

# Weldon Parish Council

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## Minutes of Weldon Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 via Zoom

Councillors Present	Simon Green, Angela Page, Michael Page, Joannie Perkins, Dick Priem, Colin Shepard, Kane Taylor, 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 (Interim Clerk)

- 20.048** It was proposed by Cllr M Page and Seconded by Cllr A Page that Cllr S Taylor be the **Chairman** for the coming year. This was approved by all and accepted by Cllr S Taylor
- 20.049** It was resolved that Cllr A Page and Cllr Priem should be **Vice-Chairs** for the coming year.
- 20.050** **Apologies** had been received from Cllrs David Groom, Sandra Naden-Horley (Northamptonshire County Councillor) and were accepted.
- 20.051** There were no **Declarations of interest**.
- 20.052** **A member of the Public** asked if the Clerk's mobile number could be displayed on the Website, which was agreed along with changing the email address to the new Clerk. It was also agreed going forward that the minutes would be displayed on all noticeboards as well as the website as soon after the meetings as possible.
- 20.053** Cllr K Taylor proposed that the **Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020** be accepted as a true record, second by Cllr S Taylor and approved by everyone. The minutes were electronically signed.
- 20.054** **Matters Arising**
- a) **Traffic Calming on Stamford Road** –technical approval should be complete by the end of the week. The work comes under Section 278 agreement and as such a Traffic Order will be completed and advertised in the correct manner. Cllr S Taylor also reported that CBC are putting Persimmon Homes under pressure to open the spine road within the next 2 weeks.
  - b) **Sign for Roundhouse** has been ordered.
  - c) **Crossing for Priors Hall to join Weldon**, Cllr S Taylor confirmed that the designer is working on the crossing to be placed across the A43 Stamford side of the roundabout. Paula O'Brien, Urban and Civic, is very interested in this project and will help wherever possible.
- 20.055** It was resolved that the **Financial Committee Members** will be: Cllr A Page, Cllr M Page, Cllr Priem, Cllr K Taylor and Cllr S Taylor

**20.056** It was resolved that the **HR Committee Members** will be: Cllr A Page, Cllr Perkins, Cllr K Taylor and Cllr Williams

**20.057** It was resolved that the **Planning Committee Members** will be: Cllr Green, Cllr M Page, Cllr Priem and Cllr Shepard

**20.058** It was resolved that the **Neighbourhood Development Committee Members** will be: Cllr Green, Cllr A Page, Cllr M Page and Cllr Shepard

**20.059** It was resolved that the **Parish Maintenance Committee Members** will be: Cllr Green, Cllr Perkins, Cllr Shepard, Cllr S Taylor, Nigel Cox (Village Caretaker) and Mr Chris Manning (Resident)

It was agreed that the Finance Committee and Planning Committee will meet on the last Monday of each month prior in readiness to report to the next Full Council Meeting.

Mrs Fellows agreed to book the village hall annexe.

#### **20.060 Reports from**

- a) Village Caretaker was unable to attend the meeting. Mr Cox had supplied the following report: Last month I reported that work would be carried out on the footpath that runs between Church street and Kettering road, unfortunately I haven't had a chance to look at this and therefore will keep it on my to do list. A great deal of work has been carried out at the pocket park, fallen branches have been cleared away, grass has been cut and new walkways have been routed. Work will commence on Monday 4th May, we will be digging out the pond, laying drainage pipes as the ground is extremely boggy, the old fishing platform has been removed and a new one will be built. The banks will be cleared and reseeded. Work has started and will continue on the flower beds and planters on the High street, I need to request if it okay to purchase some plants, soil and feed to fill these. The waste bins will be installed on 2nd may at various points around the village. I have had a request to clear nettles and weeds from the jitty between Chapel road and Rose avenue, this will be done 2nd may also. I would like to show my appreciation to Dick and Colin for all their hard work and support.

Work has been carried out on the Pocket Park and difficulty was encountered with the equipment. With a difference of opinion in how this should be completed , it was agreed that the Parish Maintenance Committee should discuss and provide a plan for the Full Council to agree on how it envisages the future use of the Pocket Park ,with costs and Risk Assessments required. To date this had not been provided.

Councillor's were reminded of our Code of Conduct for the meeting to continue and how committees have a clear propose to support all the work of the council

It was resolved that no more work should be carried out on the Pocket Park until a plan and the full cost implications can be brought to full council by the Parish Maintenance Committee along with a plan for all works to be carried out during the year ensuring that the costs do not exceed the budget.

