

Minutes of Weldon Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd November 2020
via Zoom



Weldon Parish Council

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Councillors Present	Simon Green, David Groom, Dick Priem, Colin Shepard, Kane Taylor, Simon Taylor (Chair), and Mark Williams
Also Present	8 Members of the public, Alexandra Wellings (Corby Borough Councillors) and Sue Cook (Clerk)

- 20.126 Apologies** had been received from Cllrs A Page, M Page and J Perkins and were accepted. Apologies has also been received from Corby Borough Councillors Kevin Watt.
- 20.127 Cllr Groom Declared an interest** in the closure of Kettering Road. Cllr K Taylor Declared an interest in 20.134 b (Grants).
- 20.128** The clerk confirmed that the **Vacancy for Parish Councillor** had been advertised in the correct manner and Mr Anton Vickers is the only resident who has applied. Cllr Priem proposed that Mr Anton Vickers be co-opted onto the Parish Council, Cllr S Taylor seconded the proposal with everyone was in favour and Mr Vickers agreed. The Clerk informed Mr Vickers that she would forward him the Declarations of Acceptance to Office and the Register of Interest.
- 20.129 Public time:**
Parking Issues were highlighted to the Councillors. The Clerk has been in contact with the Police over this matter and is waiting for their response. A resident suggested double yellow lines in certain areas may stop the problem.
A resident enquired as to when the jitty which runs from Corby Road to Chapel Road will be re-opened. It has been closed whilst building work is carried out on 1 High Street and has a 6 months closure notice on it which ends at the beginning of December.
Another resident is offering to help with any Parish Maintenance including planting bulbs, trees or planters. The resident is also concerned about the speeding traffic along Oundle Road, along with the lack of litter bins and dog bins at the top of Oundle Road. Another resident is concerned about the amount of HGV's using the Kettering Road, it was suggested that the resident try to get as much information from the vehicle and forward this onto the police. Cllr S Taylor in the meantime will contact the Traffic Controller is ask if they can monitor the area.
- 20.130** Cllr C Shepard proposed that the policy for Code of Conduct – Public and the Policy for accepting Petitions be adopted, Cllr S Taylor seconded the proposal with everyone in favour.
- 20.131** Cllr S Taylor proposed that the **Minutes of the Meetings held on Monday 5th October 2020** be accepted as a true record, second by Cllr C Shepard and approved by everyone. The minutes were electronically signed.
- 20.132 Matters Arising**
- Traffic Calming on Stamford Road** – work has almost been completed. One set of bollards have been installed and signage removed. The studs for the zebra crossing are still to be fitted.
 - Cllr S Taylor reported that **Spine Road** will be opened by the end of the year.

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- c) **Kettering Road** was discussed at length and it was felt that the village is being used as a rat run. Once Spine Road is open the stopping notice for Kettering Road will be issued. It was suggested that the Oundle Road could be closed at the bends to enable the footpath to be wider with other traffic calming on Oundle Road including a pedestrian crossing just after the roundabout. Leaflets will be going out to the whole village for residents' feedback via the Clerk. Another suggestion was to have a new road running from Weldon Park roundabout across to the Kettering Road by the landfill site. Borough Councillor Wellings undertook to raise this as part of her work within the Budgetary Task Force for the Unitary Council
- d) **Sign for Roundhouse** – Cllr S Taylor confirmed that he now has this in his possession and requested that the Clerk ask Mr Cox to install it.
- e) **Pedestrian Crossing for Priors Hall zone 1 to join Weldon**, Cllr M Page reported that there had been no further progress.
- f) **Key for barrier on Old Stamford Road** – Cllr S Taylor to chase County Councillor Naden Horley.
- g) **Road Sign for Church Walk** – Cllr Shepard reported that he has contacted CBC Environmental Services again last week with no response as of yet. The Clerk reported that someone from CBC has been seen inspecting the Road Sign outside her property.
- h) **Parish Ownership** – Francis Jackson's have agreed to allow the Parish Council to acquire the Gandy Field and take over the maintenance with Francis Jackson paying the Parish Council a compensatory lump sum to do so. The solicitors working for Francis Jackson will be drafting up the paperwork in the next few weeks. It is hoped to do the same with both the Leys and the land at Brambleside, both Cllr Shepard and Cllr Taylor to work together on this project.
- i) **Pathfinder III** – the Clerk reported that she has had the first initial meeting with Jasmin Berrill and will be attending 2 of the Flood warden sessions. The Clerk also reported that after showing Jasmin the photos of the flashing flooding in August there is a strong case for funding to be made available to help with the problems, even if it is just for flood barriers for the property in Bridge Street and the properties in Roman Close.
- j) **Defibrillator** – the Clerk confirmed that she has found the manual however there should be a key to gain access. Cllr Priem thinks he may have one and will check with Mr John Walker to see if he has one.
- k) **Remembrance Sunday** – Cllr K Taylor informed the meeting that due to new restrictions coming into force on Thursday there will not be any service held this year. Cllr Williams believes that there may be another announcement about this in the next day or so.
- l) **Community Email Account** – The Clerk reported that although the latest copy of Park News has not been distributed yet she has had 12 residents register their interest in the Community Email Account.

