



Weldon Parish Council

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Councillors Present	Simon Green, David Groom, Angela Page, Michael Page, Dick Priem, Colin Shepard, Kane Taylor, Simon Taylor (Chair), and Mark Williams
Also Present	5 Members of the public, Kevin Watt and Alexandra Wellings (Corby Borough Councillors) and Sue Cook (Clerk)

20.114 No Apologies had been received.

20.115 Cllr Groom **Declared an interest** in the closure of Kettering Road.

20.116 **Public time:** Several members of the public drew the Parish Councils attention to concerns about speeding traffic and the proposed closure of Kettering Road.

One member of the public commented that although the traffic calming has been completed on the Stamford Road, more needs to be done and proposed that from the Weldon Park Roundabout to the bridge on Oundle Road we have a 20mph speed limit installed along with the remainder of Oundle Road and the whole of Church Street access only. Speed checks have been carried out along Oundle Road which show some vehicles exceeded 70mph. The vehicle activated sign on Oundle Road is obscured by overhanging branches. Another suggestion was to have a zebra crossing installed on the Weldon side of the Weldon Park Roundabout along with some sort of traffic calming, possibly chicanes.

There has been a petition raised which has approximately 250 signatures on it asking the Parish Council to investigate all options before deciding to close the Kettering Road. It is felt that if the Kettering Road closure goes ahead it will have an impact on other roads around the village especially Corby Road. The emergency services are also use Kettering Road and Church Street as a shortcut.

Cllr S Taylor informed the meeting that Persimmon have been served a prohibition order from CBC for breach of condition order. It gives Persimmon up to 14 days to finish the Spine Road, it just requires the top surface of tarmac and white lining.

Traffic has increased greatly since 2009.

Brough Councillor Kevin Watt suggested that there needs to be a review of all traffic around Weldon so that Weldon does not become gridlocked with traffic.

Cllr Priem proposed that residents in Weldon and Weldon Park are consulted as many of these residents are not aware of the Kettering Road closure.

Cllr M Page suggested taking a step backwards and look again at the situation, especially with such a lot of warehousing being planned for the area. The Neighbourhood Development Plan needs to be completed as soon as possible.

A member of the public raised their concerns about the noise being emitted from the Morrison's DC. The noise started increasing at the beginning of the year to such an extent that Environmental Health at CBC were notified in April along with Morrison's themselves. Noise report shows that over a 24-hour period the noise level were 20% over permissible level during the day and 50% over during the night. The resident stated that he had not been in direct contact with Mr Biddle as he was dealing with another issue in

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close proximity it the DC. Borough Cllr Watt comment was “What was in the original planning application as regards noise levels”. Cllr M Page proposed that along with the resident he will compile a letter on behalf of the Parish Council to CBC asking how they are resolving the problem and what they are doing about it.

20.117 Cllr S Taylor proposed that the **Pocket Park, Hills Field documents along with the Freedom of Information policy** were approved and adopted by Weldon Parish Council, the proposal was seconded by Cllr A Page with everyone in agreement. The policy for accepting petition will be reviewed with the view of approval at the next meeting.

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

20.119 Matters Arising

- a) **Traffic Calming on Stamford Road** – work has almost been completed. The contractor still needs to supply the bollards and the studs for the zebra crossing.
- b) **Both Spine Road and Kettering Road were covered in the Public Session.**
- c) **Sign for Roundhouse** – Cllr S Taylor confirmed that this has been ordered.
- d) **Pedestrian Crossing for Priors Hall zone 1 to join Weldon**, Cllr M Page reported that there had been no further progress.
- e) **Key for barrier on Old Stamford Road** – Cllr S Taylor to chase County Councillor Naden Horley.
- f) **E-mail accounts for Councillors** – the Clerk confirmed that all of the Parish Councillors have now got separate email accounts and will put the details on the noticeboard and the website.
- g) **Road Sign for Church Walk** – Cllr Shepard reported that he had not yet had a response from CBC or NCC.
- h) **Parish Ownership** – Cllr Shepard reported to the meeting that in order for the Gandy Field to be put right it will cost in the region of £1000. Cllr Shepard would like the Parish Council to acquire the Gandy Field from Francis Jackson Homes and take over the maintenance with Francis Jackson paying the Parish Council a compensatory lump sum to do so. 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 the Parish Council has been registered
- j) **Community Email Account** – it was agreed to advertise this in the latest edition of Park News with possibly including Weldon on-line and Weldon Chats back Facebook page.
- k) **Defibrillator** – the Clerk confirmed that she had emailed the supplier but had had no response.
- l) **Additional Planters** – it was agreed that Cllr S Taylor would supply Cllr Shepard with costs so that they could be included in the Parish Maintenance budget for next year.

