

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

Councillors Present	Janet Gibson, Peter Dowsett, Angela Page (Chair), Mike Page, Dick Priem, Kane Taylor, Simon Taylor and Anton Vickers
Also Present	5 Members of the public, PC Brad Wilson, and Sue Cook (Clerk)

- 21.166 Apologies** had been received from, Cllr G Stray, Cllr C Shepard, Cllr Williams, NNC Rural Councillors Nichol and Watt. All were accepted.
- 21.167** The following **Declarations of Interest were registered** – Cllr Dowsett for item 21.172.
- 21.168** PC Wilson apologised for not being able to attend the last 2 meetings and gave the following **Crime Report**, a total of 25 crimes across the Parish some are thought to be linked there were also 6 anti-social behaviour incidents. To report any parking issues please ring at the time of the incident either via the 101 or 999 telephone reporting system. Each incident will then be risk assessed and then deployed to if required. School Parking Patrols have taken place on Chapel Road with no offences. It is that time of year where the nights come earlier and last longer and the weather is often inclement. As such a SAFER WINTER DRIVING TIPS leaflet has been posted on the Parish Council website. The Beat Bus Surgery will be in outside Londis on Thursday 9th December from 15:30 to 17:00.
- 21.169 Public Time** – none of the residents raised any issues.
- 21.170 North Northamptonshire Councillors** – Neither councillor attended the meeting and no report had been received.
- 21.171** It was **resolved** to accept the **Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1st November** as a true record and were signed by Cllr A Page.
- 21.172 Working Party Update** – Cllr A Page reported both she and Cllr Dowsett will be meeting NNC David Simms on Monday 13th to update him with the Parish Council views on how to make Weldon a calmer and quieter place to live. There is a push for a by-pass to run from Bears Lane proposed roundabout towards the A43 at the back of Cowthick, this will take time and there is an on-line petition. The other 2 planters are now in-situ and planted, Cllr Dowsett was thanked. After our consultation with NNC Highways, they are now reviewing our plan for Double Yellow Lines in Weldon. 20's plenty leaflet have been distributed along Corby Road, Church Street, High Street, Kettering Road, Oundle Road and Stamford Road with leaflets being delivered along Kestrel Road. Several residents have requested stickers. It was resolved to declare a motion for 20 m.p.h. zone in Weldon there is also a Zoom training/surgery on 20th December
- 21.173 Training for All Councillors** – The Clerk reported that two councillors are attending courses that were sent out on the latest list.
- 21.174 Facebook** – it was **resolved** to have an account but just as a noticeboard with everything linked to the web-site. Mr William Gerrard offered to help with this.
- 21.175** It was resolved to accept the **Expense Form and the Volunteer Check list**. It was agreed not to accept the new logo until the copyright of the logo can be established.
- 21.176** William Gerrard agreed to join the **Youth Council** and will engage with Kirstie Lloyd-Uzoegbu to move this project forward. They will report on progress at each Full Council Meeting.
- 21.177 To Consider Any Incoming Correspondence as previously circulated with no further action required**
- a) Updates from NCALC – resolved to add William Gerrard to the distribution

- b) Newsletter from Jason Smithers, Leader of NNC – as above
- c) Newsletter from Northants Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner (NPFCC)
- d) Cash Boost for North Northants to help commitments to Prosperity and Net Zero
- e) Bus Strategy
- f) Climate Change Meeting notes
- g) Reminder to all Councillors to register their interests online as per NNC directive
- h) Weekly Schemes of Work
- i) Proposed 5G Telecommunications Installation for H3G UK

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

- a) Overgrown hedges along Kettering Road, Bridge Street and Gretton Road (reported on Fix my Street)
- b) Overgrown Ivy on Kettering Road Bridge (reported on Fix my Street)
- c) State of the bus shelter on High Street (reported on Fix my Street)
- d) Collapsed wall between 16 & 18 Oundle Road (footpath to be legally closed to allow repairs to be carried out)
- e) Non-working Street Light (reported)
- f) Litter Bins and Dog Poo bins not being emptied on a regular basis (reported)
- g) HGV's and School Buses still using Church Street (most have been reported to the companies)

