



# Weldon Parish Council

**Minutes of Parish Maintenance Working Party Meeting held on Monday 12th February 2024**

Councillors Present	John Cooke, Jane Clowery, Peter Dowsett, Angela Page, Colin Shepard (Chair),
Also Present	Nigel Cox, Dick Priem and Sue Cook (Clerk)

- PMC.458** **Apologies had been received from Cllr Vickers** which were accepted.
- PMC.459** **No declarations of interest** were raised
- PMC.460** **The following work has been carried out since the last meeting**  
 The garden forks and hay rakes have been ordered and received. The Community Payback Team has continued to paint the railings around the Village Green when the weather has permitted. They have also carried out improvement work for the Cricket Club. All of the vegetation cleared from the Village Green by the Payback Team has either been taken to for waste disposal or to The Leys. The removal of the basal growth from the Lime trees in the Pocket Park has been completed although it all awaits shredding. The Phormiums in the self- watering planters have been trimmed and the planters tidied. The roses on the Village Green have had a long overdue pruning. The non-flowering juvenile tulip bulbs in the concrete planters have had their leaves removed in an effort to prevent them regrowing next year. Additional young saplings have been planted on the Oundle Road grass bank by the Woodlands estate and two hibiscus planted in the triangular planter. The Willow whips have been collected and the two tunnels created at the Gandy Field. The Pocket Park has been partially litter-picked.
- PMC.461** **Land Registry** –Paperwork has been submitted and a letter from the Land Registry has been received confirming receipt of the application.
- PMC.462** **Weldon in Bloom** -The next meeting is on Monday 26th February in the Cricket Club. Sponsors have been found for the competitions, there will be one 1st prize and two 2nd prizes in each category. Subject to approval by the Finance Committee and Full Council 2 new planters are to be purchased with each one being sponsored to the value of £250 which includes the purchase price. Contact has been maintained with Simon Green regarding sponsors for the new plant troughs and the competitions. One of Simon's companies, Corby Indoor Market, is to sponsor the Weldon in Bloom competitions and one of the new signboard planters. The other planter is to be sponsored by Sinclair Engineering Solutions.
- PMC.463** **Electric Supply to Village Green** - Cllr Shepard believes that National Grid are the only electric company that can install a new supply. Cllr Shepard to obtain quotes.
- PMC.464** **Hills & Hollows** - Cllr Shepard is to provide photos of the location along with the span etc of the bridge to Cllr Page.
- PMC.465** **Nature Recovery / Parish reWilding** - To be removed from the Agenda.
- PMC.466** **Tasks for the Caretaker** - .Carry out any necessary weeding and tidying up of the beds and planters Clear ground on Triangle for new flower bed. (Note – subject to PC approval) ) Prune / remove dead wood from the trees on the Village Green. ) Gather basal growth cut from Lime trees in the Pocket Park into a single pile for shredding on site. Repair dam in Pocket Park once clay purchased – ground too waterlogged to do so at present. Carry out general tidy-up of Pocket Park and The Leys. Plant seed trays with summer bedding plant seed and look after under glass. ) Litter pick Kettering Road from Londis to Weldon Woodland Park entrance, Corby Road and Gander Field. Ready water tank for summer watering. Weedkill the Pocket Park path and spot weedkill the emerging Russian Comfrey plants. (Note needs cost to be



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approved along with Ross's help). In conjunction with Ross lay the paving slabs in the Gandy Field. Ensure that all the 20's Plenty signs are standing upright. Refurbish the bench for Stamford Road and reposition alongside the Cricket Club fence.

## **Other Possible Tasks**

Repair pond dam in Pocket Park when the weather improves

**PMC.467 Report from Tree Warden** – Overhanging branch along the Ram Footpath to be reported on Fix my Street and now remedied by NNC.

**PMC.468 Report from Footpath Warden** – nothing new to report .

**PMC.469 Levelling Up Fund** - To be removed from the Agenda

**PMC.470 War Memorial Fencing and Gate**, the Clerk had provided the members with photos of the fence and gate with a view to replacing some of the posts and gate prior to D-Day and the judging of Weldon in Bloom. Cllr Shepard to investigate further.

**PMC.471 Date of next Meeting was agreed for Monday 11th March 2024 starting at 18:30 via Zoom**

**This being all the business Cllr Shepard closed the meeting at 19:35**