

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



# Weldon Parish Council

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Councillors Present	Simon Green, David Groom, Angela Page (Chair), Mike Page, Joannie Perkins, Dick Priem, Colin Shepard, Kane Taylor, Simon Taylor, Anton Vickers and Mark Williams
Also Present	15 Members of the public, Alexandra Wellings, Kevin Watt, Bridget Watts (Corby Borough Councillor) and Sue Cook (Clerk)

**21.026 There were no Apologies**

**21.027 No one expressed a Declaration of Interest**

**21.028 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. In the future the public are requested to inform the Clerk by email prior to the meeting if they wish to speak

A resident asked if anything could be done to stop HGV's using Corby Road as a rat run. Some drivers are ignoring the 7.5-ton weight limit. This will be covered within the Working Party.

A Kettering Road resident informed the meeting that the roadside drains along Kettering had recently been cleaned out.

Concern was raised that the land at the former Fircroft Nurseries is being cleared with trees being felled. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to CBC outlining that this is now the bird nesting season and no land should be cleared during this time.

Concern was also raised about the traffic queuing to get into the recycling centre along the Kettering Road, ignoring signage that states "no queuing". This should be reported to [wastemanagement@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:wastemanagement@northamptonshire.gov.uk) or <https://www.northants.police.uk/>

A resident asked if there was any possibility if the A43 between Steel Road roundabout and the Stamford Road roundabout could be resurfaced at the same time as the work being carried out on the Roundabouts. Borough Councillor Watts confirmed that this is covered in the next financial year's budget.

**21.029 Borough Councillor Alexandria Wellings gave the following report** – Friends of Woodland Park have been in contact with her and will forward the details onto the Clerk. Iain Smith has been appointed to the leadership team as Assistant Director of Regulator Services, Place and Economy.

**Cllr Kevin Watt** confirmed that the full Traffic Survey will take place as soon as the traffic levels return to normal

**Cllr Bridget Watts** believes that North Northamptonshire Council will be a good thing.

**21.030** It was resolved to accept the **Minutes of the Meetings held on Monday 1st February** as a true record.

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### 21.031 Matters Arising

- a) **Weldon Traffic Update and Consultation Update** – Cllr S Taylor informed the meeting that he has met with Dan Endersby from Persimmon Homes along with a resident. Dan has confirmed that the missing part of footpath is the responsibility of Mulberry Homes. Spine Road will be fully resurfaced prior to being opened late April/early May. Cllr Taylor also confirmed that there will be a new footpath from Weldon Park to Bears Lane as part of the Footpath to School Scheme for Oundle Road School. There are 2 new “It’s 30 for a reason” signs to go up on Oundle Road, these signs are legal.  
It was agreed that the Working Party should meet on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00p.m, Clerk to set up the Zoom Meeting.
- b) **Pedestrian Crossing for Priors Hall zone 1 to join Weldon**, Cllr M Page informed the meeting that he has received a quote of £2200 plus VAT for designing the crossing. Cllr S Taylor proposed that the Parish Council should proceed with this quote, Cllr Priem seconded the proposal with everyone in agreement.
- 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 Gandy Field is now in the ownership of the Parish Council. The residents are able to maintain their own fences now that the vegetation has been removed. Cllr A Page proposed that some of the land to be used to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee next year by planting fruit trees, wild flowers and erecting a bench, this was seconded by Cllr S Taylor and agreed by everyone.  
The process of the Parish Council taking over ownership of the Leys or Brambleside has been started and Dan Endersby will update Cllr S Taylor on the process.
- e) **New Website.** – the Clerk reported that she hopes to launch the new website in next few days. [www.weldonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.weldonparishcouncil.co.uk) It was suggested having a page for Wildlife so that residents can submit their photos from around the village.
- f) **Morrison RDC** – The Parish Council has written to Corby Borough Council on behalf of the residents of Priors Hall Park who are suffering from the noise. No response has been received up to now. The Parish Council will continue to support the residents and will write another letter asking for the time line and what action Corby Borough Council is going to undertake.

### 21.032 Reports from

- a) **Parish Maintenance** - Cllr Shepard reported that the fencing in the Pocket Park is almost complete, there is a new Litter Bin at the entrance to the Gandy Field at Chapel Road, the Salt Bins have all been replenished by Highways, several areas of the Village has been litter picked by Northants Wombles and some of the drains have been cleaned out. Cllr Shepard has also noted that there is not a litter bin on Corby Road by the BP Garage. It was suggested that one may be installed at the old Garage layby. Cllr. Shepard to contact Environmental Care Services about the matter.
- b) **HR committee** – Cllr A Page confirmed that the committee meet on February 9<sup>th</sup> with various items being discussed including ensuring that the Grass Cutting Contract and the Caretaker Contract are two separate items. The

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meeting was reminded that there will be an Industrial Tribunal case early in June.