- b) Borough Councillor Alexandra Wellings reported to the meeting that Julie Binney was very impressed with the plans for the Pocket Park and the Hills Field. Cllr Shepard informed the meeting that the Wildlife Trust will be carrying out a survey on both sites as soon as lockdown allows. Everyone at CBC is working from home and that there is support and help during the coronavirus pandemic. CBC have put

in place emergency grants for anyone who is struggling under the current circumstances. Cllr K Taylor explained the workings of Weldon Care, Share and Support.

- c) It was reported to the meeting that the County Council Shadow Cabinet will be meeting during next week. County Councillor Sandra Naden-Horley has forwarded the latest copy of the Northants Together Newsletter.
- d) Cllr A Page reported that there has not been a meeting for the Neighbourhood Development Committee recently due to COVID-19, however there has been a grant application made. There are still 2 sections of the plan to be completed. Cllr A Page and Cllr Shepard will meet to discuss the wording for any future development in the village ensuring that it covers affordable housing, bungalows and flats. Cllr Watts informed the meeting that there are 50 social houses to be built at Priors Hall and that 3 more Roman Villas are to be excavated. Cllr Watts also offered to help where she can on the Neighbourhood Development.

## 20.061 Finance

- a) The Clerk confirmed that payments are being made via Unity and that the precept has been paid into the Unity account. No further progress has been made with Barclays and as such the Clerk is unable to complete the Year End Accounts, Cllr S Taylor to contact his business account manager. Cllr K Taylor thanked everyone who was involved in getting the bank situation sorted so far. The following payments had been made since the last meeting.

Payee	Reason	Amount	Power
Weldon Tree	Branch Removal	£120.00	OSA1906 ss9 10
N P Cox	Village Maintenance	£2052.16	OSA1906 ss9 10
Cllr S Taylor	Reimbursement	£542.10	LA1983 ss5 6
S Cook	Salary, expenses & Laptop	£1570.63	LGA1972 s112
Cllr D Priem	Reimbursement	£515.99	OSA1906 ss9 10
R Rutt	Hedge Trimming	£1770.00	OSA1906 ss9 10
Weldon Chapel	Grass cutting	£850.00	S137
Integra Legal	HR Advice	£699.60	LGA1972 s222
Yourlocale	Neighbourhood Plan	£1500.00	OSA1906 ss9 10
J Lewis	Outstanding Salary	£1488.57	LGA1972 s112

The following payments were approved to be made

Payee	Reason	Amount	Power
N P Cox	Village Maintenance	£2,063.81	OSA1906 s9
NCALC	Subscriptions	£1743.79	LGA1972 s143
S Cook	Salary, & expenses	£1041.00	LGA1972 s112
J W Clark	Removing Hardcore	£282.00	OSA1906 ss9 10
Cllr D Priem	B&G Transport	£35.00	OSA1906 ss9 10
St Mary Church	Grass cutting	£950.00	S137
St Mary Church	Hire of Hall	£2280.00	S 137
Weldon Tree		£240.00	OSA1906 ss9 10
21 <sup>st</sup> Corby Scouts	Equipment	£1000	S137
HMRC	PAYE for J Lewis	£150.14	LGA1972 s112
LGPS	Pension J Lewis	£505.91	LGA1972 s112

- b) The Clerk reported that the invoice for the grass cutting had not been received by NCC at the end of the grass cutting season last year, she has since invoiced NCC for £1978.67 and agreed that Weldon Parish Council will undertake the grass cutting again this season.

- c) There has been a **Grant Application** received from 21<sup>st</sup> Corby Scout Group, who are based on Priors Hall. The application for £1000 was approved. The money will be put towards equipment, hall hire, consumables, uniforms and activities.
- d) It was agreed not to put the new **Play Equipment** acquired from Urban & Civic and **new bins** onto the insurance and fixed asset register until they have been put in situ.
- e) It was also agreed not to consider purchasing **new bins and dog poo bins** for the time being. It has been noted that there are no litter bins or dog poo bins on Weldon Park, these should be provided by either Persimmon Homes or by Land Management Team.

**20.062 Planning Applications:**

It was resolved to hold over all planning applications until the Planning Committee have met and reported back to full council at the next meeting.

**20.063 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

**20.064 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) **Parish Maintenance Terms of reference**, Cllr Shepard and the Clerk to meet to compile TOR Policy
- b) **The Allotment agreement** to be reviewed
- c) Clerk to obtain 12 hard copies of the **Good Councillor Guide**
- d) Clerk to purchase the **12<sup>th</sup> edition of Arnold Baker** with cost to be shared with her other Parish Councils.
- e) Review of all **Parish Council Policies**

**20.065 Date of next meeting** – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June either in the Village Hall or via Zoom.

This being all the business Cllr K Taylor closed the meeting at 9:00 pm after stating that some reconciliation needs to be done, everyone is passionate about the village and has different skill sets but the team needs to work together.

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