

Draft Minutes of Weldon Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th February 2022 in the
Weldon Village Hall Annex

Councillors Present	Janet Gibson, Peter Dowsett, Angela Page (Chair), Mike Page, Dick Priem, Colin Shepard, Graham Stray, Kane Taylor, Simon Taylor and Anton Vickers
Also Present	2 Members of the public, PC Brad Wilson, NNC Kevin Watt (Late) and Sue Cook (Clerk)

- 22.001 Apologies** had been received from, Cllr Williams, and was accepted.
- 22.002** The following **Declarations of Interest were registered** – Cllr K Taylor for item 22.014 b and Cllr Dowsett for item 22.016 Traffic.
- 22.003** PC Wilson had submitted the **Crime Reports for December and January prior to the meeting**. A total of 26 crimes across the Parish for December and 27 for January some are thought to be linked there were several 6 anti-social behaviour incidents. On Wednesday 1st December PC Wilson completed school parking patrols at Weldon School on Chapel Road during the afternoon and on the morning of Thursday 2nd December. On both occasions there were no offences & no need to issue any words of advice. A Police Surgery was held using the BEAT BUS on the High Street on Thursday 9th December between 15:30Hrs x 17:00Hrs. This was completed by PCSO 7030 Chris Asante-Ampaduh. On Tuesday 18th January PC Wilson completed roadside speed enforcement on Corby Road between 10:30 & 11:15. There were no offences recorded.
- 22.004 Public Time** – One resident outlined her concern that the neither the Planning Department at NNC or the 3 NNC Councillors for Weldon are not responding to her emails about the amended plans to Glebe Farm.
- 22.005 North Northamptonshire Councillors** – Cllr Watt apologised for being late and apologised to the resident for not replying to her email. Cllr Watt also reported that the outline planning application for Bangrave Road had been granted. Cllr Watt still has concerns about the exit from the site onto Bangrave Road itself.
- 22.006** It was **resolved** to accept the **Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th December** as a true record and were signed by Cllr A Page.
- 22.007 New Parish Council Newsletter** - it was resolved that the working group will consist of Cllrs Gibson, A Page and K Taylor. It was agreed to issue on a quarterly basis with Eddy Pinter delivering to the Parish as a whole, Vince O'Brien has agreed to edit the content. Quotes are required for printing
- 22.008 Training for All Councillors** – Training continues online and the Clerk suggested that Councillors log onto the NCALC website to view the latest courses.
- 22.009 Update from Youth Council** – No update available.
- 22.010 Asset Mapping** – It was **resolved** to take part in the Asset Mapping. Cllr Shepard, Cllr Stray, Cllr Priem along with the Clerk are registered for the training on Wednesday 9th. Cllr Vickers is unable to join this due to work commitments but will be available to help.
- 22.011 Facebook** – Cllr Dowsett had taken part in a Social Media Course run by NCALC after which he had a conversation with the tutor, Tom Clay, who sets up and controls several Parish Council Facebook Pages. It was **resolved** that Tom Clay should set one up for Weldon Parish Council at a cost of £495 +VAT for 1st quarter and £150 + VAT per quarter thereafter.
- 22.012 To Consider Any Incoming Correspondence as previously circulated with no further action required**
- a) Updates from NCALC
 - b) Newsletter from Jason Smithers, Leader of NNC

- c) Weekly Scheme of Works
- d) Newsletters from Northamptonshire OPFCC
- e) Draft Statement of Community Involvement Consultation
- f) PFC Commissioner's precept intentions and a copy of the Parish Council Precept presentation
- g) **North Northamptonshire Enhanced Partnership under the Bus Services Act – for discussion at Planning Committee.**

22.013 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)

22.014 Finance

- a) There is currently £204531.47 across all 3 bank accounts. All the invoices from January have been paid. There has also been another VAT refund of £178.09 received since the Committee meeting. Many of the allotment holders have paid their annual rent direct into the deposit account. The payments to be approved this evening, including the Grants amount to a total of £33788.72 which will then leave a balance of £170742.75 in the bank.

The following payments were approved in line with current legislation

Payee	Reason	Amount	Power
HMRC	PAYE	£121.45	LGA1972 s112
Sue Cook	January Salary, & Expenses	£946.51	LGA1972 s112
Cllr Shepard	Wood for Bench Repairs	£353.04	OSA 1906, s9
Morlock	A Frames	£444.72	LGRA1997, s30
NCALC	Course for Cllr Dowsett	£44.00	LGA 1972. s175
N P Cox	Maintenance	£385	OSA1906 s9
Congregational Church	Upkeep of Graveyard	£900	S137
St Mary's Church	Youth Worker Salary	£30,000	S137
Breakthrough	Facebook Account	£594.00	LGA 1972, s142

- b) Two new grant requests has been received, one from the Congregational Church for £900 towards the upkeep of their Graveyard and second one for the annual salary of £30,000 for the Youth Worker. These were both approved.
- c) To consider and approve Urban Highway Grass Mowing grant under section 136 of the Local Government Act 1972
- d) To consider the quotes for fencing the Hills & Hollows and the bridge from the Leys into the Hills & Hollows – to be discussed at the next Finance Meeting with a view to be approved at the March Full Council Meeting.
- e) The Finance Committee recommend not to purchase a marquee for Parish Council use as it would be sitting in storage most of the time, and would need specialist people to erect it and take it down. It was resolved that going forward the Parish Council would hire any marquees as and when required.
- f) To consider printer and distributor for the Parish Council Newsletter – discussed in item 22.007.
- g) To consider purchasing security posts for both the Leys and the Green – to be discussed at the next Finance Committee Meeting with a view to be approved at the March Full Council Meeting.

22.015 **Planning Applications:** Cllr Page gave the following report on the **Birchington Road planning application (outline)** – there are still sustainability issues which need addressing.

Oundle Road School – the site manager has made contact and wants to be a good neighbour.

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.

22.016 Reports

Traffic Working Party meeting – minutes and action log on website

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 reported that the open meeting for Saturday February 12th has been cancelled and will be re-arranged when the weather is warming and can be held on the Village Green.

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 – Flood Risk Report on the website

Weldon School – Report circulated and posted on website

22.017 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) Cllr Mark Williams has tendered his registration as Parish Councillor, the Clerk will start the process of filling the vacancy.
- b) Updating the Parish Council's Roll of Honour in the Village Hall, permission needs to be gained from the Village Hall Management Committee to add another board.

21.184 Date of next meeting - Monday 7th March 2022

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

Signed	Date 7th March 2022
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