



**Approved Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 9th
May 2023 in Weldon Village Hall Annex**

23.071 **Chairman's Report** – Weldon Parish Council (WPC) has had another very busy year, starting with organising the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This continued with other community events - History Day and Time Capsule, Christmas tree planting and Carol Singing and finishing with the Coronation Celebrations of King Charles 111 and Queen Camilla.

These are important community events and we know they are appreciated by the parishioners. It is very much part of the Communication Strategy we have all signed up to. It is different to a policy as it requires us all to take action to know our village and its residents to support this part of the work of WPC.

We are reviewing our website, restarted Walkabouts, erecting more notice boards and continuing with Weldon Wide, Facebook and Instagram.

Members attend training courses, various forums and updates, NNC strategy area plans, and read the weekly newsletters. This feeds into our committees and working groups for discussion, with proposals addressed at full council meetings.

Traffic working group is still working hard to understand the attitude and constantly changing regulations from NNC Highways. Planning members attend NNC meetings in the hope to get selected councillors to ask more of the planning officers, who work on old regulations and have no knowledge of the continued development of Weldon. The issues with these two departments are experienced by other parish councils. We hope the new CEO of NNC will make a difference.

The Parish Maintenance group's work can be seen brightening our village. The next project we will be supporting is Weldon in Bloom.

I thank Sue Cook, our clerk, for keeping us in check by carrying out her duty as our Responsible Officer for Finance and continued support with HR matters.

The work of our Youth Worker is growing for both the youth and parents alike. We receive updates and support from PC Brad Wilson, our Ward Councillors and NCALC.

I thank my fellow councillors for their work and also stepping up when needed to keep us informed, reporting back and organising events. It's not always easy when we have our own commitments and family life. Continually supported by our Clerk, Sue, to help councillors and our parish.

23.072 **Cllr Gibson thanked Cllr A Page for all her hard work during the year.**



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- 23.073** Cllr Shepard proposed that Cllr A Page be re-elected at Chair for 2023/24, Cllr Gibson seconded the proposal all in favour. Cllr A Page agreed and signed the Declaration of Acceptance to Office
- 23.074** Cllr Shepard proposed that Cllr Dowsett be re-elected as Vice Chair for 2023/24 Cllr Gibson seconded the proposal all in favour. Cllr Dowsett agreed
- 23.075** The following policies were approved and signed by both Cllr A Page and the Clerk: Standing Orders, Code of Conduct for Councillors, Code of Conduct for Public at Council Meetings, Financial Regulations, Asset Request, Complaints Procedure, Data Breach, Data Protection, Electronic Communication Devices, Emergency Plan, Environmental, Freedom of Information Scheme, Freedom of information Policy, Health & Safety, Lone Working Policy, Media Policy, Publication Scheme, Record Retention, Recording of Meetings and Training Statement of Intent
- 23.076** To appoint members to the following Committees:
Finance – Cllr Gibson, A Page and Taylor
HR – Cllr Gibson, A Page, Stray and Taylor
Planning working party – Cllr Cooke, M Page, Shepard and Stray
Parish Maintenance working party – Cllr Cooke, Dowsett, Priem, Shepard and Vickers plus members of the public
Traffic Working Group – all Councillors plus members of the public
Communications - Cllr Dowsett, Gibson, Laslau, A Page, Taylor and Vickers
- 23.077** Email Account Agreement held over to the June Meeting

**Approved Minutes from the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th
May in Weldon Village Hall**

Councillors Present	Peter Dowsett, John Cooke, Jan Gibson, Dana Laslau, Angela Page (Chair), Mike Page, Dick Priem, Colin Shepard, and Graham Stray
Also Present	PC Brad Wilson and Sue Cook (Clerk)

- 23.078** **Apologies** had been received from both Cllr Taylor and Vickers, both were accepted.
- 23.070** There were no **Declarations of interest**
- 23.080** **PC Brad Wilson** had provided the councillors with the crime report prior to the meeting. 23 Crimes in total, some linked, with one Anti Social Behaviour. Several vehicles have been stolen and it seems entry is being gained via the boot. The planned Police Surgeries did not take place due to a major incident. PC Wilson will reinstate Speed Enforcements around the Parish.



Cllr Stray attended a meeting on April 19th and reported back to the Council that there is a Community Payback project in which young offenders carry out work under supervision for Parishes, Maintenance Team to give feedback as to how they could help around Weldon. Bleed Packs are being offered at a cost of £106 each plus £20 installation, these are normally placed in Defibrillator Cabinets, it was suggested to purchase 3 and to be placed in prominent places. There are now 1546 Police Officers of which 49% are female.

