 There were no **Declarations of interest**.

20.081 Public time: members of the public made no comments.

20.082 Cllr Taylor proposed that the **following policies** were approved and adopted by Weldon Parish Council, the proposal was seconded by Cllr Williams with everyone in agreement.
Financial Regulations
Expenses Policy
Internal Control System
Asset Management Policy
S137 Grant Policy
Risk Assessment
Subject Access Request Form

20.083 Cllr Watts proposed that the **Minutes of the Meetings held on Monday 1st June 2020 and 25th June 2020** be accepted as a true record, second by Cllr Taylor and approved by everyone. The minutes were electronically signed.

20.084 Matters Arising

- a) **Traffic Calming on Stamford Road** – The Section 278 agreement will be signed by the end of the week; the Clerk has to witness both Cllr Taylor and Cllr A Page signatures. It is hoped that work can start week commencing 10th August and will take approximately 3 weeks. Kierwsp will be responsible for leaflet dropping properties in Stamford Road.
- b) Persimmon have been asked to give CBC an answer as to when the **Spine Road** will be opened by July 13th. **Spine Road and Kettering Road** are linked but could be closed/opened at the same time. Cllr Groom highlighted 9 points as to why he feels the Kettering Road should remain open they include additional traffic using Corby Road. It was pointed out to the meeting by Cllr Taylor that the closure of Kettering Road had been spoken about at the May, June, September and October meetings last year. Cllr M Page suggested that a working party be formed to resolve the matter.

- c) **Sign for Roundhouse** – Cllr Taylor to contact the supplier.
- d) **Pedestrian Crossing for Priors Hall zone 1 to join Weldon**, Cllr M Page is progressing this via Urban and Civic.
- e) **Key for barrier on Old Stamford Road** - After a recent power cut it transpired that there is not a key in the village. Western Power broke the lock to gain access to the substation. There has since been a new lock fitted, however there is no key in the village.
- f) **E-mail accounts for Councillors** – it is part of the Data Protection policy that all Parish Councillors should have E-mail accounts separated from their personal ones. Once meetings can be held in the Village Hall the Clerk will supply a form that each Councillor should sign confirming that they agree, in the meantime Councillors agreed to obtain new email accounts which contain either their full name or initials and end with weldonpc@gmail.com or wpc@gmail.com
- g) **NCALC refresher course** – date to be confirmed once the Village Hall reopens
- h) **Register of Attendance** of council meeting, already actioned by the Clerk
- i) **Councillors details on Noticeboards** – the Clerk will devise the notice once all the Councillors have their own email accounts in place.
- j) **Noticeboard for Allotment** – now in place and being used.

20.085 Reports from

- a) Cllr Watts informed the meeting that the Cowthick Plantation had been granted outline planning permission by **Corby Borough Council** despite all the objections from various Parish Councils and residents. There followed a discussion about the implications this will have on the village. Borough Councillor Wellings informed the meeting that a memorial bench dedicated to the memory of a Weldon resident is being installed in Weldon Woodland Park. The management of Weldon Woodland Park is being taken over by Lockard Management, Borough Councillor Wellings asked if Weldon Parish Council would like to be involved in any oversight committee, Cllr Shepard replied yes. It was suggested Lockard's attend a Parish Council meeting.
- b) **County Councillor** Naden-Horley agreed to arrange for a key for the Stamford Road barrier to be made available to the Parish Council. Cllr Naden-Horley outlined her disappointment in CBC for approving the outline planning permission for Cowthick Plantation. Cllr Naden-Horley also informed the meeting that she will not be standing for re-election.
- c) Cllr Shepard informed the meeting that the Parish Maintenance Committee are meeting on Monday 8th June. The Parish Maintenance Committee would like to install a litter bin in the Pocket Park not the usual metal type but a wooden one. Cllr A Page challenged Cllr Shepard over the cost comparisons. Due to time constraints unfortunately, this report had to be cut short, much to Cllr Shepard's dismay.
- d) Cllr Page reported that the HR committee have not met.
- e) Cllr A Page reported that there has not been a meeting for the Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee recently due to COVID-19. Cllr A Page would also like to step down as from this Committee, the Clerk agreed to email everyone requesting for another Councillor to come on board.

