

# Weldon Parish Council

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## Minutes of Weldon Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 via Zoom

Councillors Present	Simon Green, David Groom, Angela Page, Michael Page, Joannie Perkins, Dick Priem, Colin Shepard, Simon Taylor (Chair), Bridget Watts, and Mark Williams
Also Present	6 Members of the public, Alexandra Wellings (Corby Borough Council District Councillor) and Sue Cook (Interim Clerk)

**20.064 Apologies** had been received from Kevin Watt (Corby Borough) and were accepted.

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

**20.066 Public time:**

Concerns were raised about the amount of traffic using and speeding along Church Street, this will hopefully be reduced once the Spine Road is open.

**A resident has requested that the tree** in no-man's land at the back of the old Woolpack has some of the overhanging branches cut. Quotes are being obtained.

A resident has reported to the Clerk that there is a **tree fallen across the brook between 4a and 4b Kettering Road**. It was suggested that the resident should look at the Land Registry website to find out who is responsible for removing it.

One resident would like to **put 2 horses in the Hills Field**, Cllr Shepard pointed out to the meeting that Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust have still to carry out the survey and that there is Giant Hogweed close to the entrance by Church Street which needs to be eradicated.

There have been several complaints about **bonfires at the allotments** and it was suggested that the allotment agreement has more details about bonfires in it by placing an appendix page outlining the rules and regulations on bonfires. It was also agreed that the spare noticeboard should be erected at the Allotments.

The Clerk reported that she has had reported of **inconsiderate parking in Hillside Crescent** caused by motorists going to the Woodland Park, this is an ongoing problem. The clerk has stressed to the resident that this is a matter for the police and it has been reported on their website.

**20.067** Cllr A Page proposed that the following policies were approved and adopted by Weldon Parish Council, the proposal was seconded by Cllr Taylor and agreed by everyone.

Standing Orders, this policy has been amended

Terms of Reference for the Parish Maintenance

Terms of Reference for Finance Committee

Terms of Reference for Planning Committee

Terms of Reference for HR Committee

Cllr Shepard proposed that the Allotment Agreement should have an appendix for bonfire rules and regulations this was seconded by Cllr A Page and approved by everyone. The Clerk agreed to amend the agreement with the wording supplied by Cllr M Page in a previous email.

- 20.068** Cllr Taylor proposed that the **Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020** be accepted as a true record, second by Cllr A Page and approved by everyone. The minutes were electronically signed.

**20.069 Matters Arising**

- a) **Traffic Calming on Stamford Road** – The Section 278 agreement has to be signed and Cllr Taylor is carrying out a walk though on Thursday. The Traffic Order will be advertised on the website and via other media methods.
- b) Due to COVID-19 and workers being furloughed the Spine Road is late in opening and the Kettering Road closure is moving ahead slowly. Cllr Taylor explained that the Kettering Road closure is part of the Weldon Park application and is available for viewing via NCC website not CBC's.
- c) **Sign for Roundhouse** will be ordered as soon as the company supplying it has opened after lockdown.
- d) **Crossing for Priors Hall to join Weldon**, Cllr M Page confirmed Paula O'Brien, Urban and Civic, are supporting the push button version for Zone 1. There is an outline planning application by Persimmon for a crossing for Zone 2 & 3 the proposal is for it be placed on the south west side of the new roundabout, but it was thought that it should be placed on the north east side instead.
- e) The Clerk confirmed that she has taken delivery of 4 **Good Councillor Guide's**. Cllr Shepard has got a copy, Cllr Perkins and Cllr A. Page requested a copy each. It is hoped that NCALC will supply the balance at a later date.
- f) The Clerk confirmed that the price of the **12<sup>th</sup> Edition of Arnold Baker** will be shared with the other 3 Parish Councils.

