



Approved Minutes of Weldon Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th April 2022
in the Weldon Village Hall Annex

Councillors Present	Janet Gibson, Angela Page (Chair), Peter Dowsett, Dick Priem, Colin Shepard, Graham Stray, Kane Taylor, and Anton Vickers
Also Present	2 Members of the public, Ward Councillors Macauley Nicol and Kevin Watt and Sue Cook (Clerk)

22.039 Apologies had been received from, Cllrs M Page, and S Taylor, which were accepted.

22.040 The following Declarations of Interest were registered -Cllr Dowsett for item 22.036 Traffic and Cllr Gibson for item 22.058

22.041 PC Wilson was unable to attend and had not submitted a report.

22.042 Public Time - The pedestrian entrance to Weldon Woodland Park is very muddy, could the Parish Council repair this. The Clerk agreed to contact Chris Chisolm as the Park does not fall under the care of the Parish Council. If an allotment holder moves from the Parish do they have to give up their allotment, Cllr Gibson suggested that providing the tenant has paid their rent and that the allotment is kept in good order until the rent is next due they can keep the allotment.

22.043 North Northamptonshire Ward Councillors - there is a Ukraine Sponsorship on the NNC Website. The free school meals are being extended for eligible children. New consultation on the blueprint for the future of developments. There is also a Central Government Levelling Up Fund available for pedestrian and cycleways. Ward Councillor Watt is part of the Greenway Board which is aiming to make cycleways etc available to all. Pen Green Developments Nursery has been awarded a large sum of money in order to keep working.

22.044 It was **resolved** to accept the **Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th March** as a true record and were signed by Cllr Page

22.045 Parish Council Vacancy - the clerk has received two nominations for the vacancy, closing date is 15th April.

22.046 Updating the Parish Council Role of Honour Board - to be progressed at a later date.

22.047 New Parish Council Newsletter - Tori Williams has been appointed as Graphic Designer and is working on a 16 page document. Slightly later than planned but should be available to be delivered 1st weekend in May.

22.048 Training for All Councillors - Training continues online and the Clerk suggested that Councillors log onto the NCALC website to view the latest courses.

22.049 Update from Youth Council - A report has been submitted by Kirstie Lloyd-Uzoegbu which is now on the website.

22.050 Asset Mapping - the Clerk has inputted all that she can.

22.051 Facebook - the new Facebook page is up and running, there are well over 360 following the page.



22.052 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 Schemes of Works
 - d) North Northamptonshire to Net Zero Call for Projects Event
 - e) North Northamptonshire Strategic Plan Scope and Issues Consultation
- The Consultation on Kerbside Garden Waste Collections (proposed response emailed to all councillors on Friday 25th March), the response was approved and the Clerk to forward the response to NNC.**

22.053 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) State of the bus shelter on High Street (reported on Fix my Street)
- c) Concern was raised about the width of the Kettering Road footpath from the High Street to the Recycling Centre. Cllr Dowsett agreed to submit this to Fix my Street.

22.054 Finance

- a) The Parish Council ended the financial year with £152066.56 across all 3 bank accounts, £9533 under budget. The Clerk is working hard to make sure that everything is in order for the Internal Audit which will hopefully be carried out before the next Finance Committee Meeting on April 27th in order that the accounts can be signed off at the May Council Meetings. The precept will be paid from NNC in one payment during April. A VAT refund of £2991.50 has been made.

The following payments were approved in line with current legislation

Payee	Reason	Amount	Power
HMRC	PAYE	£121.45	LGA1972 s112
Sue Cook	March Salary, Back Pay & Expenses	£946.51	LGA1972 s112
Sue Cook	McAfee Anti-Virus Renewal	£89.99	LGA1972 s112
Cllr A Page	Yarn Bombing	£214.89	LGA 1976, s19
Nigel Cox	Maintenance	£290.00	OSA1906 s9
Weldon CC	Noticeboard	£500	S137
Youth Worker	Balance of Grant from 2021	£1500	S137
Tori Williams	Kickstart for Weldon Wide	£168.00	LGA1972, s142
Tata Steel	100 year lease on Allotments	£100.00	SHAA1908, s23
Nigel Cox	Grass Cutting and Fuel	£709.46	OSA1906 s9
Nigel Cox	March Maintenance	£180.00	OSA1906 s9

- b) Two new grants request has been received, Weldon Fete Group are requesting £1980 towards the cost of reinstating the Village Fete for the August Bank, The Finance Committee recommends that the Parish Council not to consider this request until it can be established if the grant is being paid into a personal account or if there is a bank account for the Fete Account with two signatures for the payments.



Weldon Cricket Club have made a request for £500 to install a Community Lockable Noticeboard. The Finance Committee recommend that this is approved for payment.

- c) It was resolved to keep the printing of the newsletter in house with Tori Williams.

22.055 Planning Applications:

Nothing new to report on **Birchington Road planning application (outline)** or the crossing on the A43 from Priors Hall to Weldon Village.

22.056 Reports

Traffic Working Party meeting - minutes and action log on website

Kirstie Lloyd-Uzoegbu **Youth Worker** - Report on the website

Parish Maintenance Committee - report circulated and posted on website

Neighbourhood Development Plan - Cllr Vickers suggested that the open meeting should be held on Saturday 30th April on the Village Green and to include all aspects of the Parish Council.

Village Hall Management Committee - Nothing new to report at this time

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

Speed Watch - Nothing further to report.

22.057 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) Allotment Tenancy agreement for 2023 - the wording needs to be changed.
- b) To consider purchasing a Book of Condolence
- c) To consider the ongoing situation at Morrison's RDC on Birchington Road
- d) Cllr Simon Taylor has indicated that he will be resigning from the Parish Council prior to the May Meeting however he will continue to contribute to the Traffic Working Party.

22.058 Date of next meeting - Tuesday 3rd May starting at 18:30 to include Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting and full Parish Council Meeting

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

Signed	Date 3rd May 2022