20.086 Finance

- a) The **Internal Auditor's Report** had been received with the contents noted and appropriate action is or has already been taken.

- b) **Section 1 of the Annual Governance & Accounts Return**
It was resolved that the Cllr Taylor would complete and sign the Annual Governance Statement.
- c) **Section 2 of the Annual Governance & Accounts Return**
It was resolved that the Council accepts the Accounting Statements 2019-20 as presented by the Responsible Financial Officer and that the Chairman would sign the Accounting Statements on the Annual Governance & Accountability Return.
- d) It was noted that the period for the **exercise of elector's rights** to inspect the accounts would be 15th June to 31st July 2020 although if the COVID 19 measures meant that a person could not exercise their rights in this time frame, alternative arrangements would be made.
- e) The Clerk gave the following Finance Committee Report: There is currently £231920.67 across both Unity accounts, with further payments of £3376.39 to be made after this meeting, there have been 2 VAT return payments made totalling £1339.63 and another claim will be made after this meeting for £415.95. The Clerk also reported that she has purchased a Sage accountancy package as recommended within the Internal Auditors report and that each member of the Finance Committee will on a rota basis reconcile the accounts. The Clerk requested that Weldon Tree and Landscapes be given permission to carry out works on the ash tree in Dash's Farm Close at the price of £250 plus VAT, this was agreed.

Payee	Reason	Amount	Power
Claremont Lit	Court Fee, Counsel Fee	£2275	LGA1972 s222
Claremont Lit	Court Hearing	£5550	LGA1972 s222
Cllr Shepard	Locking Latch	£9.75	OSA1906 ss9 10
Weldon Village Hall	Grant	£999	S137
S Cook	Ink for Printer	£40.36	LGA1972 s112
S Cook	Accountancy Package	£21.99	LGA1972 s112
S Cook	Salary, expenses	£791.90	LGA1972 s112
HMRC	PAYE	£222.44	LGA1972 s112
N P Cox	Village Maintenance	£2122.52	OSA1906 ss9 10
NCALC	Good Councillor Guide	£14.95	

- f) There have a Grant Applications received from Weldon Village Hall for £999, this was approved.
The clerk had received an application from Corby Warriors under 7's Football Club, due to be being received late it was agreed to consider this at the next meeting.

20.087 Planning Applications:

Cllr M Page reported that the Planning Committee had met and recommends no objections to the following applications:

20/00181/CON Details pursuant to Condition 3 (Soft Landscaping) of Planning permission ref: 18/00687/REM. Phase 2 Only. Land at Weldon Park Oundle Road Weldon

20/00175/TPO Sycamore trees in woods at rear of property overhanging boundary causing loss of light and wood/leaves causing obstruction in guttering. Proposal is for several branches to be removed from 2 of the trees. 28 Church Street Weldon

20/00162/CAT Fell and replace diseased Ash tree | 1 Deene End Weldon – the Clerk has requesting that the Tree Warden visits as Council believe that this tree is healthy

20/00190/REM | Residential development consisting of 75 housing units, parking spaces and landscaping, drainage and utilities infrastructure and all other associated works. Concerns were raised about parking.

Cllr M Page reported that there were still concerns with 19/00351/OUT Outline planning for zone 2 & 3 at Priors Hall. Cllr Page has highlighted these concerns to Borough Councillor Wellings who is talking to Urban & Civic.

Proposed development at former Kirby Lodge IVC facility, Gretton Brook Road, Corby. Construction of a Non-Ferrous Metals Recycling Facility including the construction of 2no. Fire water storage tanks, pump house, office/mess porta cabin, attenuation pond and dust extraction system. This application had been received via another source and was received after the planning committee meeting. County Councillor Naden-Horley has received concerns from Priors Hall residents about this application.

20.088 The following correspondence was noted with no further action required.

- a) Updates from NCALC

20.089 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) Re-instate Pocket Park Pond.
- b) Signage at Church Walk to include house numbers
- c) Park News

20.090 Date of next meeting – Monday 7th September, hopefully in the Village Hall

This being all the business Cllr S Taylor closed the meeting at 8:45 pm

Approved by Weldon Parish Council as an accurate record of decisions made:		
Signature of Chairman:		Date: