



Approved Minutes from the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd October in the Annex of Weldon Village Hall

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| Councillors Present | John Cooke, Jan Gibson, Dana Laslau, Angela Page (Chair), Mike Page, Dick Priem, Colin Shepard, Graham Stray and Anton Vickers |
| Also Present | 3 Members of public, Sarah Wilson from Weldon Academy and Sue Cook (Clerk) |

- 22.169 Apologies had been received from Cllrs Peter Dowsett, Kane Taylor and PC Brad Wilson all were accepted**
- 22.170 Cllr Gibson Declared an Interest in item 22.180 Allotments Tenancy Agreements**
- 22.171 Sarah Wilson from Weldon Academy** outlined several items that parents had concerns about: the local authority will not be organising bus transport, parents should be choosing the nearest school to their property as their first choice. The Academy does not have the resources to take on the responsibility of transport. Although transport may be arranged by the local authority for second choice schools. There are 120 places available for the Year 7 intake and this is already over subscribed, Sarah could not confirm as to which areas these are from. There will be a roundabout being constructed at the Bears Lane junction which may cause the A427 to be closed. A question was raised about School Clubs however Sarah could not confirm anything at this stage.
- 22.172 PC Brad Wilson had submitted the Crime Reports for September & October prior to this meeting which had been circulated to all Councillors.** No questions were raised by the Councillors at this time.
- 22.173 Public Session** – Nothing was raised at this time.
- 22.174 Ward Councillor Kevin Watt** did not attend the meeting.
- 22.175 The Minutes of Meeting of the full Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd October were approved and signed by Cllr Page.**
- 22.176 Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan** - This is a 10 year project for 5 new walkways and 5 cycleways interconnecting with Gretton, Cottingham, Stanion and East Carlton. Next meeting to be decided.
- 22.177 Weldon Wide Newsletter Update** – the next edition will include Speedwatch update, Garden Gossip, a piece from Kane, History Day and the Time Capsule, Parish Maintenance, NDP Map, the Village Fete, Remembrance Day, and the planting of the Christmas Tree. There will be 2 adverts. It is hoped that delivery will be in the 1st week of December.
- 22.178 Training for All Councillors** – many councillors attended the Strategic Workshop and everyone thought it was informative. The Parish Council meetings were attended better by the public when they were on Zoom. It was felt that the Parish Council should organise their own Parish Walkabouts.
- 22.179 Gandy Field Update** - Cllrs A Page & Gibson will be meeting with BAM on November 29th to discuss clearing the land.
- 22.180 Allotment Tenancy Agreement Holders** - It was resolved to accept the new Tenancy agreements which include a Code of Conduct Policy, a 3 month trial for any new tenant and a letter asking if the tenants would be interested in setting up a working party.
- 22.181 Weldon Fest** - Cllr Vickers reported that if everyone is in agreement Weldon Fest will go ahead on the 2nd weekend in July. It was also resolved to appoint a professional person to help organise the event with a steering group. This would cost in the region of £10K.
- 22.182 Asset Mapping** - Cllr Dowsett, Cllr Stray and the Clerk attended a recent presentation run by NCALC. The Clerk has forwarded all the Presentations to the Councillors from this meeting. The Parish Council needs to be aware that more services currently run by NNC may be passed onto the Parish Council.



22.183 Remembrance Day - Cllr Priem to contact the Weldon Branch to ensure that everything is in place for Sunday 13th.

22.1842 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) Newsletter from Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
- d) Augean Open Day
- e) Various Posters on Halloween & Bonfire Night
- f) East Midlands Airspace Modernisation Programme was attended by Cllr A Page
- g) NNC Leisure Centres Customer Feedback Survey 2022
- h) Exploring Nenescape Conference - 9th & 10th November
- i) AMP NNC Listening Event Invitation - 15th November
- j) Invitation to Fraud/Cyber Event

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

- a) The width of the Kettering Road footpath from the High Street to the Recycling Centre and Oundle Road footpath from Woodlands Avenue - work should have been completed by the end of September.

22.186 Finance

- a) The Clerk gave the following report update on behalf of the Finance Committee. There is currently £215939.07 across all 3 bank accounts, there has been a VAT Refund of £718.43 received along with £75 from Lux Hairdressers for placing an advert in the new edition of Weldon Wide. Outstanding payments to be approved this evening amount to £4215.15, the Communication Strategy Course was paid prior to the course taking place. Once the payments have been approved this evening this will leave £211,685.19 across all 3 bank accounts. The VAT for October will be claimed at the end of November as I am waiting for the VAT Number Mick Geroe and we have still not received the backdated VAT invoice from NCALC. The next Finance meeting is arranged for 16th November when the precept for next year will be discussed to bring their recommendations to the December Full Council Meeting.

The following payments were approved in line with current legislation

| Payee | Reason | Amount | Power |
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| Unity Bank | Bank Charges | £25.00 | |
| Breakthrough | Communications Strategy Course | £1794.00 | LGA1972 s111 |
| Sue Cook | October Salary + Expenses | £1245.27 | LGA1972, s112 |
| HMRC | PAYE | £102.87 | LGA1972 s112 |
| Tata Steel | Allotment Rent | £100.00 | SHAA1908 s23 |
| NCALC | Courses | £105.60 | LGA1972 s111 |
| Colin Shepard | Wildflower Seeds & Top Soil | £262.59 | OSA 1906 s9 |
| Angela Page | History Day Expenses | £144.92 | LGA1972, s145 |
| David Hull | Cleaning 5 Bus Shelters | £187.00 | LGA1953 s4 |
| Weldon VH | Room Hire | £150.75 | LGA 1972, s101 |
| 21st Scout Group | S137 Grant for Parade Flags | £442 | S137 |
| Nigel Cox | Grass Cutting & Fuel for October | £1,396.15 | OSA 1906 s9 |
| Nigel Cox | October Maintenance | £520.00 | OSA 1906 s9 |

- b) There is just one no grant application to consider. £442 for Parade Flags for 21st Boy Scouts, this was approved.



- c) Cllr Shepard has met with the Chair and Groundsman of the Cricket Club, who are both taking a recommendation of a new kissing gate to their next Committee meeting.
- d) The grant application for the Bridge for the Leys and Hills & Hollows is on hold- waiting for BAM to confirm supplying Pad Stones and drawings before the grant can be applied for. Cllr Shepard agreed to contact BAM again.
- e) The Finance Committee recommends that the Parish Maintenance budget be set at £32000, this is higher than the request but the Finance Committee are concerned about rising costs of raw materials. This was approved
- f) It was resolved any leftover budget from the Platinum Jubilee should be split 50 - 50 with the Coronation of King Charles III and Weldon Fest. Also recommend forming a working party for the Coronation.
- g) It was resolved that the **Caretakers hours** should be increased to 40 hours per month all year and a 10% rise in his hourly salary. The Clerk to draft a new contract.
- h) It was resolved to purchase 3 new Noticeboards. Mulberry Homes have agreed to fund the cost of one. Style and placing to be discussed at the next Parish Maintenance meeting.
- i) It was resolved to the purchasing of 4 more planters and 4 hanging baskets for the High Street at a cost of £1668. The Maintenance Committee have been granted permission by the Finance Committee to spend £520 on plants, compost, topsoil etc for Autumn planting.
- j) Clerk Salary Increase was confirmed on 1st November. The rise takes the Clerk from £13.24 per hour to £14.48. The rise is back dated to 1st April 2022, Payroll Administrator to be informed after this meeting.

22.187 Planning Applications: Cllr M Page reported that since submitting a letter of objection to the planning application for Warehousing at Rockingham Gateway he has met with Phil Jones, the MD of Mulberry Homes. Mr Jones is listening and is making amendments to the plans. This will get outline planning approval possibly at the December Development Control Meeting. Mr Jones has said that the old Farmhouse that has fallen into disrepair will be renovated with a view to it being used by the community as a and that the Section 106 money to be used on this project. He is also keen for Section 106 monies to be used directly by the Parish Council. The site next to Morrison RDC has been given outline Planning Permission.

22.188 Reports from
Traffic Working Party meeting –report on the website
Parish Maintenance Committee – report on the website
Neighbourhood Development Plan – Cllr Vickers will provide a full update at the next full meeting.
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Committee – Cllr Gibson reported that the Time Capsule is ready to be topped out. It was agreed that this will be done before the start of the December Full Council meeting.
Weldon School – Report on the website

22.189 There were no Future agenda items/business.

22.190 It was agreed that the Date of the next full meeting will be on Monday 5th December.

This being all the business the meeting was closed at 20:55

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| Signed | Date 5th December 2022 |
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