21.179 Finance

- a) **Budget-** The budget estimates and explanation papers that were circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting were considered. After examining the financial position of the Council, it was proposed that the budget be set at £115000 and that a precept demand under s41 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 be issued to North Northamptonshire Council for £115000.00 for the year 2022/23 as Weldon Parish Council has calculated that the budget requirement.
Cllr A Page proposed that the precept for 2022/23 be set at £115000, this was seconded by Cllr S Taylor and agreed by everyone present.
- b) There is currently £210858.85 across all 3 bank accounts. The increase is due to having received NNC Grass Cutting Grant £1978.67, NNC Grass Cutting Grant for Hall's Close £480, VAT Refund £341.39. Several allotment holders have paid their annual rent direct into the deposit account. The payments to be approved this evening amount to a total of £5475.10 which will then leave a balance of £205383.75 in the bank. There will be an invoice raised to Persimmon to pay for the consultation letter drop as agreed with Dan Endersby.

The following payments were approved in line with current legislation

Payee	Reason	Amount	Power
Sue Cook	November Salary, Ink & Expenses	£995.00	LGA1972 s112
Cllr Dowsett	Plants for new Planters	£69.98	OSA 1906, s9
Weldon V H	Room Hire	£53.20	LGA1972 s101
NCALC	Various Courses	£124.00	LGA 1972. s175
Anglian water	Water for Allotments	£103.29	PHA 1936, s125
Cllr Shepard	Bulbs for various locations	£102.48	OSA 1906, s9
DM Payroll	Payroll Services 2nd half year	£60.00	LGA1972 s112

Cllr Dowsett	20's Plenty Stickers	£400.00	LGRA 1997, s26
Katie Boyce	Hedging for Larratt Road	£101.99	OSA 1906, s9
Eddy Pinder	Consultation Letter Drop	£400.00	LGRA 1997 s26
Morelock	Weight Limit Signs	£311.04	LGRA 1997 s26
N P Cox	Village Maintenance & Expenses	£598.10	OSA1906, s9
N P Cox	Grass Cutting & Fuel	£786.00	OSA1906 s9
Cllr Priem	Materials for the Tank	£89.52	OSA 1906, s9
Tata Steel	Allotment Rent	£81.50	SHAA1908
Weldon V H	General running of the Hall	£999.00	S 137

- b) A new grant request has been received from Weldon Village Hall for £999 for the general running of the Hall. This was approved

21.180 Planning Applications: Cllr Page gave the following report on the **Birchington Road planning application (outline)** – there is nothing new to report.

Cowthick – we are in regular conversation with the developer, who is keeping us up to date as the project develops, and end users are being identified for the buildings. They want to be good neighbours, and aware of the current projects the Parish Council are under taking with a view to helping with them. GLP have purchased Phase 1 from Mulberry, they do not intend to sell on the warehouses when finished but to have tenants.

Oundle Road School – building should start in the New Year now that Spine Road is open.

There is a technical problem with the drawing for the **crossing** on the A43 from Priors Hall to Weldon Village but nothing that can not be resolved.

21.181 Reports

Kirstie Lloyd-Uzoegbu **Youth Worker** – report circulated and posted on website

Parish Maintenance Committee – minutes circulated and posted on website

Neighbourhood Development Plan – Cllr Vickers had no report.

Village Hall Management Committee – Nothing new to report at this time as the meeting was held but nothing to report this month

Queens Platinum Jubilee Committee – minutes circulated and posted on website.

Emergency Plan Committee – The Clerk has had a TEAMS meeting which resulted in several posters and other documentation being received. The Clerk will advertise the need for Flood Wardens. It is believed that the survey has been carried out but results not yet received by the Emergency Planning Team.

Weldon School – Report circulated and posted on website

21.182 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.

- To consider retracting objection to zone 3 at Weldon Park – too soon at the moment.
- To consider the quotes for fencing the Hills & Hollows and the bridge from the Leys to the Hills and Hollows (Feb meeting)
- To consider survey for Bus route, and how to improve the bus service. Both Persimmon and Urban & Civic have already contributed to NNC to improve bus routes. To be discussed with Rural Councillors
- To consider holding Parish Council surgeries

21.184 Date of next meeting - Monday 10th January 2022

This being all the business the meeting was closed at 21:00

Signed	Date 10th January 2022
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