



**Approved Minutes from the Full Parish Council Meeting  
held on Monday 2nd October September in Urban & Civic Community Hub**

Councillors Present	Peter Dowsett, Jan Gibson, Dana Laslau, Angela Page (Chair), Colin Shepard, Kane Taylor, Graham Stray and Anton Vickers
Also Present	Richard Jones (David Smith Associates), Ziggy Westphal (NNC Emergency Planning Officer) Ward Councillor Kevin Watt, Rural Police Officer Brad Wilson and Sue Cook (Clerk)

**23.159** Mr Jones presented the Flood Report to the Councillors. Not only has Mr Jones supplied the Flood Report but maps of Surface Water Flood Risk, Maintenance Plan, Investigation Plan, Photograph Locations, Catchment Plans, and Fluvial Flood Risk Map all of which will be forwarded electronically to the Clerk.

Mr Westphal explained that there is a need for residents who are committed to help to become Flood Wardens. He is the point of contact for the Environment Agency and advised that any issues should be emailed to him so that he can take them directly to the EA, the Clerk agreed to forward a list of concerns. Funding can be available from Pathfinder III to help with purchasing flood defences for homes etc. He also recommended the following website <https://floodmary.com/> This is a lady who has made it her life mission to raise awareness of flood risk and to support those at risk. A bit of thought and advanced preparation helps to reduce the horrible impact of floods on individuals, families and businesses. It was agreed that there should be a separate meeting to discuss further, date to be agreed.

**23.160** **Apologies** had been received from Cllr M Page and were accepted.

**23.161** **No Declarations of Interest were registered..**

**23.162** **PC Brad Wilson** had provided the councillors with the crime report prior to the meeting, with a total of 18 crimes across the Parish with 9 Anti Social Behaviour Incidents reported. PC Wilson held 3 Police Surgeries across the parish, unfortunately no one visited him while on Corby Road..

**23.163** There were no **Members of the Public** present.

**23.164** **Ward Councillor Kevin Watt** reported that he had a meeting with Lucy Hall to try to find a link from Gretton to Priors Hall, there is a footpath that could be used as a link. The Section 106 monies from Rockingham Gate will be used for tree landscaping and renovate Weldon Lodge, a sum of money will be given to Urban & Civic to help with the tree landscaping as noise reduction for residents.. Encyclis are seeking a permit for 350,000 tonne Corby EfW plant, there is a consultation in place by the Environment Agency which the Parish Council have been notified of.

**23.165** **The minutes of the full Parish Council Meeting**, held on Monday 4th September were approved and signed by Cllr Page.

**23.166** **Communications and Engagement Strategy.** No recent meeting has taken place.

**23.167** **Weldon Wide Newsletter Update** - work is well under way for the next edition. Taylor Wimpey have asked if they can place an advert in this edition, it was resolved to request they pay for delivery of this edition.



- 23.168 Community Pay Back Team** - Andy Haynes has given permission for the Team to use the facilities at the Cricket Club. Cllr Stray has had a meeting with a Probation Officer who has inspected the areas that have been selected and sees no problem although various H&S inspections will have to take place. The Parish Council has forwarded a copy of our Public Liability Insurance.
- 23.169 Report of the Walkabout** The weather held for the councillors to complete their third walkabout in another area of Weldon. This time we started at Harvest Close, walked around to the play area, which is due for development with new equipment, and crossed over Oundle Rd to wander about Weldon Park. We were joined by residents and met others as we walked some roads either side of Airfield Way. We suggested the residents consider forming a Neighbourhood Association to discuss how the maintenance fee is spent by Greenbelt Management Company. WPC can help with contacts to establish this support forum. We have also suggested residents take up the neighbourhood watch scheme and also hope a resident on Weldon Park would apply for our present councillor vacancy on the Council.
- The next Walkabout will be on Saturday 27th January and will cover PHP.
- 23.170 DDay Celebrations** - There is a need to move this forward, proposed 40's music and residents dressing in 40's clothing. The Poppy Appeal is being launched in the Village Hall on Saturday 28th October with ½ of the Annex being giving over to the Parish Council.
- 23.171 Illusive Festival** - Cllr Page will write a report to be sent to the Licensing Committee at NNC, no major reports of noise.
- 23.172 Vacancy** - The Clerk to chase Democratic Services for an update with a view to co-opt
- 23.173 Training** - All Councillors were reminded to keep up to date with the courses being provided by NCALC.
- 23.174 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) Police Survey
  - e) Parish Council Website Stats
  - f) Neighbourhood Watch Fearless Campaign
  - g) Consultation on the North Northants Greenway Strategy and the Rushden to Wellingborough proposed route
- 23.175 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. Oundle Road footpath has now been repaired.



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## Finance

- a) The Clerk gave the following Finance Committee Report, TThere is currently £217513.82 across the 2 bank accounts, we have received a VAT refund of £688.41. Which gives us a total of £5520.41 VAT refund for the year so far. Another VAT claim has been made for £280. There has also been £1392.39 received as interest on the Deposit Account. The Grass Cutting Grant application for £1978.70 will be applied for over the next week or so. Unfortunately it will not cover the cost of the petrol for the mowers this year.

