

Draft Minutes of Weldon Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th September 2021 in the Weldon Village Hall Annex

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Councillors Present	Angela Page (Chair), Mike Page, Dick Priem, Colin Shepard, Graham Stray Simon Taylor, and Anton Vickers
Also Present	2 Members of the public, North Northamptonshire Councillors (NNC) Macaulay Nichol and Kevin Watt, PC Brad Wilson and Sue Cook (Clerk)

21.106 Apologies had been received from Cllr Dowsett, Cllr Gibson, Cllr K Taylor and Cllr Williams. All were accepted.

21.107 There were no **Declarations of Interest** registered

21.108 PC Brad Wilson introduced himself by giving the meeting a brief account of his time in the police and his role as **Neighbourhood Police Officer**. PC Wilson will attend all the Parish Council meeting even if he is off duty, he is going to arrange for speed enforcements to be carried out on Stamford Road, Oundle Road and possible Kettering Road. Going forward the crime report will include crimes committed/reported in Priors Hall, Weldon and Weldon Park. There will also be a Beat Bus available later in the year which is a mobile Police Station and PC Wilson can request to use it. PC Wilson also confirmed that he works very closely with Suzanne Preston, He assured the meeting that if anyone has any concerns to contact him, he may not be able to respond straight away but he will respond.

21.109 There were no questions from the members of the public

21.110 North Northamptonshire Councillors – Cllr Nicol reported that he went along to the open for the new foster home in Rose Avenue and the lady is anxious to meet with Parish Councillors. Cllr Nichol has also met with Sarah Barnwell with reference to the parking problems along Spinney Road and Hillside Crescent. He is hoping that the garage area on Spinney Road can be cleaned up so that it can be used for additional parking and that double yellow lines can be placed on the corner of Hillside Crescent opposite the footbridge to Weldon Woodland Park. Cllr Nicol also confirmed that at a recent NNC meeting they Climate Emergency Motion policy was passed with a target date of 2030 for being carbon neutral.

Cllr Watt spoke about the Climate Emergency Policy commenting that from 2025 no new gas boilers will be installed and that new housing stock will have thermal installation. There is also a Corporate Plan Consultation which will be forwarded to the Clerk and any resident can comment on it. Cllr Watt are the council to consider street car charging points and Afghan refugees who will need support as many have left with no personal belongings. There will also be two more strategies to be considered a Bus Strategy for NNC and a new Anti-Litter Strategy. There is also a new national report called Left Behind Report which includes the Kingswood Estate in Corby. Western Power will be holding webinar workshops from 14th to 16th September, the links will be forwarded to the Clerk.

21.111 The Youth Worker, Kirstie Lloyd-Uzoegbu report had been circulated to the councillors prior to this meeting (appendix A).

21.112 It was resolved to accept the **Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th July** as a true record and were signed by Cllr A Page.

21.113 Working Party Update – Cllrs had received the minutes to the meeting held on 26th July prior to the meeting.

21.114 Training for All Councillors – The Clerk continues to circulate new courses from NCALC. Councillors were asked to registered themselves for courses ensuring that the Clerks details are recorded when registering.

21.115 The members of the Committee for Queens Platinum Jubilee were confirmed as: Cllr Gibson, Cllr A Page, Cllr D Priem and Cllr A Vickers. 2 residents also showed an interest at their interviews, the clerk to contact them.

21.116 The Clerk to contact Suzanne Preston to reinstate the Village Walkabouts.

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21.117 It was resolved to accept the **Volunteer Work and H&S Checklist's** but to review the **Permit to Work** at the next Meeting

21.118 It was resolved to form a **Youth Council**

21.119 **Communication Sub-committee** to be deferred as there is a new Parish Council Facebook page.

21.120 **Emergency Plan Committee** have met and the Clerk has started work on the Emergency Plan.

