



**Approved Minutes from the Full Parish Council Meeting  
held on Monday 5th February 2024 in Weldon Village Hall Annex**

Councillors Present	Jane Clowery, John Cooke, Peter Dowsett, Jan Gibson, Dana Laslau, Angela Page (Chair), Colin Shepard,, Graham Stray, Kane Taylor and Anton Vickers
Also Present	Rural Councillor Kevin Watt, PHPNA Representative Michael Wensley, PC Brad Wilson, 1 member of the public and Sue Cook (Clerk)

- 24.025**      **Apologies had been received from Cllr M PAGE and were accepted.**
- 24.026**      **Declaration of interest**
- 24.027**      **Crime Report** - Cllr Stray reported that there are a record number of front line police officers however there are never enough officers, many are young and inexperienced. There is only 1 Police Crime and Fire Commissioner for the whole county, there will be an increase of 4.99% on the council tax this year this is the maximum that can be made.  
PC Wilson arrived late to the meeting for which he apologised, he also apologised for no crime report however it will be forwarded to the Clerk to circulate to the Councillors in the next few days. PC Wilson also reported that the Anti Social Behaviour on Priors Hall seems to have stopped, however he did state that if it's not reported no action can be taken.
- 24.028**      **The Member of the Public** enquired as to the situation of the Double Yellow Lines, Cllr Dowsett explained that WPC is in contact with NNC on a regular basis chasing for an installation date. The resident also enquired if a road sign could be placed at the top of Bridge Street directing visitors to the Village Hall, the Clerk promised to contact the Village Hall Management Committee as they had started the process of having one installed. The Clerk also confirmed she would display the posters for new members for indoor bowling in the noticeboards.  
Ana Pires, the Ranger for Weldon Woodland Park gave us an outline of her work at the Park, several rare breeds of butterflies and moths have been discovered, an area has been set aside for nesting skylarks, and there will be a butterfly and moth surveys carried out later this year. Most of the work on the Park is carried out by volunteers. Ana's main office is at East Carlton Park.
- 24.029**      **Rural Councillor Kevin Watt** reported that he is in full support of the proposed Double Yellow Lines on Priors Hall.
- 24.030**      **PHPNA Representative Michael Wenlsey** also spoke about the Double Yellow Lines on Priors Hall. Mr Wensley also confirmed that any posters for the notice boards would be considered each by their own merit and displayed if thought relevant to the residents of Priors Hall.
- 24.031**      **The minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting**, held on Monday 8th January were approved and signed by Cllr A Page.
- 24.032**      **Communications and Engagement Strategy**. - Many of the items to be covered by the Communications Team are covered in these minutes.
- 24.033**      **Weldon Wide Newsletter Update** - The 1st draft has gone off to Tori Williams, hopefully it will be delivered in March.



- 24.034 Community Pay Back Team** - the team continues to work within Weldon Village. The outside of the Cricket Pavilion has been painted and they continue to paint the railings on the Village Green.
- 24.035 Meeting Rooms** -Both the Finance and HR meetings will now be held at Weldon Village Academy until July.
- 24.036** Another successful **Walkabout** on Saturday 27th January. The next one will be the Route of the Judging for Weldon in Bloom date to be agreed.
- 24.037** It was resolved to accept the **Flood Report** - the Clerk to inform Ziggy Westphal
- 24.038 D-Day Celebrations** - A meeting has taken place between Weldon British Legion, the Cricket Club and the Parish Council. Events for the evening of 6th June will include a Piper, Corby CAN, the Scouts, Rock Solid, Teas & Cakes, the Ice Cream Man and the Lighting of the Beacon at 9:15p.m. Many ladies are busy making poppies for various displays.
- 24.039 Neighbourhood Development Plan** - Cllr Vickers reported that the Traffic Reports have been included in the plan, there are 2 very small amendments to be made in the date on the front cover and along with additional school. Cllr Taylor proposed that the plan is moved forward for the next step with Cllr Shepard seconding the proposal with all the Councillors in agreement..
- 24.040 Temporary Road Closures** - it was agreed to progress with the road closure for Remembrance Day Service along with road closures for the D-Day celebrations and if required one for the Annual Fete. The cost for each closure will be in the region of £1600.
- 24.041 Electricity supply to the Village Green** - Cllr A Page has been in contact with Roger Taylor, who took the training for Common Land, awaiting his response..
- 24.042 Training** - All Councillors were reminded to keep up to date with the courses being provided by NCALC.
- 24.043 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) NACL Newsletter
  - e) Neighbourhood Alerts from Northamptonshire Police
  - f) Weekly Road Works Programmes and Gully Cleaning
  - g) Kier Transportation (Highways) Drop in Event - Cllr Shepard was thanked for attending the event as several items had been attended too.
- 24.044 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 - now resolved
  - b) Litter Bin outside 52 Corby Road - Reported on Fix my Street
  - c) Oundle Road Jitty, neighbouring properties hedges encroaching over the footpath - letters have been sent to both properties