The following payments were approved in line with current legislation

Payee	Reason	Amount	Power
Sue Cook	September Salary + Expenses	£1072.57	LGA1972, s112
HMRC	PAYE	£297.15	LGA1972 s112
Unity Bank	Bank Charges	£23.70	
NCALC	Course for Cllr Shepard	£33.60	LGA1972 s111
Nick Sansom	Cutting Hills & Hollows	£120.00	OSA 1906, s9
Gallaher Insurance	Additional Fixed Assets	£28.25	LGA 1972, s140
Cllr Page	Expenses	£11.99	LGA 1976 s19
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	£504.00	LAAA 2014 s7
Tata Steel	Allotment Rent	£100.00	SHAA 1908, s23
Cllr Shepard	Autumn/Winter Plants	£748.91	OSA 1906 s9
Peterborough BoF	Youth Worker Salary for September	£2,461.59	LGA 1976 s19
NPC	Grass Cutting for September	£1,593.24	OSA 1906 s9
NPC	Maintenance for September	£866.50	OSA 1906 s9
Kirstie	Expenses for September	£428.77	LGA 1976 s19

- b) There were no grant applications to consider..
- c) Cllr Dowsett to obtain samples of Weldon Logo on the planters
- d) The finance Committee recommended that the Parish Council approve the quote of £700 plus VAT for tree works to be carried out at the Allotments, this is at the far of the allotments, well inside the boundary, where the bee hives are, and nothing has been done to this area for a long time.
- e) The Finance Committee recommends that the Parish Council hire a 14 Cubic Metre Skip from Baileys for the allotments, no rubbish has been removed for the last 2 years and is in bad need of being disposed of.

## 23.177 Planning Applications:

**Update on Magna Park** - Cllr M Page would like to see Groundwork Northamptonshire involved with the site which will allow everyone access to green spaces, culture and creativity, and enabling everyone to experience new things



**Update on Rockingham Gate** - Construction is due to start in spring 2024. They have negotiated increased landscaping with U&C, by providing £75,000, to support residents' concerns. It is agreed that U&C will complete the works on the southside of the site, to include the roundabout. Mature tall trees will be planted to further provide a screen for the residents. So tripling the number of trees presently in place. Mulberry confirmed the route of the lorries - From the Morrisons Depot / RS Components roundabout (A6116) Mulberry confirmed the preferred route will be to approach northwards on the dual carriageway (Morrisons depot to your right), at the next roundabout vehicles take the first left travelling west on onto the 'Road to Nowhere', towards the Rockingham distribution centre. After 800m there is an existing roundabout, they come back east along the other carriageway and turn left into the depot. They will exit the depot site at the same point, turning left. The depot entrance / exit point is as per the original and current planning consent, this arrangement removes the need to cross the dual carriageway to enter the depot. There is an alternative planning application to move the access / exit point to the main roundabout, but they do not intend to pursue this option. The intention was the Corby Northern Orbital, taking traffic flows away from Corby centre. S106 spreadsheet will be made available for WPC to see the monies provided to NNC on the various projects Mulberry have been involved in around Corby. Mulberry wants to know what the community wants rather than the funds going to a set proforma that NNC have for S106. For example possibly a community bus. We discussed an innovative idea of a bus that could be called by phone or Uber-like app, like [Call Connect](#). This could run in a defined area but not on a predefined route or timetable. It was agreed that a future meeting with CEVA should be arranged. It was noted that CEVA can change use of the warehouse although storage of pharmaceuticals is the current intended first use. Also noted that the “road to nowhere” has opened a bit more and there appears to be the possibility of this fulfilling its origin, possibly a community bus. We discussed an innovative idea of a bus that could be called by phone or Uber-like app. This could run in a defined area but not on a predefined route or timetable. We also discussed the possibility of using S106 money to accelerate the safe walking and cycling aspirations of WPC. These are already described in [NNC's LCWIP project](#). Mulberry also owns Weldon Lodge and has asked the Parish



Council to consider ideas of how to use this building for the benefit of the community..

**158 Corby Road** - part-single, part-two storey rear extension, raising height of dwelling to 6.5m, and single storey side extension, together with creation of vehicular access from Corby Road and hardstanding to front - no objection concerns as to the replacement to the Rowan Tree

**Discount Store on Arnsley Road** - Objection letter to be sent, concerns about delivery vehicles being allowed to use the customer car park. Also asking for a footpath and safe crossing from Weldon as part of Section 106.

**143 Corby Road** - demolish existing bungalow and construct 5 dwellings - Parish Council objected to this application

**5 Gretton Road** - Detached Garage - No objection

**23.178 All the following Reports are available on the website**

Traffic Working Party , Kirstie Lloyd-Uzoegbu Youth Worker, Parish Maintenance Committee, Weldon In Bloom and the School Report

**23.179 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.**

- a) To start the process of considering the budget/precept for 2024/25
- b) The Clerk circulated the Youth Work Report Summary of Achievements 2021-2023 to members. Cllr Shepard proposed that there is a Transfer of Undertakings (TUPE) for the Youth Worker that will allow the Parish Council to take over the contract of employment, this was seconded by Cllr Gibson and agreed by everyone present. Further discussion to take place at the next meeting as to involve more activities for the young of the Parish.

**23.180 Date of the next meeting will be Monday 6th November starting at 19:00 in the Annex at Weldon Village Hall**

This being all the business the meeting was closed at 21:15

<b>Signed</b>	<b>Date 6th November2023</b>