



Weldon Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Maintenance Working Party Meeting held on Monday 11th December 2023

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

PMC.446 **Apologies had been received from Cllr A Page** which were accepted.

PMC.447 No **declarations of interest** were raised

PMC.448 **The following work has been carried out since the last meeting**

The maintenance budget for next year has been finalised and approved by the full PC. The wildflower bed on The Triangle has been widened and re-seeded. The area at the Stamford Road end of the Village Green has been cleared by the Community Payback team. The painting of the railings around the Village Green has commenced. The basal growth from some of the Lime trees in the Pocket Park has been removed. Kettering Road has been litter picked. The mowing of the grassed areas for which the PC is responsible continued during early November as the grass was still growing. The grant application for a brushwood mower, garden forks, hay rakes, puddling clay and willow whips was approved by Nene Rivers Trust and the necessary additional paperwork submitted.

PMC.449 **Land Registry** –Paperwork has been submitted and a letter from the Land Registry has been received confirming receipt of the application.

PMC.450 **Weldon in Bloom** -The next meeting is on Monday 18th December in the Cricket Club. It was suggested that time is spent at this meeting setting up the Catalogue of Photos and finalising the Judging Route. It was suggested that a letter of thanks should be sent to the PayBack Team, to be agreed at Full Council.

PMC.451 **Hills & Hollows** - Cllr Shepard has forward copies of the current drawings to Mr Scott but has not received any response from him. It was suggested that perhaps GLP, the construction company for Magna Park, could be approached if Mr Scott does not respond soon.

PMC.452 **Nature Recovery / Parish reWilding** - covered in item PMC.448

PMC.453 **Tasks for the Caretaker** - Cut back the basal growth on the remaining Lime trees in the Pocket Park to the trees' main trunk prior to chipping. Collect the rubbish and litter in The Hills & Hollows (including the old water trough) into a single pile ready for removal from site. (Will need to be delayed until the late autumn as much of what needs to be removed is obscured by vegetation)) Shred the growth removed and other twigs and branches already cut and piled up in the Pocket Park. Cut back the basal growth on one of the trees on the piece of land opposite the hairdressers. Refurbish Stamford Road bench and reinstall it when the work completed. Monitor the state of the Gandy Field and carry out any necessary work to keep it in a tidy state. Empty the litter bins in the Pocket Park and dog bin at Larratt Rd/Gretton Road. Lay replacement paving slabs on The Leys side of the footbridge into the Pocket Park. Continue with pruning / removing dead wood from trees on Village Green. Repair wooden footbridge across the pond outlet stream in the Pocket Park (One sleeper was lost due to latest flooding and the other is unseated. Cost to replace the missing sleeper approx. £32 + Vat. If concreted into position to prevent recurrence total cost would be double). There are a few low level minor dead branches on the trees at the far end of The Leys to remove. Leaf – blow Church Walk and other footpaths as needed. Trim bushes on Stamford Road near entry to Deene End that are overhanging.



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the footpath. It was suggested that the Community Payback Team might refurbish the Stamford Road bench after it had been disassembled by Nigel.

Other Possible Tasks

Repair pond dam in Pocket Park.

Tasks in conjunction with Weldon in Bloom volunteers

Clear ground on Triangle for new flower bed. (Note – subject to PC approval)

Fork over ground around the tank and on The Triangle and sow with wildflower seed.

Purchase 12 bags of compost, - (some are needed for winter mulch). Remove waste vegetation from the Village Green. Weed the concrete planters.

PMC.454 **Report from Tree Warden** – Weldon Tree and Landscapes have completed the work in Leys, the area looks much better. Overgrown hedges along the Oundle Road Jitty footpath are impeding pedestrians, it was agreed that a letter should be sent to both residents concerned upon approval of Full Council.

PMC.455 **Report from Footpath Warden** – It was agreed to purchase gravel to lay at the bottom of the Oundle Road Jitty as it is filling up with mud and the Ram Field Footpath. Concern was raised about grass overgrowing footpaths on both Woodlands Road and Spinney Road, the Clerk requested photos so that they can be reported on Fix my Street. The collapsed Wall in Deene End was spoken about, it is 2 years since it fell, it is getting worse with more stone falling onto the grass verge. The Clerk has written to the resident with no response, it was thought that perhaps Highways should be involved.

PMC.456 **Sponsorship and Levelling Up Fund** - Cllr Shepard will contact Mr Simon Green for confirmation of his sponsorship of Weldon in Bloom. Cllr Shepard still has to make contact with a Parish Council who have purchased a wooded area via the Levelling Up Fund.

PMC.457 **Date of next Meeting was agreed for Monday 12th February 2024 starting at 18:30 via Zoom**

This being all the business Cllr Shepard closed the meeting at 19:40