21.121 Reports from

- a) **Parish Maintenance** – Cllrs had received minutes from the meeting held on July 13th prior to the meeting
- b) **NPD Committee** – Cllr Vickers stated that a small highly selected team are working on 2 residential site's assessments which when completed the Neighbourhood Plan will be complete.
- c) **School Report** – the children only returned to school today.

21.122 Finance

- a) It was resolved to **ratify the approval of Section 1 of Annual Governance & Accounts Return for Year Ending March 2021 and Section 2 of Annual Governance & Accounts Return for Year Ending March 2021**
- b) It was reported that there is currently £164687.74 across all 3 banks accounts and that includes £9999.00 from Persimmon for the upkeep of the Leys for the next 10 years.

The following payments were approved in line with current legislation

Payee	Reason	Amount	Power
Your Locale	Residential Site Assessment Work	£2400.00	
N P Cox	Grass Cutting & Expenses	£1308.92	OSA1906, s9
N P Cox	Maintenance & Expenses	£626.40	OSA1906, s9
Sue Cook	August Salary & Expenses	£986.91	LGA1972 s112
HMRC	PAYE for August	£91.40	LGA1972 s112
DM Payroll	1st half year payroll services	£60.00	LGA1972 s142
N P Cox	New tyre for sit on mower	£108.00	OSA1906, s9
N P Cox	Grass Cutting & Expenses	£1260.91	OSA1906, s9
N P Cox	Village Maintenance & Expenses	£450.00	OSA1906, s9
Anglian Water	Water usage on allotments	£132.55	
S Cook	Zoom for Committee meetings	£143.88	

- c) No new grants request has been received.
- d) After much decision it was resolved not to decide on the **2 new Benches** until greener options have been reviewed and compared with wooden one by the Maintenance Committee.
- e) It was agreed to purchase Planters
- f) The Finance Committee recommended setting a Budget for £10K for the Queens Platinum Jubilee, which was approved.
- g) It was agreed to order the 2 Disclaimer Notices that had been recommended at a cost of £14 each sign yellow with black lettering.
- h) It was resolved that to move the funding for fencing, kissing gates at the Hills & Hollows and a bridge over the Leys that the Parish Council will provide the match funding of up to 11% which will be built into the budget for 2022/23.
- i) The Parish Council now has ownership of The Leys.

21.123 Cllr M Page had nothing to report on **Planning**

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

- a) NCALC Updates
- b) Morrison's RDC – still in communication with NNC and Tom Pursglove MP
- c) Weekly Schemes Works Programmes
- d) Foxy's Forest School – posted on website
- e) Augean Summer Newsletter

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- f) Newsletter from Jason Smithers, Leader of North Northamptonshire Council – posted on website
- g) Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service CFO Annual Report 2020-21
- h) The Big ‘PIC’ Pride In Corby Litter Campaign 20 – 26 September 2021 – posted on website
- i) Cyclo-Cross Event in Weldon Woodland Park - 26th September 2021 – posted on website
- j) Regulation 16 Consultation: Cottingham Neighbourhood Plan

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

- a) Missing gate at the Lagoon, top of Larratt Road (Anglian Water notified)
- b) Height of trees along Corby Road (Fix my Street)
- c) Heavy Traffic noise from the A43 (NNC notified)
- d) State of the bus shelters on High Street (reported on Fix my Street, only been repaired)
- e) HGV’s using Church Street as a rat run (reported to relevant companies)
- f) Unfinished S278 works at Mulberry Homes
- g) Intrusive noise from mechanised garden, DIY equipment or music
- h) Illusive Festival – Weldon Parish Council are asking if they can be involved in future consultation meetings. Residents did complain to the loud noise on Sunday evening. Question is does it need to run on until then, with residents working or have school the next day. Concern on actual numbers attending.

21.126 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) Basic 1st Aid Course
- b) To consider purchasing trees for the Platinum Jubilee

20.127 Date of next meeting Monday 4th October

This being all the business the meeting was closed at 21:10 after Cllr Page thanked everyone for attending.