24.045

## Finance

- a) Cllr Taylor gave the following Finance Committee Report: As of Wednesday 31st January there was currently £179,348.50 across the 2 bank accounts. All the allotment tenancies have been paid for this year with 3 vacant allotments to be allocated. Another VAT claim of £600.23 has been applied for, this will make a total of £7800 being claimed for this financial year. Total payments this evening amount to £9214.72, including the grant application for £950. which will leave a balance of £170133.78.

The following payments were approved in line with current legislation

Payee	Reason	Amount	Power
Sue Cook	January Salary, + Expenses.	£1142.20	LGA1972, s112
HMRC	PAYE	£326.57	LGA1972 s112
Youth Worker	December & January Expenses	£437.26	LGA 1976 s19
Your Locale	NDP Transport Study	£2400	
Colin Shepard	Expenses for Weldon in Bloom	£279.94	OSA 1906 s9
Peterborough BoF	Youth Worker Salary for December	£2,461.59	LGA 1976 s19
Angela Page	Wool & Solar Lights	£63.05	OSA 1906 s9
D G Norman	Servicing Cadet Mower	£240.67	OSA 1906 s9
NPC	Maintenance for January	£ 913.44	OSA 1906 s9
Weldon Congregational	Grass Cutting Grant	£950	S137

- b) There is just the one grant application from the Congregational Church for £950 towards the cost of the upkeep of their Churchyard, which was approved.
- c) It was resolved to ring fence £16k for the temporary pedestrian crossing at Zone 1 Roundabout subject to NNC approval along with NNC approving the Deed of Variation for Persimmon to move their proposed permanent Zone 2 Roundabout to Zone 1. A meeting has been arranged to discuss this on Monday 12th February between Weldon Parish Council, NNC, Persimmon and Urban & Civic.
- d) It was resolved to take out a 3 year lease on the small unit in Lammas Road for Storage for Council owned equipment. The Clerk to contact the Letting Agent for a copy of the lease.

## 24.046 Planning Applications:

Following Cllr M Page's visit to Greenpatch with Kirstie Lloyd-Uzogbu, with the possible involvement with GLP at Magna Park he would like to set up a Parish Working Group with the aim to tackle loneliness, to support the vulnerable, to improve mental health, develop common interests and skills and set up outdoor and indoor activities. Cllr M Page has drafted up Terms of Reference which will be circulated to all Councillors with a view to approve at the next Full Council Meeting and to move the Working Group forward.



Thought needs to be given as to what Weldon Lodge could be used for once it has been renovated.

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

**Traffic Working Party** - Cllr Dowsett proposed that Weldon Parish Council object to the suggested 30mph speed limit past the Academy, the speed limit should be reduced to 20mph. This objection was accepted and the Clerk would respond accordingly. Cllr Dowsett also suggested that the speed limit between Bangrave Road Roundabout and Zone 2 Roundabout should be reduced to 40mph. He has arranged a meeting with GLP to request that Kettering Road speed limit be redacted from 60mph to 30mph. The next Traffic Working Party meeting is on Wednesday 13th March.

**Parish Maintenance Committee** - next meeting is on February 12th

**Weldon In Bloom** - next meeting is on February 26th.

**23.047 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.**

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**24.048 Date of the next meeting will be Monday 4th March starting at 19:00 in the Annex at Weldon Village Hall**

This being all the business the meeting was closed at 21:10

Signed	Date 4th March 2024
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