



Weldon Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Maintenance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2023

Councillors Present	John Cooke, Peter Dowsett, Dick Priem and Colin Shepard (Chair)
Also Present	Sue Cook (Clerk)

PMC.314 It was noted that other members are not attending on a regular basis nor submitting apologies.

PMC.315 There were no declarations of interest

PMC.316 The minutes of the meeting held on 15th November were approved

PMC.317 The follow work has been carried out since the last meeting

The planters have been topped up with soil, the new planter on Oundle Road/Church Street junction has been filled with soil and had foxgloves planted in it. The refurbished bench has been installed on Rose Ave, the donated bench has been installed on the Triangle. The concrete planters on High Street have had additional plants, planted by Mike Dallamore. The Christmas Trees were planted and decorated on the Green and Triangle, the two in pots have been replanted one on the Triangle and the other one on Oundle Road/Church Street junction. The Hawthorn tree on the Triangle along with the trees on Corby Road towards Water Lane junction have had the bramble and basal growth removed and the debris have been taken to the Leys ready for shredding. Litter Picking has taken place on Kettering Road and part of Corby Road. Leaf blowing has taken part in a number of locations especially Oundle Road and Church Walk. 7 saplings have been planted near Woodlands Road (2 Ash, 1 Sycamore, 1 Oak, 1 Hawthorn and 2 Field Maples).

PMC.318 **Land Registry** – Cllr Shepard has collated all the information, has downloaded all the relevant forms from the Land Registry, the registration fee is £45 plus £40 inspection of the site fee. Several Parish Council documents will require printing and including with the Land Registry forms. As there will be a lot of documents Cllr Shepard suggested that they be posted Guaranteed Next Day Delivery. Both Cllr Shepard and the Clerk will collate and complete the documents.

PMC.319 **Weldon in Bloom** - Cllr Shepard requested that everyone visits the Royal Horticultural Society Website <https://www.rhs.org.uk/Search?query=Britain%20in%20Bloom> to familiarise themselves with the Britain in Bloom criteria. Cllr Shepard suggested that instead of becoming allotment tenants that committee members look after 3 - 4 seed trays of plants. Cllr Dowsett suggested that the Parish is registered with RHS. It was also suggested forming a sub-committee of not only Parish Councillors but residents, to make this a more community involvement to advertise in Weldon Wide and on Facebook as well as talking to known keen gardeners.

PMC.320 **Hills & Hollows** - BAM have still to supply the drawings.

PMC.321 Information Board for **The Leys and Pocket Park** –

PMC.322 **The Gandy Field** – Cllr Page and Cllr Gibson have a meeting with BAM on November 29th work will commence in March.

PMC.323 **Kissing Gate for the Cricket Field** - no further progress has been made, there have been several changes of personnel on the Committee.

PMC.324 **Tasks for the Caretaker** - Ensure the Parish owned salt bins are stocked. The bin at the Kettering Rd end of Church Street needs the hedge around it cutting back as it is currently almost impossible to open. Finish clearing the bramble from around the tree



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by the bus stop on The Triangle and take all cleared bramble to the Pocket Park for chipping. Cut back the basal growth on the lime trees in the Pocket Park to the tree's main trunk prior to their chipping. Cut down the dead section of the Ash tree at the Kettering Rd end of The Leys and remove all but one of the other growth from its base. Cut down the dead Chestnut on the top of the bank at the Church Walk end of The Leys if this is not included in the work Ross was asked to do. Remove the branch from the Willow Tree on the Hills & Hollows bank of the Willowbrook that is lying across the brook into The Leys. Remove the branches coming from near the base of the tree at the top of the bank behind the donated Rowan. Reinstall the footbridge over the pond outlet stream near where it enters the Willowbrook. (If the timber is missing use some of the planks at the allotments). Repair the damaged planter on The Triangle, put last of topsoil in planters on The Triangle. Plant the last couple of hundred daffodil bulbs. Clear the ground of ivy etc at the eastern end of the Village Green ready for wildflower seed, scarify the grass on the Village Green around the tank ready for wildflower seed and Scarify the grass on The Triangle below the trees on the west side ready for wildflower seed. To check on the Salt Bins that are owned by the Parish Council.

PMC.325 Report from Tree Warden – Nothing further to add

PMC.326 Report from Footpath Warden – No Report

PMC.327 Future agenda items.

To consider becoming an Allotment Tenant - covered in item PMC.319

PMC.328 Date of next Meeting was agreed for Monday 20th February starting at 18:30 via Zoom

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