



# Weldon Parish Council

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

**20.102 Apologies** had been received from Cllr Angela Page and were accepted.

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

**20.104 Public time:** a member of the public drew the Councillors attention to the outline planning application for 9 properties in Larratt Road. The resident informed the meeting that the proposed entrance to the site will come off the roundabout at the top of the bypass, crossing over Anglian Water land. Concern has been raised that this may turn the unadopted road into a rat run. The Planning Statement submitted to CBC states that the site is outside the village boundary when it is not. Cllr Sims has submitted his objection to the application along with a video showing the recent flooding in the area. Cllr M Page thanked the resident for bringing it to the attention of the Parish Council and the application will be discussed at the Planning Meeting on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

**20.105** Cllr K Taylor proposed that the **following policies** were approved and adopted by Weldon Parish Council, the proposal was seconded by Cllr Page with everyone in agreement.

Data Breach, Data Protection, Data Map, Code of Conduct, Records Retention, and Media Policy

**20.106** Cllr Groom pointed out to the meeting that his 9 points as to why the **Kettering Road should not be closed** had been missed off the minutes, the Clerk agreed to make an appendix to the minutes. Cllr S Taylor proposed that the **Minutes of the Meetings held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020** be accepted as a true record, second by Cllr Page and approved by everyone. The minutes were electronically signed.

**20.107 Matters Arising**

- a) **Traffic Calming on Stamford Road** – work started this morning. The work should take approximately 2 to 2 1/2 weeks. Cllr Groom asked if one of the signs on the Kettering Road/Corby Road junction could be moved as it is obscuring the view of the traffic on Kettering Road coming into the village from the Corby Road.
- b) Persimmon have failed to open the **Spine Road** as dictated by CBC, CBC are now considering taking legal action to enforce the stopping of the building of properties until the road is opened. Persimmon have stated that there is a H&S issue.  
**Cllr Shepard would like the Parish Council to consider the following motion before the Kettering Road is permanently closed:** a) A full survey of all households in the Parish has been undertaken to determine support for the measure,

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b) Alternative means of traffic calming for the village have been fully explored.  
c) The impact of the opening of the Spine Road at Weldon Park and the traffic calming measures currently being undertaken on Stamford Road have been fully assessed.  
d) The impact upon local businesses particularly the Lonsis supermarket have been fully surveyed and assessed.  
e) An impact assessment has been carried out on likely traffic flows on the remaining three roads into the village following completion of the works listed in point 'c' above.

The motion was seconded by Cllr Green.

Cllr Taylor as Chair ruled out the motion and informed the meeting that the outline planning application in 2009 made by Persimmon included the closure of the Kettering Road. A lengthy discussion took place about this matter and Cllr Page suggested that a separate meeting should be arranged just for this.

- c) **Sign for Roundhouse** – Cllr S Taylor to supply.
- d) **Pedestrian Crossing for Priors Hall zone 1 to join Weldon**, Cllr M Page confirmed that Urban and Civic are very interested in the idea and may with others be prepared to contribute to the funding.
- 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 almost all of the Parish Councillors have now got separate email accounts and will have the draft contact details for the noticeboards available for the next meeting.
- g) **NCALC refresher course** – On hold indefinitely
- h) **Park News** – Cllr Page reported that going forward Park News will be only available online.
- i) **Road Sign for Church Walk** – Cllr Shepard explained that delivery drivers are having difficulty in locating the right end of Church Walk for their deliveries, both entrances have the same postcode. He suggested that the road sign by the War Memorial should have numbers 17-21 and 14-16 only added whilst the sign by the Oundle Road should have numbers 1 – 15 and 2-12 added. It was resolved that both Cllr Shepard and Borough Councillor Wellings should investigate further.

**20.108 Reports from**

- a) Borough Cllr Watt informed the meeting that the offices at the Cube continue to be opened up and that meetings are being held using Zoom. There is an upcoming meeting to select the Heads of Committee. Borough Cllr Wellings has had a response from Urban & Civic with reference to Zones 2 & 3 but nothing from the Planning Department. Domestic violence has increased during lockdown and she has asked for geographical details. Unitary will be taking place next May and there is an increase in activity to make a smooth transition.
- b) **County Councillor Naden-Horley** was not at the meeting and had not supplied a report.
- c) Cllr Shepard informed the meeting that the Parish Maintenance Committee in updating the Parish Assets Register have discovered that the grassed areas at Brambleside, the Gandy Field and the Leys are still owned by the developers. He would like the Parish to look into these being taken into Parish ownership to preserve their long-term status. Still battling with Himalayan Balsam and the hogweed has been treated. It was proposed by Cllr Shepard and seconded by Cllr Groom that £300 should be made available for the completion of the footpath from the bridge to the church gate in the Pocket Park, this was agreed by everyone, Cllr Shepard thanked Mr Pete Hubbard for relaying all the