20.120 Reports from

- a) Borough Cllr Wellings reported that there is a huge amount of work being carried out on forming Unitary councils and this will affect Weldon Parish Council, she also confirmed that she is on the Unitary Budget Setting Committee for 2021/22 which is tasked with taking the budgets from 8 councils into 2. Adult Social Care is having a complete overall
Borough Cllr Watt is working to move the Culture and Vision forward, focusing on what will it do and how will it interact with the constituents.

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Cllr M Page asked if there would be consultations, Borough Cllr Watt confirmed that there will be focus groups set up which will include representatives from Parish Councils, he will endeavour to include Weldon within these groups.

Cllr Watt has contacted Jason Smithers after receiving complaints about traffic noise on the A43 and the lack of pedestrian walk to Weldon School from Weldon Park particularly regarding the width of the footpath over the Willowbrook Bridge on Oundle Road.

Cllr Groom asked Borough Cllr Watt if the parking meters in Corby will return to cash as well as card as some people seem to be struggling with the new machine. Due to the current pandemic unfortunately, they will remain. Cllr K Taylor suggested downloading an app onto a mobile phone which will operate the transaction automatically.

- b) **County Councillor** Naden-Horley was not at the meeting and had not supplied a report.
- c) Cllr Shepard informed the meeting that work on dam in the Pocket Park is due to start on Friday 9th October and work will continue on both Saturday and Sunday, starting at 9:00 a.m. each day. Highways have confirmed that they are responsible for the Church Walk footpath leading to Church Street and will carry out remedial work on the path by the Ram's Field. Cllr Shepard has inspected the roof of the Roundhouse and confirmed that some repairs are needed along with some repointing. Cllr Shepard has approached Mr Pete Hubbard who has agreed to carry out this work for the Parish Council.
- d) **HR committee** have still not met date was fixed for Tuesday 13th September.
- e) **NPD Committee** Cllr Page reported that there has still not been a meeting for the Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee. The Clerk suggested that there would not be problem with Mr Vickers joining the committee as a member of the public, Cllr Priem agreed to contact Mr Vickers.

20.121 Finance

- a) The Clerk gave the following Finance Committee Report: There is currently £214191.12 across both Unity accounts, with further payments of £8928.48 to be made after this meeting, there have been another VAT return payment made of £416.50, a refund from NCC for the TRO of £1930.00 and another VAT claim will be made after this meeting for £252.25.

Payee	Reason	Amount	Power
Sue Cook	Pocket Park Litter Bin	£541.72	OSA1906, ss9 10
Sue Cook	12 Month Zoom Contract	£98.86	
Priors Hall School	S137 Grant	£4850.00	S137
Priors Hall Scouts	S137 Grant	£1000.00	S137
Sue Cook	Salary & Expenses	£1628.94	LGA1972 s112
N P Cox	Grass Cutting, Petrol & Mower Repair	£1252.54	OSA1906, ss9 10
N P Cox	Village Maintenance	£256.00	OSA1906, ss9 10
Alpha Fencing	Hogweed Treatment & Footpath material	£760.00	OSA1906, ss9 10
Unity Bank	Service Charge	£18.00	

- b) The Clerk had not received any new grant applications.

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20.122 Planning Applications:

Cllr M Page reported that the Planning Committee had met and had made objections to the application for 9 dwellings on Larratt Road, which has since been refused by CBC.

Objections were also made to 20/00365/OUT Outline Planning for Erection of “Start-up” Employment Units and a “Drive-thru” Restaurant with associated car parking, servicing and landscaping at Bangrave Road, Corby on the grounds of risk of flooding and the site being part of the green ‘ribbon’ and essential buffer between Corby and Weldon, The roundabout for the proposed access and egress is not designed to have frequent traffic movements from this entry, The developer does not own the land that it is proposing to use as an access point along with loss of business to the other drive thru no more than 400 m from proposed site. Borough Cllr Watt informed the meeting that Weldon’s 3 Borough Councillors have recommended that this application goes before the Development Control Committee.

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 will be discussed at the Planning Committee meeting on 14th October, even though CBC have failed to notify the Parish Council.

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

- a) Updates from NCALC including Training Newsletter and Local Government Reorganisation Q&A session. The Clerk attended the LGR meeting and found it every informative. Another one is being planned for January 2021.
- b) Changes to X4 Bus Timetable
- c) Unitary Blueprint Documents
- d) COVID Testing in Corby

20.124 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) **Remembrance Sunday.** Cllr K Taylor informed the meeting that there will be some sort of the Service at the War Memorial but no service in Church.
- b) Cllr M Page proposed that the Parish Council should talk to other Parish Councils in the area with reference to the **Government changes to Planning Policy.**

20.125 Date of next meeting – Monday 2nd November

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:

APPROVED