20.133 Reports from

- a) Borough Cllr Wellings reported that the Chief Executive of CBC is taking early retirement. There is a meeting tomorrow (Tuesday 3rd November) to discuss forming a Town Council. Cllr Wellings is working on the Budgetary Task Force for the Unitary Council and they have the funds for recycling projects, wind farms, solar farms and waste management. CBC are implementing the emergency Covid-19 restrictions again.
- b) **County Councillor** Naden-Horley was not at the meeting and had not supplied a report.

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- c) **Parish Maintenance** - Cllr Shepard informed the meeting that the work on the dam in the Pocket Park is complete and would like to thank the following volunteers Cllr Priem, Mr Cox, Mrs Janet Fellows, Cllr Perkins, Mr & Mrs Dowsett, Mr & Mrs Wullems, Borough Councillor Kevin Watts, Mr Kevin Collins and Mr Darren Hyde. At this point Cllr Shepard lost connection to the meeting.
- d) **HR committee** have met and have approved supporting the Clerk in a training programme, the Clerk has registered for the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) Overview courses along with the Freedom of Information and how to deal with Vexatious Requests. The policy for the Code of Conduct – Public was formulated at this meeting; the purpose is for all to have a respectful working relationship. Councillors are available to talk/listen to parishioners however all emails both incoming and outgoing need to go through the Clerk. This means that no one person is dealing with an item and that it is recorded by the Clerk. The next meeting is planned for early February.
- e) **NPD Committee** – Cllr Vickers agreed to take on the role as Chair for this committee. The Clerk will arrange a handover from Cllr A Page to Cllr Vickers before the next Parish Council Meeting.

20.134 Finance

- a) In the absence of Cllr A Page the Clerk gave the following Finance Committee Report: the committee continue to meet monthly, members take it in turn to review the bank statements, and outstanding payments and ensure that the Internal Audits are completed. The next November meeting will deal with only the budget for 2021/22 so that it may be presented to the December Full Council Meeting. There is currently £189930.46 across both Unity accounts, with further payments of £47979.39 to be made after this meeting. There is another VAT return to be claimed to the value of £10,188.92 with another VAT return payment not yet received of £252.25. The credit from Anglian Water of £324.38 is still outstanding.

Payee	Reason	Amount	Power
Sue Cook	1 st Aid Kit	£9.45	LGA1972 s112
SLCC	Outstanding Invoices from 2019	£418.67	
M Personal	Traffic Management & Drawings	£8648.87	LGRA1997 s30
W J South	White Lining	£1348.69	LGRA1997 s30
Tata Steel	Allotment Rent	£81.50	SHAA 1908 s23
M Personal	Traffic Management Signage	£168.00	LGRA1997 s30
Claremont Litigation	Professional and Court Costs	£3820.00	LGA1972 s222
Ladywell Accountancy	Payroll services	£77.50	LGA1972, s111
Sue Cook	Salary + Expenses	£927.14	LGA1972 s112
DJT Surfacing	Traffic Calming Works	£46946.47	LGRA1997 s30
HMRC	PAYE	£28.28	LGA1972 s112

- b) The Clerk has received a grant application from the Cricket Club. There were 2 options for the Parish Council to choose from, option B to purchase 2 portable nets amounting to £3060 or Option C to refurbish the existing nets amounting to £3600. Cllr S Taylor proposed that the Parish Council should pick Option C for £3600 to repair the current practise nets, this was seconded by Cllr Priem and agreed by everyone.

