



Weldon Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Maintenance Committee Meeting held on Monday 10th October 2022

Councillors Present	Peter Dowsett, and Colin Shepard (Chair)
Also Present	Nigel Cox and Sue Cook (Clerk)

- PMC.286** **Apologies** had been received from Cllrs Cooke. **It was noted that other members are not attending on a regular basis nor submitting apologies.**
- PMC.287** There were no **declarations of interest**
- PMC.288** The **minutes** from the meeting held on 6th September were approved.
- PMC.289** **Land Registry** – Cllr Shepard has enough evidence that the Parish Council has been tending the Triangle for many years and is collating the evidence to submit a report to the full Parish Council in preparation to apply to the Land Registry for adverse possession,
- PMC.290** **Weldon in Bloom** - Many of the Daffodil Bulbs have been set, in the following areas, the grass area in front of the Village Green, Deene End, Planters, Church Walk, the Triangle, the Woodlands, Oundle Road and several locations along Church Street. Volunteers are still coming forward to help with the planting. The Clerk will ask the Finance Committee to consider funding for £520 for the Autumn Planting which includes plants, topsoil and compost. The finance committee will also be asked to consider purchasing 4 more square planters and hanging baskets for the High Street. It is felt that it is too soon to apply for Village in Bloom however to try to find out how to apply from the RHS.
- PMC.291** **Hills & Hollows** - BAM have still to agree to supplying the PadStones and the drawings.
- PMC.292** **Benches** – The Wicksteed Park Bench will be sited on the Triangle, close to the Bus Stop and the Clerk will write to the neighbouring properties informing them of this. The bench for Rose Avenue is also ready to be sited,
- PMC.293** **The Leys and Pocket Park** – there is a lot of work to be carried out in the winter months to clear the overgrown shrubbery. The maintenance committee will consider the purchase of signage in the next few months. It was also agreed that both the Finance Committee and HR Committee should consider increasing Mr Cox's hours for the Maintenance to 40 hours per month all year round and also increase his hourly rate in line with inflation.
- PMC.294** **The Gandy Field** – BAM have still to clear the site and provide the main path.
- PMC.295** **Budget** - Cllr Shepard provided the meeting with the proposed budget for next year, several costs need amending and will be presented to the Finance committee next week. The Clerk will also ask the Finance Committee to consider increasing the hours of work for Mr Cox on the Maintenance side to 40 hours per month all year round and also to ask for a cost of living increase.
- PMC.296** **Report from Tree Warden** – there is some basal growth to be removed from the trees along Corby Road. .
- PMC.297** **Report from Footpath Warden** – The footpaths around the Woodlands are overgrown and need reporting on Fix my Street. There is also another tree root on Church Walk that is pushing up the tarmac and needs to be reported.
- PMC.298** There were no **Future agenda items**.
- PMC.299** **Date of next Committee Meeting was agreed for Tuesday 15th November starting at 18:30 in the Village Hall Annex**

This being all the business Cllr Shepard closed the meeting at 20:00