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edging stones along the path. The Litter Bin for the Pocket Park has been ordered. It is hoped to reinstate the pond and erect a wooden dam in the Pocket Park over the weekend of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, it was proposed by Cllr Shepard and seconded by Cllr Priem that £600 should be made available to order the wood, this was agreed by everyone. There are already 8 residents offering to help but more are needed, Cllr Shepard will carry out a risk assessment before any work is attempted. Cllr Shepard will contact Highways with regards to the state of the ditch along Corby Road and the Church Walk footpath including the footpath by the Rams Field leading to Church Street.

- d) **HR committee** have still not met but will do so in the next few weeks.
- e) **NPD Committee** Cllr Page reported that there has still not been a meeting for the Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee. Cllr A Page will be resigning from this Committee and a new Chair will need to be appointed at the next meeting. Mr Anton Vickers has shown an interest in joining this Committee.

## 20.109 Finance

- a) The Clerk gave the following Finance Committee Report: There is currently £217757.82 across both Unity accounts, with further payments of £6964.62 to be made after this meeting, there have been 3 VAT return payments made totalling £4438.13 and another claim will be made after this meeting for £416.50.

Payee	Reason	Amount	Power
LGSS	Documentation for Road Calming	£1487.80	LGRA1997,s30
Anglian Water	Water @ War Memorial	£532.16	PHA1936 s125
Anglian Water	Water @ Allotments	£677.57	PHA1936 s125
Sue Cook	Salary & Expenses for July & August	£1583.60	LGA1972 s112
Sue Cook	Reimbursement for Zoom & ICO	£54.39	LGA1972, s112
Weldon Tree	Various Tree Works	£780.00	OSA1906,ss9 10
NCC	Traffic Order	£1930.00	LGRA1997,s30
Cllr S Taylor	Reimbursement for Travel, cancelling EE Account	£289.02	LGA1972, s15
HMRC	PAYE Shortfall for Period 1	£35.93	LGA1972, s112
HMRC	Outstanding PAYE 2018	£374.01	LGA1972, s112
HMRX	PAYE Period 2	£824.42	LGA1972, s112
Janet Gibson	1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Kit for Allotment	£24.00	
S Cook	Salary, Salary increase	£865.05	LGA1972, s112
Park News	Publication Cost	£200.00	LGA1972, s142
Weldon British Legion	Grant	£535.00	S137
N P Cox	Village Maintenance	£1335.00	OSA1906, ss9 10
Whitmore Timber	Timber for Pocket Park Dam	£599.21	
Claremont	Professional Costs	£1692.00	LGA1972, s222

- b) There have a Grant Applications received from Weldon British Legion for £535, this was approved.  
Application from Corby Warriors under 7's Football Club, was refused due to them not being based within Weldon Parish. Cllr Kevin Watt suggested that they should apply to Grant Committee at CBC.

## 20.110 Planning Applications:

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

20/00294/CAT Tree works at 6 Kettering Road – Peter Cavanor, Tree Warden for CBC, is aware that previous work has been carried out without the correct permission.

20/00288/CAT removal of Monkey Puzzle Tree at 38 Chapel Road

20/00276 Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission no 19/00274/REM parcel of land at 17a London Road, Priors Hall

20/00261/RVC Variation of Conditions 2 and 10 of planning permission

19/00080/DPA 4 dwellings land to the north of Stamford Road

20/00253/DPA Application for substitution of house types on plots 659, 657, 663, 678, 643 and 646 on Weldon Park.