Weldon Village Hall Management Committee are applying for a grant from FCC Communities Foundation to replace 2 of the very large windows with

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doors. The current UPVC ones are in bad condition and there is gap around the doors which means they are losing heat. It is hoped to replace them with aluminium ones a total cost of £15,500. In order for the Village Hall Management Committee to complete the application they are looking for a 3rd party contributor to fund 10.75% of the grant which is £1665.25 but only if the application is successful. Cllr S Taylor proposed that the Parish Council fund this if the application is successful, Cllr Priem seconded the proposal with everyone in favour. It was also agreed that the Clerk should write a letter of support to the Village Hall Management Committee.

20.135 Planning Applications:

In the absence of Cllr M Page, the Clerk reported that she has received an outline planning application for 68 new dwellings for Weldon Park and this will be discussed at the next Planning Committee Meeting, East Northamptonshire Council Development Committee will be meeting next week to discuss Zones 2 & 3 at Priors Hall. The Secretary of State has decided not to call in the planning application for Cowthick and that there will be an updated report by CBC Development Committee on Tuesday 10th November members of the public will be able to view this via YouTube. The Planning Committee have submitted objections to 20/00260/DPA | Erection of a self-storage building (Class B8) (4,466 sqm GIA) with independent Office use (Class B1) of 200sqm within the self-storage unit, 9 Units in flexible use Class B1(b, c), B2 and/or B8 uses with ancillary Trade/retail Counter amounting to 879 sqm GIA, Class A1/A3/A5 Coffee Drive Thru (168sqm) with new access, associated car parking and landscaping. | Fircroft Nurseries Stamford Road Stanion

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

- a) Updates from NCALC
- b) Rough Sleepers Recording
- c) Parking Issues
- d) Right of Access guidance from ICO (Information Commissioners Office)
- e) School Term Dates for 2022/23 Consultation from NCC
- f) Safer Corby Team Update
- g) Guidance for Remembrance Day
- h) Notes of the North Northamptonshire Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Focus Group – 21 October 2020

20.137 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) **Christmas Events** – Cllr K Taylor would like to place a large Christmas Card on the Green by the tank so the community can sign it, there will be chalk markers for the use. Cllr K Taylor would also like to place another one on Priors Hall with the permission of Urban & Civic.
- b) Cllr Priem will remove the tank from the Village Green later in the month as it has been damaged and thinks that if it is repaired it will get damaged again.

20.138 Date of next meeting – Monday 7th December

This being all the business Cllr S Taylor closed the meeting at 8:30 pm

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

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Appendix to the draft minutes following Cllr Shepard losing connection.

- 1) Is there money in this year's budget for the replacement of the Rose Ave bench or will it have to wait for next year? Rough cost up to about £600 ex VAT including installation.
- 2) There are 4 trees in the village that need replacing as they have died. 2 on the triangle, a central focus tree in the Pocket Park and one on Stamford Rd as you enter the village. Cost per tree for 1.5 to 2 M suitable specimens £60 from specialist nursery - total delivery cost £14.95. Is there money this year?
- 3) Would be good to seed some areas of the village with wild-flowers. Seed is £166 a kilo (£55 for 250 gram) from specialist seed merchant. Again if money is available could be done now for next year flowering.

£1,000 would see all of the above accomplished.
- 4) Will be looking to reinstate the pond viewing platform and erecting fencing on the north side of the pond in the next few weeks with the help of volunteers.
- 5) We have over 20 scaffold type planks (they do not have metal end-caps) that can be used to construct planters for the village. Again looking for volunteers to help with construction / installation over the winter months.
- 6) The path by the Rams Field has been resurfaced but there are 2 dangerous branches overhanging it and the rest of Church Walk needs some maintenance due to its run-down condition. Highways have acknowledged that they are responsible but seem unwilling to act. How can we apply more pressure?
- 7) Pete Hubbard has too much work on at the moment to do the Roundhouse. Have asked Lee Kerfoot (stonemason) to give me a quote.