



**Approved Minutes from the Full Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th
June in Weldon Village Hall Annex**

Councillors Present	Peter Dowsett (Chair), John Cooke, Jan Gibson, Mike Page, Kane Taylor, Colin Shepard, and Anton Vickers
Also Present	Rural Councillor Kevin Watt, 1 member of the public and Sue Cook (Clerk)

- 23.095** **Apologies** had been received from Cllrs Laslau, A Page, Priem and Stray all were accepted. Rural Police Officer Wilson had also submitted apologies.
- 23.096** Cllr Dowsett **declared an interest in Traffic Issues.**
- 23.097** **Email Account Agreements** to be completed outside of this Meeting.
- 23.098** **PC Brad Wilson** had provided the councillors with the crime report prior to the meeting. 34 Crimes in total, some linked, with six Anti Social Behaviour Incidents. Cllr Stray is looking for volunteers for Speedwatch, Cllr Dowsett has drafted a letter that he would like to go out to all 3 schools asking that copies are given to the children in the hope that parents may come forward.
Cllr Dowsett reported that the Police have carried out a Traffic Survey on Oundle Road which shows that the average speed has dropped to 43 m p h but the volume has increased to over 2.3 million vehicles a year. So more vehicles than ever are speeding on Oundle Road.
Cllr Page informed the meeting that he has received the technical document from AECOM, and will share with everyone.
- 23.099** **There were no comments made by the member of the Public**
- 23.100** **Ward Councillor Kevin Watt** reported that he has joined the Health Scrutiny Committee, Cllr Simms has resigned from the Conservative Party and joined the Labour Party. The naming of the new Boundaries means that Corby Rural will disappear and this area will be known as Weldon and Gretton it will include Deene and Deenethorpe. Graham Candler has been appointed as Interim Chief Executive.
- 23.101** **The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Full Council Meeting** held on Tuesday 9th May were approved and signed by Cllr Dowsett
- 23.102** Work will now begin on the **Communications and Engagement Strategy** and members were reminded to re-read the activities part of the Strategy.
- 23.103** **Weldon Wide Newsletter Update** - the next edition is being prepared with delivery being aimed for mid July.
- 23.104** **Illusive Festival, Deene Park** - still waiting for a date of the pre-meeting.
- 23.105** **Weldon in Bloom Committee** - 1st initial meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th June in the Village Hall Annex.
- 23.106** **Community Pay Back Team** - Siding out the Kettering Road has been deemed too dangerous due to the speed of the traffic and would require traffic management. There is an area of the Village Green that needs to be cleared so that it can be planted as part of Weldon in Bloom, and the black railings and white posts around the Village Green be painted. Cllr Taylor



suggested that there are a couple of jobs that could be carried out around the Church: There is a drainage dyke that runs between the churchyard and the church field that is in desperate need of clearing out and the railings that run along Church Street need painting. There could be a long-term project for them in Rams Field, next to the Church, but permission would have to be obtained from both the Parochial Church Council and the Diocesan Office before it can go ahead. Clerk to forward the suggestions to Cllr Stray.

- 23.107** Cllr Page gave the update on the **Walkabout** - it was a very informative morning. There is a potential for a pedestrian walkway from the old Stamford Road up to Weldon Park which needs to be investigated further along with possibly obtaining the East Crescent garages from NNC to update them. The resident along Cricketers Green whose wall collapsed is keen to get the work done and will liaise with the Parish Council over this matter. It became apparent that there is a definite need for pedestrian crossings and footpath upgrade along the Oundle Road. Perhaps the Ram footpath could be widened as well. Met with Andy Haynes from Cricket Club, who suggest that perhaps some sort of community building could be erected next to the pavillion and providing grants could be obtained they will be looking to upgrade the gates and fencing.

23.108 To Consider the following Incoming Correspondence as previously circulated with no further action

- a) Updates from NCALC
- b) Newsletter from Jason Smithers, Leader of NNC
- c) Weekly Planning Applications and Decisions along with any Mineral Waste Applications
- d) New Sign for Village Hall on junction of Bridge Street/Stamford Road - Parish Council have no objections to this - Clerk to confirm this to Sarah Barnwell.

