

**Minutes of Weldon Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February  
2021 via Zoom**



# Weldon Parish Council

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Councillors Present	David Groom (Late), Angela Page (Chair), Joannie Perkins, Dick Priem, Colin Shepard, Kane Taylor (Late), Simon Taylor, Anton Vickers and Mark Williams
Also Present	8 Members of the public, Alexandra Wellings (Corby Borough Councillor) and Sue Cook (Clerk)

**21.013 Apologies** had been received from Cllr S Green and Cllr M Page both were accepted.

**21.014** There were no **Declaration of Interest**

**21.015 Public time:** Cllr A Page reminded the members of the public that they had 3 mins each to allow all a chance for question and reply. Going forward the public are requested to inform the Clerk by email prior to the meeting if they wish to speak  
A resident asked the Parish Council if he needed permission to remove several trees from his garden, he is on the edge of the Conservation Area although not in it. His property backs onto the Willow Brook. Cllr Shepard advised that he should perhaps get in touch with the Environment Agency just to confirm that it is not their responsibility. All councillors were happy for the work to go ahead.  
A resident also showed an interest in joining the Neighbourhood Planning Development Committee, Cllr Vickers proposed that he contacts the Clerk with his details.

**21.016 Borough Councillor Alexandria Wellings gave the following report** – Cllr Wellings knows that Borough Councillor Kevin Watt has been in contact with Jason Smithers with reference to the traffic survey and believes that a full traffic survey will be carried out once the traffic gets back to near normal. Corby Borough Council are formally becoming Corby Town Council. Following on from the complaints received about the Planning Department the Chief Executive Office are investigating. There is a Rural Forum meeting on Thursday evening, the Clerk will be attending on behalf of the Parish Council.

**21.017** Cllr S Taylor proposed that the **Minutes of the Meetings held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January** be accepted as a true record, second by Cllr Shepard and approved by everyone. The minutes were electronically signed.

**21.018 Matters Arising**

- a) **Weldon Traffic Update and Consultation Update** – Cllr S Taylor informed the meeting that a meeting had been held between Persimmon, CBC and NCC with a view to opening Spine Road late April/early May. Cllr Taylor is also meeting with a gentleman to discuss turning the whole of Weldon into a 20mph speed limit zone. They have confirmed this is part of the consultation with the new school on Weldon Park.

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- b) **Pedestrian Crossing for Priors Hall zone 1 to join Weldon**, Cllr S Taylor informed the meeting that Cllr M Page is waiting for a quote for the overview drawings.
- c) **Road Sign for Church Walk** – No further update on this matter, Cllr S Taylor to chase.
- d) **Parish Ownership** – Cllr S Taylor confirmed that the legal documents for the Gandy Field should be with the Parish Council in the next few days. Nothing further to report on the Leys or Brambleside, Cllr S Taylor to chase Persimmon on both.
- e) Cllr S Taylor agreed to be the **Police Liaison Representative to act as a single point of contact with Northamptonshire Police.**

**21.019 Reports from**

- a) **Parish Maintenance** - Cllr Shepard reported that the viewing platform in the Pocket Park has been erected along with some of the fencing. He thanked Mr Peter Dowsett, a resident called Paul (he only has his christen name), Cllr Priem and Mr Cox for their help. The rest of the fencing will be completed in the next week or so. The old animal shelter has not been removed due to the weather conditions.  
Cllr Shepard highlighted concerns about the amount of blocked drains around the village. Cllr S Taylor confirmed that the drain in Bridge Street is being looked into, the Clerk has reported the one on Corby Road by the junction of Hillside Crescent on Fix my Street. NCC have sent the Village Warden around the village who has confirmed that NCC are planning to carry out jetting and gully sucking on all the drains.  
Some salt bins are empty and Cllr Shepard has reported this to Fix my Street.  
Cllr Groom is concerned about the trees overhanging Oundle Road from the Rookery, this is private land and as such the Parish Council are not responsible. Borough Councillor Wellings suggested contacting County Councillor Naden-Horley.  
The Clerk has had several residents come forward to help with litter picking when restriction allow.
- b) **HR committee** – Cllr A Page confirmed that the committee will be meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February.
- c) **NPD Committee** – Cllr Vickers informed the meeting that he had only received the documents at short notice which were forwarded to all Councillors by the Clerk just prior to the meeting. Following from these documents it was agreed to hold a committee meeting on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February.
- d) The Clerk read out the following **School Report** -25 – 30% of our pupils are still physically attending school. This varies day-to-day in-line with the shift patterns of parents/guardians. All staff are in school teaching those children present and hosting live lessons for those children who are being home-schooled. Children are taught in year-group bubbles. Our home-schooling provision consists of: live Zoom lessons for English and Maths; home learning packs for all core subjects; pre-recorded interactive YouTube lessons for Music; online learning; Zoom drop-in sessions to discuss any concerns or to catch-up with classmates / teaching staff; Zoom and pre-recorded story sessions; PE activities, and assembly / worship sessions. This can all be viewed on the class pages of our school [website](#). We've provided electronic

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devices for those children who don't have access to such equipment at home and we're in regular telephone contact with families who are finding this lockdown particularly difficult. We recognise what a challenging time this is for children and their families. Teaching staff are in email contact with all families at least once a week. Our staff have worked incredibly hard to adapt to this new way of working, ensuring the transition has been as smooth as possible for the children. Our children continue to amaze us with their resilience and can-do attitudes, evident in the quality and quantity of work that's being submitted to our teaching team on a daily basis.

### 21.020 Finance

- a) The Clerk reported to the meeting that there is currently a balance of £105478.36. There is a VAT claim of £10188.92 still outstanding from the Traffic Calming. If this has not been received in the next few days the Clerk will contact HMRC. Once payments have been approved and made from this evening's meeting there will be £103981.28
- b) The following payments were approved in line with current legislation.

Payee	Reason	Amount	Power
St Marys Church	Youth Worker	£25000.00	
Nigel Cox	Maintenance in Pocket Park	£ 569.94	
Sue Cook	Salary and Expenses	£ 927.14	

- d) There were no new grants to consider.

### 21.021 Planning Applications:

Cllr A Page gave the following update to the meeting on behalf of Cllr M Page. Several meetings have been arranged over various planning applications including: Tom Pursglove MP with reference to Cowthick, Kirby Lodge meeting with Urban & Civic and Residents and In consultation with the developers for the Secondary School on Weldon Park

The Planning Application for Fircroft Nurseries has been approved  
The Parish Council have strongly objected to the 26 Dwellings at Glebe Farm, Church Street

### 21.022 To Consider Any Incoming Correspondence as previously circulated

- a) Updates from NCALC
- b) Safer Corby Update and "My Dog Fouling" poster. Dog Fouling has increased and Cllr S Taylor agreed to contact Amanda McDade to see if more bins could be installed.
- c) Tresham Garden Village – Housing Needs Study

### 21.023 To note any concerns raised by residents via email to the Clerk

- a) Weldon Woodland Park – Car Park Closure
- b) Street Lighting -Several lights are still not working
- c) Blocked Drains – covered in Parish Maintenance

### 21.024 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) New Website – the Clerk to start constructing
- b) Noise from Morrison's RDC

### 20.152 Date of next meeting – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March

This being all the business the meeting closed at 8:35 pm