Application 20/00262/DPA Permanent access road into Priors Hall Zone 2 from Levatts Way **was objected** to for the following reasons:

No permanent road access is indicated at this point on the application for outline planning permission for Zones 2 & 3 (19/00351/OUT). The road is not needed as there is already a perfectly good route between Zones 1 & 2 about 50 yards to the south - the A43. It is incompatible with the fact that the land it crosses is / will be a wildlife corridor. Tarmac and wildlife do not readily mix. There is no need for a haul route from Zone 1 to 2 for similar reasons to points 'b' & 'c'. Any haul route for Zones 2 & 3 should use the access from the new spine road leading from the new roundabout on the A43. If the road links Zone 2 to Levatts Way long term it is likely to become something of a race track which will present hazards to pedestrians and cyclists using the planned footpath and cycleway linking the Zones at this point. If the road stops short of linking the 2 zones then it will become a site for travellers to haul up and for fly tipping.

The following Planning Applications will be discussed at the next Planning Committee meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

a) 20/00305/PPA – up to 9 dwellings at Larratt Road

b) 20/00346/DPA - rear extension at 132 Corby Road

## **Outstanding Planning Applications, awaiting decisions**

a) Cowthick Plantation Stamford Road Stanion Ref. No: 18/00817/OUT – Approved – Cllr M Page informed the meeting that he along with Bill Heelan (Stanion Parish Council) and Gary Duthie (Planning Solicitor) have met with Tom Pursglove MP outlining concerns that CBC have not following due process. Mr Pursglove MP is making the SoS aware of the situation with a view to having the application called in.

b) 19/00351/Zones 2 & 3 Priors Hall – Cllr Page is meeting with Bourgh Councillor Wellings to discuss further.

c) 20/00190/REM Residential development for 75 properties at Priors Hall

d) 20/00181/CON soft landscaping at Weldon Park - Approved

e) 20/00162/CAT to fell and replace Ash Tree at 1 Deene End

f) 20/00136/DPA 5 parking spaces at Barnwell Gdns - Withdrawn

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

- a) Updates from NCALC
- b) Changes to X4 Bus Timetable
- c) Unitary Blueprint Documents
- d) COVID Testing in Corby

Since the publication of the agenda the Clerk has received an invitation for herself and the Councillors to join the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Q&A session for

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parish and town councils on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September via Zoom. The Clerk has signed up for this and will give a report to all the Councillors.

### **20.112 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) **Condition of the Roundhouse-** Cllr Perkins highlighted to the meeting that the roof of the Roundhouse needs some attention.
- b) **Defibrillator at the Village Hall** – the Clerk asked the meeting who is responsible for the upkeep of the Defibrillator and assuring that it is working and that the pads are in good condition. Both the Clerk and Cllr Priem will investigate.
- c) **Archiving council documents** – the Clerk confirmed that she has almost emptied the Roundhouse of the documents. The minutes date back to 1894 and has started to scan the old minutes with a view to taking them to Wootton Hall for them to be archived.
- d) **Damage to the Tank** – Cllr Perkins informed the meeting that the tank doors have been damaged and parts are missing. If it is to remain in its current position it needs repair and a coat of paint before winter.
- e) **Pathfinder II** – the Clerk highlighted the workings of the Pathfinder II project and due to the recent flooding in the village it was thought to be a good idea to join the scheme.
- f) **Salt Bins** – It was agreed that the Maintenance Committee should discuss this at their next meeting.
- g) **Residents email account** – the Clerk highlighted that there could be a need for a resident email account so that Residents could be informed quickly of any important news/issues. The Clerk reported that she has done this in other Parishes and it works well. Any email address will be held by the Parish Council and will be done in accordance with the Parish Councils Data Protection Policy. Any emails will be “closed” emails, no one will be able to see the name or email address of any other recipient.
- h) **Displaying agenda's and Minutes** – the Clerk has spotted in the old minutes that the agendas and minutes were in the past displayed in the Supermarket. Cllr Priem thought that some sort of noticeboard could be erected at the bus stop outside the Supermarket.
- i) **Additional planters** – Cllr S Taylor would like to purchase more planters for the Village. A resident is prepared to plant them and look after them.
- j) **Gandy Field, Brambleside and the Leys** – Cllr Shepard would like to look at taking over the ownership and maintenance of these 3 sites with the view of charging the landowners a fee for doing so. This will be discussed at the next Maintenance Meeting.
- k) **War Memorial** – Cllr Priem commented that the War Memorial needs cleaning. To be discussed at the Maintenance Committee.

### **20.113 Date of next meeting** – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Before the meeting closed Cllr Watts informed the meeting that she will be resigning from the Parish Council but would still attend the meetings as a Borough Councillor. The Clerk asked that Cllr Watts put this in writing.

This being all the business Cllr S Taylor closed the meeting at 9:00 pm

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

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