**20.070 Reports from**

- a) Borough Councillor Wellings gave the following report: Meetings are being set up for the shadow authority. The new bin on Woodlands Road is helping with the dog fouling in the area. There is a new grant available from CBC to help small businesses who have not applied for other funding due to COVID-19 however applications are only open for 3 days starting today.  
Cllr A Page asked if Cllr Wellings could look into supplying dog bins around the waste land to the side of Morrison warehouse, this is land that was owned by Belaugh. Cllr Page also highlighted that a construction firm has scraped and flattened the land opposite Morrison's warehouse without planning permission.
- b) No Northamptonshire County Council report had been received.
- c) Village Caretaker was unable to attend the meeting. Mr Cox had supplied the following report: The flower beds and pots along High Street/Stamford Road have been replanted and work will continue to keep them watered and weed free. Work will continue in the Pocket Park, once a plan has been discussed and agreed. Grass cutting will continue along with keeping the walkways and paths clear and tidy. The area opposite the War Memorial was tidied in preparation for VE Day.  
Cllr Shepard informed the meeting that the Parish Maintenance Committee are meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

- 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. The NDP Committee members are Cllrs A Page, M Page, J Perkins, D Priem, C Shepard, B Watts and M Williams.

## 20.071 Finance

- a) The Finance Committee reported that all monies have been transferred from Barclays into Unity, leaving £1 in each account as advised by Barclays. All payments are up to date and are now being made online. Cllr Taylor reported that the build outs for the traffic calming on Stamford Road may exceed the budget, this will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

The following payments were recommended to be made and Cllr A Page proposed that they were made with Cllr Taylor seconded the payments with everyone in favour.

Payee	Reason	Amount	Power
Ross Wallace	Mini Digger Hire	£1032.00	OSA1906 ss9 10
NCC	TRO Notice	£3860.00	LGRA1997, s30
NCC	S278	£3500	LGRA1997, s30
Came & Co	Insurance	£773.99	
Cllr D Priem	Reimbursement	£253.19	OSA1906 ss9 10
S Cook	Salary, expenses	£858.00	LGA1972 s112
N P Cox	Village Maintenance	£2052.16	OSA1906 ss9 10
NCALC	Courses	£98.00	

- b) There have been no Grant Applications received.
- c) The Clerk reported that she has now got all the outstanding bank statements and is working on the Year End Accounts.

## 20.072 Planning Applications:

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

20/00081/HHA formation of vehicular access and parking area at 36 Corby Road  
20/00118/DPA Erection of 1-bedroom bungalow at 33 East Crescent

20/00400/FUL The erection of a maintenance building, for the purposes of automotive logistics, and the resurfacing of loose gravel hardstanding to tarmac Car Park and Land Rockingham Motor Speedway

20/00136/DPA Construction of 5 parking spaces, circulation space, associated surface water drainage, ramp, hard & soft landscaping and pedestrian footpath at land off Barnwell Gardens, Prior Hall

20/00126/CON Details pursuant to Condition 5 (Construction Mud and Loose Material Management) pursuant to planning permission 17/00354/DPA at Manorfield Bridge Street, Weldon, Corby, Northamptonshire, NN17 3HR, plot 4

20/00135/DPA Full planning application seeking temporary planning permission (3 years) for a grass football pitch comprising: minor earthworks, soft landscaping, erection of ball-stop fence, and all associated works at London Road, Priors Hall

Cllr M Page reported that several concerns were highlighted with 19/00351/OUT Outline planning for zone 2 & 3 at Priors Hall. These included the Spine Road running through the wildlife corridors, the lack of bungalows, the presence of 4 storey properties and the position of the pedestrian crossing from Weldon Park to Zone 2. The Clerk did remind the meeting that Zone 3 falls with the parish of Deene not Weldon.

**20.073 The following correspondence was noted with no further action required.**

- a) Updates from NCALC
- b) Future Northants
- c) Weekly Scheme Works Programme for Councillors
- d) Corby Community Resilience Hub

**To Consider the following correspondence which will require action:**

- a) Bonfires at the Allotments, this was covered in the public time.
- b) Rural Community Energy Fund this may be considered for NPD
- c) Free Neighbourhood Planning Webinar details have been forwarded to all Councillors if they wish to take part.

**20.074 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) **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. It was suggested that a new padlock be purchased with several additional keys to be cut.
- b) The Clerk explained that under Data Protection all **Parish Councillors** should have **E-mail accounts** separated from their personal ones.
- c) **Highways Issues including parking**, covered in public time.
- d) Maire Reilly, training officers from NCALC, has agreed to hold a refresher Course date to be agreed.
- e) The Clerk has compiled a Register of Attendance for Councillors just for reference
- f) There is a requirement for the Councillors details on to be all the Noticeboards
- g) It was agreed during public time that the spare **noticeboard** to be erected at the allotments.

**20.075 Date of next meeting – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July using Zoom.**

This being all the business Cllr S Taylor closed the meeting at 8:20 pm

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