- c) **NPD Committee** – Cllr Vickers informed the meeting the Committee had met and the whole plan was reviewed. Since that meeting a Housing Sub-committee and Environmental Sub-committee have been formed.
- d) The Clerk read out the following **School Report** - We're continuing to provide remote learning to those children still at home while staying open for those children of key workers. We're very much looking forward to welcoming all of our children back into school on March 8th, the arrangements for which will be communicated to parents and carers w/c 1st March. The online learning provision is still available to view on the class pages of the school [website](#).
- e) The Clerk attended the **Rural Forum** on behalf of the Parish Council and reported – Crime is down 30%, Corby Borough Council Planning Department still have problems communicating with the Parish Councils and the Neighbourhood Wardens are ensuring that the Covid restrictions are being adhered too and will return to normal duties as soon as restrictions allow. The next meeting is due to take place on Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- f) **Emergency Planning Meeting** – both Cllr Green and Cllr Priem attended the meeting. They both found it very informative. There is a lot of work to be done to put a plan in place for Weldon. It was suggested forming a Neighbourhood Watch within the Village as a whole.

### 21.033 Finance

- a) The Finance Committee had received 3 quotes for the Grass Cutting Tender and recommended that the Parish Council agree to the quote received from Mr Cox at £1038.80 per cut plus fuel. The recommendation was approved and the Clerk agreed to write to the other companies who registered their tender.
- b) The bank balance currently stands at £132,711.80 which includes receipts of £10,188.92 VAT Refund, £7700.00 Neighbourhood Plan Grant, £9999.00 from Francis Jackson for the upkeep of the Gandy Field for the next 10 years and £842.60 Allotment Rent from the Tenants.
- c) The following payments were approved in line with current legislation

Payee	Reason	Amount	Power
Yourlocale	Neighbourhood Plan	£4200.00	
Cllr S Taylor	Reimbursement for Road Signs	£191.16	RTRA1984 s72
Sue Cook	Reimbursement for new website	£36.00	
Weldon Trees	Work on Gandy Field	£1200.00	OSA1906, s9
NCALC	Community Flood Workshop	£76.00	
Sue Cook	Salary for March	£927.14	LGA1972 s112
HMRC	PAYE	£461.07	LGA1972 s112
Park New	Spring Edition	£200.00	LGA1972 s142
Nigel Cox	Maintenance	£352.00	OSA1906, s9
Local Traders	Delivery Park News	£145.80	LGA1972 s142

- d) A grant request had been received from the Congregational Church for £900 towards the maintenance of their Churchyard. This was approved but payment is to be deferred until the new financial year.

### 21.034 Planning Applications:

Cllr M Page gave the following update to the meeting: The Committee recommended objecting to the application of Weldon Park Phase 3 for 385 dwellings recommend objecting due to concerns raised by the Police, along with

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No SUD's application and no further applications being approved until Spine Road is open. Kirby Lodge incumbents have met with representatives from PC, U&C and residents and have agreed to meet on a regular basis. Talks continue with the Planning Consultants for the proposed Secondary School for Oundle Road.

Tresham Village consultation on housing survey, Cllr Page asked Councillors for their thoughts on the housing survey for Tresham Village

**21.035 To Consider Any Incoming Correspondence as previously circulated with no further action required**

- a) Election Documents
- b) Newsletter from Leader of the Shadow Authority
- c) Safer Corby Update
- d) Weekly Schemes of Works Programme
- e) Newsletter from Northamptonshire Crime Commissioner
- f) Highways Procurement Project

**21.036 To note any concerns raised by residents via email to the Clerk**

- a) Street Lighting -Several lights are still not working
- b) Blocked Drains – covered in Parish Maintenance
- c) Litter and Fly Tipping -

**21.037 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) Election
- b) Planters – to be placed at agreed locations
- c) Parking Issues in Dash Farm Close – the Clerk to advise resident to contact NCC for permission to erect some sort of fence.
- d) Cyclists using the Corby Road Jitty – the Clerk to contact NCC on behalf of the resident.
- e) Report from the Youth Worker

**20.038 Date of next meetings – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

This being all the business the meeting closed at 9:15 pm