- 23.081 There were no members of the Public present**
- 23.082 Ward Councillor Kevin Watt was not present**
- 23.083 The minutes of the Full Council Meeting** held on Monday 3rd April were approved and signed by Cllr A Page
- 23.084 Work will now begin on the Communications and Engagement Strategy**
- 23.085 Weldon Wide Newsletter Update** - articles are starting to come in for the Summer Edition with Cllr Stray already completing his piece, Cllr Gibson will write an article on the Coronation, Cllr Dowsett will devise the Pi Chart for where the money was spent last financial year and Cllr Shepard has been asked to write an article on Weldon in Bloom. Delivery should be mid July.
- 23.086 King's Coronation** - 130 Big Lunches were served, Corby CAN provided entertainment, Fallen Eyes gave a concert in the Cricket Club on the Sunday evening. There have been some wonderful comments not just by emails or in person but on Facebook as well. The school children have also received bookmarks from the Parish Council commemorating the Coronation
- 23.087 Illusive Festival, Deene Park** - no further update Clerk to contact Rita Groves
- 23.088 To Consider the following Incoming Correspondence as previously circulated**
- a) Updates from NCALC
 - b) Newsletter from Jason Smithers, Leader of NNC
 - c) North Northamptonshire Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan – consultation - ends 31st May
 - d) New Locally Identified Priorities from the Police for the Corby Area and Corby NPT You Said We Did Updates
 - e) Heritage Funding event
 - f) Notice of non-immediate Article 4 Direction - Kingswood, Corby
 - g) Weekly Planning Lists and Decisions from NNC
 - h) Email from Pegasus Group - date to confirmed of meeting
 - i) Electric Vehicle Charging Points
- 23.089 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, a resident fell along Oundle Road which resulted in her breaking her ankle.
 - b) Several Street Lights not working - been reported
 - c) Stamford Road entrance to the Cricket Field



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Finance

- a) There is currently £275652.98, the increase is due to the precept of £115000 being received. . The current value of outstanding payments is £19636.33, this will leave £256016.65. A VAT claim of £1568.06 has been requested.

The following payments were approved in line with current legislation

Payee	Reason	Amount	Power
NCALC	Course	£111.60	LGA1972 s111
NCALC	Yearly Subscriptions	£2502.37	LGA 1972 s143
GS Print	Coronation Banners	£156.00	LGA 1972 s19
Tata Steel	Allotment Rent	£122.00	SHAA1908 S23
S Cook	April Salary, Expenses	£ 1,064.42	LGA1972, s112
HMRC	PAYE	£293.53	LGA1972 s112
Kirstie Lloyd-Uzoegbu	Expenses Including silent disco	£547.79	LGA1976 s19
Gordon Ellis	4 New Planters	£1573.73	OSA 1906 s9
Shelly Signs	Noticeboard & Information Board	£5430.00	OSA 1906 s9
The Peterborough Diocesan	Youth Worker Salary for April	£ 2,461.59	LGA 1976 s19
Corby CAN	Attending Coronation Events	£600.00	LGA 1976 s19
Angela Page	Coronation Expenses	£59.50	LGA 1976 s19
Gallagher	Insurance	£1411.66	LGA 1972, s140
Kane Taylor	Website	£516.24	LGA 1972, s142
Jan Gibson	Coronation Expenses	£5.97	LGA 1976, 219
Colin Shepard	Plants	207.88	OSA 1906 s9
PHPCC	Room Hire for Youth Group	£37.50	LGA 1972, s101
NPC	April Grass Cutting + Petrol	£1361.75	OSA 1906 s9
NPC	April Maintenance	£520.00	OSA 1906 s9
Weldon Village Hall	Room Hire	£ 30.00	LGA 1972, s101
Tuckers	Big Lunches	£652.80	LGA 1976, s19

- b) There were no Grant requests to consider
- c) No Update on the Kissing Gate for the Cricket Field
- d) It was approved that the Finance Committee should consider applying for a Road Safety Community Grant
- e) The Finance Committee would like the Parish Council to consider supporting the Village Hall Management Committee; two ladies from the VHMC came along to the Finance Meeting and explained the problems with gaining funding for a new roof for the Village Hall which will cost in the region of £185,000. The decision has been taken to undertake the work in two parts. They are looking for support from the Parish Council which may involve some match funding. The earliest the work could be carried out would be the summer of 2024 as the hall would have to be closed for 6 weeks.



Details of the Community Ownership Fund to be forwarded to the Village Hall Management Committee.

- f) The Maintenance Team would like to purchase either a Water Bowser or and a Trailer to help with the watering of the planters during the summer. The Clerk has asked D&D Parish Council if they would consider selling their trailer which has not been used for the last 12 months and is sitting empty in a garage for £500. This trailer would be suitable for the mower and the current PC trailer could be used for the water tank.

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Planning Applications:

Cllr M Page reported that the Rockingham Gate application could have been deferred and there were none of our Rural Councillors present at the meeting. Oundle Road A427 - Weldon Village Academy - Parking restrictions - P/1967 and 30 mph speed limit - P/1945 - Comments from the Parish Council have been noted and forwarded to the relevant officers for their consideration in the decision making process and to respond as appropriate once the date for submissions has passed.

Amended plans for Kettering Road Discount Properties - nothing further to add as the Parish Council has already objected.

Application for Alcohol and Music License Unit 8 Holland Square - No comments

Email from Pegasus Group -It was resolved to set up a meeting for Thursday May 18th

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Reports from

Traffic Working Party meeting - Meeting for Monday 15th to be cancelled due to no updates available

Kirstie Lloyd-Uzoegbu Youth Worker – Update on Website

Parish Maintenance Committee – Meeting rescheduled for Monday 15th

Neighbourhood Development Plan - nothing to report

School Report - no update available

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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.

The next Village Walkabout will be on Saturday 20th May, meet at the Village Hall for 10:00 areas to be covered will be Stamford Road, Oundle Road, Spinney Road, Woodlands Road and return to the Village Hall.

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Date of the next meeting will be Monday 5th June starting at 19:00

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

Signed	Date 5th June 2023
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