23.109 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) Grass Cutting - covered in item 23.110 e

23.110 Finance

- a) The Internal Auditor report was well received.
- b) Cllr Shepard proposed that the section 1 of the Annual Governance & Accounts Return for the year 2022/23 be approved, Cllr Gibson seconded the proposal with everyone in favour. Both Cllr Dowsett and the Clerk signed the form.
- c) Cllr Page proposed that section 2 of the Annual Governance & Accounts Return for the year 2022/23 be approved, Cllr Shepard seconded the proposal with everyone in favour.. Cllr Dowsett signed the form, the Clerk had signed the form prior to the internal audit.



- d) The dates for the exercise of elector's rights re inspection of the annual accounts were approved.
- e) Cllr Taylor gave the following Finance Committee Report, There is currently £257,594.81 the VAT claim of £1568.06 has been received along with a donation of £40 from the Village Kitchen after the Coronation Celebrations.. The current value of outstanding payments is £11501.03, this will leave £245176.78. A VAT claim of £1035.68 has been requested. Mr Cox has taken on the cutting of the grass on the Village Green and Brambleside. The Clerk has received the documentation for the grass cutting grant from NNC for this year again for £1978.70. The Clerk has been in contact with Danny Moody at NCALC to see how we can get this amount increased, Danny has confirmed that he is trying to arrange a meeting with the Head of Highways at NNC as there have been several failings over this year's grant along with getting an increase.

The Finance Committee recommends that the Clerk salary moves from grade LC2 19 £14.48 per hour to LC2 20 £14.75 per hour as suggested at her yearly appraisal. This was approved.

The following payments were approved in line with current legislation

Payee	Reason	Amount	Power
S Cook	May Salary, Expenses	£ 1,064.22	LGA1972, s112
HMRC	PAYE	£293.53	LGA1972 s112
Ettore Vellucci	Ice Cream for Coronation	£154.50	LGA1976 s19
Colin Shepard	Plants	£33.98	OSA 1906 s9
Anglian Water	Water charges for War Memorial	£13.68	SHAA1908, s23
PHPCC	Room Hire for Rock Steady	£37.50	LGA 1972, s101
The Peterborough Diocesan	Youth Worker Salary for May	£ 2,461.59	LGA 1976 s19
NPC	Garage Rent for Storing PC Equip	£288.00	OSA 1906 s9
Youth Worker	May Expenses	£585.59	LGA 1976 s19
AECOM	Review Design, Site Visit	£4164	HA1980 s274A
Anglian Water	Water Charges for Allotments	£15.77	SHAA1908, s23
Sue Cook	ICO Renewal	£40.00	LGA1972 S143
NPC	May Grass Cutting + Petrol	£1538.67	OSA 1906 s9
NPC	May Maintenance	£800.00	OSA 1906 s9

- f) There were no Grant requests to be considered.
- g) The Finance Committee recommended that Mr Cox be allowed to purchase a new trailer for the purpose of watering the plants. He has been quoted between £800 to £1000. This was approved by the Full Council.



- h) The Finance Committee recommended that Mr Cox apply for a Carry Waste Licence at a cost of £264.00 + VAT, the licence is valid for 3 years. This was approved by the Full Council.

23.111 Planning Applications:

Cllr M Page reported that the meeting with Pegasus with reference to building of a Lidl store on the edge of the Parish went very well and would be a positive addition to the community.

NNC Planning Committee will be meeting on Wednesday 7th to discuss the planning application for 22 entry level homes along Kettering Road - Cllr Shepard will represent the Parish Council.

8 Roman Close have had their retrospective planning application for the Decking approved.

23.112 Reports from

Traffic Working Party meeting - the Meeting for Monday 15th was cancelled due to no updates available, Once the report from AECOM has been reviewed along with the traffic calming proposals from Permission have been received a meeting will be arranged.

Kirstie Lloyd-Uzoegbu Youth Worker – Update on Website

Parish Maintenance Committee –Minutes on Website

Neighbourhood Development Plan - nothing to report

School Report - Update on Website

23.113 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.

Cllr Page asked if time could be given to discuss Community Spaces as there seems to be several opportunities arising around the Parish.

23.114 Date of the next meeting will be Monday 3rd July starting at 19:00

This being all the business the meeting was closed at 20:50

Signed	Date 3rd July 2023
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