Signed	Date

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Weldon Parish Youth Work update from Kirstie Lloyd-Uzoegbu, Weldon Parish Youth Worker

The Youth Club had a successful summer term with 3 sessions taking place at CBA with the Big, Blue Bus. We had a core of about 20 young people who came each week and we received positive feedback from both young people and their parents. Several young people were new to PHP and were able to meet new friends which seems to have been a bit of a lifeline. Youth Club is back on Monday 6th September and we have had quite a few new enquiries from more Weldon parents who are keen for their children to be involved as they have heard about the club from others, through our advertising or from taking part in the Youth Games.

I was pleased to be able to organise the Youth Games in the Amphitheatre as a means of reaching out to local residents and young people right in the heart of PHP, and encouraging people to support their local community. The event was a great success with up to 100 residents turning up to take part in dodgeball, archery, swing-ball, as well as making rock animals and fabulous pendant necklaces in the craft tent. I was able to work alongside partnership teams to ensure this was a joint community event and to establish a network for future work and events. Corby Sport and Play Development led on outdoor games which the young people threw themselves into. Safer Corby Team provided an alcohol awareness game and spoke to young people and parents about what they would like to see for young people locally. St Mary's Church and Rock-Solid Youth Club provided numerous volunteers to run the craft and support the activities – it was lovely to see so many amazing creations! We were able to share details of the groups that run within the local community for families. Urban and Civic also supported in the organisation of the event and the Community Centre provided tables and chairs. So, all in all it was a real partnership event.

Survey from parents and young people:

Is there enough for young people to do in PHP? “No, we would like more fun activities – like this fun day”; “More opportunities to help local people in the community who may be lonely or can’t go out”; “Sometimes not sure what is going on, so perhaps any activities need to be better advertised”.

What facilities or events would you like? “Like hanging out with mates in Corby”, “getting involved in good causes/fundraising”; “Possibly somewhere where young people can just meet and relax”; “Having more events like today, especially during school holidays”.

Facebook feedback: One parent recommended the event by saying: “This [is] run by a fab youth group in Weldon”. Another parent said that: “It was very well organised and presented. Great fun for all children”.

Professionals all agreed we would look to run similar future events in response to the above. I was also heartened to hear the desire to help the local community so it would be good to explore local opportunities for this work. My own experience of trying to find the right place to host an event or to offer outreach work for young people has been that there are no facilities for young people. There are play areas for children, gym equipment, cafes and shops for adults. In my opinion, to cut down on perceived anti-social behaviour, young people need space where they can meet friends to play a game or just chat. PHP, with such a growing population, would hugely benefit from a MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area), a football pitch, and a skate ramp. With access to the Big, Blue Bus this would be the perfect means of providing effective outreach work within the heart of PHP, however, there is nowhere to park the bus. From the bus we could offer sessions on knife crime, drug use and engage young people in positive activities. It would be helpful to know if there were means to provide hardstanding within the amphitheatre gates that could take the weight of the bus.

In addition to all of the above I am training as a facilitator to run parenting courses which will be offered to Weldon families. My first course starts this week. I am still trying to establish a link with CBA to see how we can work together and will be in a position to offer parenting courses through the school in partnership with Hope for Families, as well as Emotional Well-Being sessions for students in partnership with Souster Youth. If CBA do not require this support then my focus will be on establishing the same offer to the 2nd, still to be built, Weldon secondary school.

I continue to run the Youth Church sessions and make young people aware of what the church can offer if they or their families are interested, and will be attending Youth Ministry training over the course of the next year. A lot has been achieved over the last 6 months but there is still a great deal more that could be established and developed. Within part time hours I obviously need to prioritise but am pleased with targets met to date. More hours would enable me to achieve more in a shorter period of time but in the meantime, I am slowly building a youth work presence in the area and responding, where possible to the needs of the community. I am keen to be part of any working groups moving forwards (that don't clash with our Monday Youth work) to look at what more we can achieve.