



# Weldon Parish Council

**Minutes of Parish Maintenance Working Party Meeting held on Tuesday 26th April 2023**

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

- PMC.350** 3 members of the public had submitted **apologies** which were accepted. **It was noted that other members are not attending on a regular basis nor submitting apologies.**
- PMC.351** There were no **declaration an interest,**
- PMC.352** **The minutes of the meeting held on 21st March** were approved
- PMC.353** **The follow work has been carried out since the last meeting**  
The map for the information board has been completed and along with the Notice Boards has been ordered, basal growth has been removed from the limes trees,, residents have been contacted with a view to contributing to Weldon in Bloom Committee. Contact has been made with the Management Company for Ploughman's Way with regard to planting a hedgerow on the public open space there, a grant is available from Nene Rivers Trust, both Cllr Dowsett and Shepard will be attending the official launch of the Nene Valley Trust on Tuesday 9th May. Cllr Dowsett has been in contact with Mr Brassington regarding TPO for trees on the wide grass verge on Corby Road, Contact has been made with Ana Pires with regard to work being carried out in Weldon Woodland Park by the Ranger and Grounds Team. A request has been received from the grounds team to remove the finger post at the Hillside Crescent entrance; there is a wooden footpath marker already in place. Petunia, French Marigold and Stock seeds have been set in seed trays, the ground has been prepared around the tank and the wild flowers have been set, the planters opposite The George have been weeded one set with cosmos and mowing of the grass which the Parish Council is responsible for has started.
- PMC.354** **Land Registry** – the Clerk reported that the forms have been completed, just need to get a photo so that ANOther can verify knowing the Clerk.
- PMC.355** **Weldon in Bloom** -The Clerk requested that the Committee is set up ASAP along with WhatsApp for the committee members.It is felt that permanent plants are preferred by the judges. Cllr Shepard
- PMC.356** **Water Plan** - Mr Cox will obtain quotes for either a water bowser on wheels or a tank and trailer for the next meeting. The Clerk offered to allow it to be stored at her parents property in the short term.
- PMC.357** **Hills & Hollows** - The gentleman who was going to supply the drawings is very ill BAM are looking for someone else to help with the design.
- PMC.358** The Information Board for **The Leys and Pocket Park** – just requires a slight amendment to the pictures..
- PMC.359** **The Gandy Field** – there is due to a preliminary meeting to discuss what works need to be undertaken by BAM.
- PMC.360** **Kissing Gate for the Cricket Field** - No progress has been made. It seems that the new Committee is reluctant to have this installed, it was suggested that perhaps the Trustees of the Cricket Field should be approached. Due to a resident having a fall and breaking her wrist over the Stamford Road stile NNC have removed the stile which now makes the Cricket Field very open and concern was raised about the missing stile at the Deene End entrance, it was deemed that this should be the responsibility of the Cricket Club.



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- PMC.361      Tasks for the Caretaker -** Cut back the basal growth on the lime trees in the Pocket Park to the tree's main trunk prior to their chipping, and one of the trees opposite the Barbers on Church Walk. Put the last of topsoil in planters on The Triangle. Clear the ground of ivy etc at the eastern end of the Village Green ready for wildflower seed, and Scarify the grass on The Triangle below the trees on the west side ready for wildflower seed. Repair the broken slat on the British Legion bench on the Triangle. Litter picks to be carried out on the Corby Road ditch alongside the Chapel Field, Stamford Road, and the Old Stamford Road, Collect the rubbish and litter in the Hills & Hollows (including the old water trough) into a pile ready for removal. New ties to be placed around the Wisterias, Re-attach the metal trough opposite the War Memorial, permanently fix plant troughs the railings at the Green. Remove the bench on Stamford Road ready for refurbishing, paint all metal benches when the weather permits and install the new notice boards and information board when they have been delivered.
- PMC.362      Report from Tree Warden –** Nothing further to add
- PMC.363      Report from Footpath Warden –** Concern was raised about the state of the Oundle Road Footpath, Cllr Dowsett to chase NNC for an update.
- PMC.364      For information only**  
Cllr Dowsett has ordered 4 new planters to be placed on the High Street  
Cllr Dowsett has had a breakthrough on the Lost Footpath in that the Ramblers Association have located a document that the landowner in 1910 asked for a tax rebate of £20 as the footpath ran through his land.
- PMC.365      Date of next Meeting was agreed for Monday 22nd May starting at 18:30 via Zoom**  
**This being all the business Cllr Shepard closed the meeting at 20:10**