



**Approved Minutes from the Full Parish Council Meeting  
held on Monday 8th April 2024 in Weldon Village Hall Annex**

Councillors Present	Jane Clowery, Peter Dowsett, Jan Gibson, Angela Page (Chair), Mike Page, Colin Shepard, Graham Stray, and Anton Vickers
Also Present	, PC Brad Wilson, PHPNA Representatives Jo Turner and Michael Wensley, 2 members of the public and Sue Cook (Clerk)

- 24.074** **Apologies** had been received from Cllrs Cooke, Laslau and Taylor and Rural Councillor Watt all were accepted.
- 24.075** Cllr Dowsett **Declared an interest** in item 24.095(Planning)
- 24.076** **Crime Report** - PC Wilson had provided the councillors with the **crime report** prior to the meeting, with a total 20 crimes and 1 Anti Social Behaviour Incident across the Parish. PC Wilson also informed the meeting that there is still a recruitment programme in place for PCSOs and that he is still splitting his time between Rural and Town Centre. PC Wilson asked that a list could be compiled of what is deemed illegal parking.  
Cllr Stray reported that there will be an election for the position of Police, Crime, and Fire Commissioner in the next few weeks. Cllr Stray also said that there are not enough mainstream police officers.
- 24.077** **A Member of the Public** gave an outline of the Planning Application for 5 Gretton Road, all the resident wants to do is keep the tree alive. The area could be marked out for Councillors to view prior to the next Planning Meeting on 23rd April.
- 24.078 **Rural Councillor Kevin Watt** was unable to attend the meeting.
- 24.079** **PHPNA Representatives Jo Turner and Michael Wensley**, had nothing new to report to the meeting..
- 24.080** **The minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting**, held on Monday 4th March were approved and signed by Cllr A Page
- 24.081** **Communications and Engagement Strategy**. - Many of the items to be covered by the Communications Team are covered in these minutes.
- 24.082** **Weldon Wide Newsletter Update** - The Spring Edition has been delivered and work has started on the next edition. Cllr Cooke is the next Meet the Councillor.
- 24.083** **Community Pay Back Team** - the team continues to work within Weldon Village. They continue to paint the railings on the Village Green and have started to treat the wooden planters.
- 24.084** Cllr Gibson has designed **Inspirational Word Posters** following her attending the Civil & Respectability course. This was approved and all Councillors present signed to say they would abide by it.
- 24.085** The next **Walkabout** will be on Saturday 8th June meeting at the Cricket Club at 10:00 to walk the WiB route.
- 24.086** **D-Day Celebrations** - Cllr A Page reported that she has purchased 3 roadside banners advertising the event and that there will be a wreath laying ceremony at the Deenethorpe War Memorial along the A427 on June 6th (time to be confirmed). Many residents are knitting or crocheting Poppies. Poppies on



netting from the War Memorial plinth. Plastic poppies around the tank. Notice out to schools/FB for plastic bottle bottoms can be dropped in the box at 11 Corby Rd, White Thatched Cottage NN17 3LB. LOGO for box and advert.

**During the day** - 11am Schools may be involved in the early service and poem read. Benefield and Deenethorpe BL groups to join in with evening commemoration. **Timetable of event** - 5pm Town Crier to read the Proclamation. 5:15pm - 6:05 pm Bread 'n' Dripping 6:15pm - 6:45pm Corby Can, 7:00 pm - 7:50 pm Bread 'n' Dripping, 8:00 pm - 8:30 pm Deep Roots Tall Trees 8:35pm Town Crier to read the Proclamation again 8:40pm start going round to hand out lights and call folk to the parade 8:45pm Piper plays. Parade - starts from School lane, along Stamford Rd towards the War Memorial, lights the lantern of peace. Participants have tea lights. 9:15pm - light the beacon. DRTT sings the National Anthem End with Poem.

**24.087 Neighbourhood Development Plan** - Cllr Vickers reported that NNC have put a halt on the Strategic Assessments on NDP's, however at a cost of £1500 an outside agency will take this on, it should take 3 weeks, Cllr M Page proposed this is correct route to take with Cllr A Page seconded the proposal and everyone agreeing. It was also proposed to hold another drop in session. The Clerk will circulate to all councillors the amended final plan along with the process to completion.

**24.088 Temporary Road Closures** - the D-Day road closure has been submitted, the one for Remembrance Day has yet to be submitted. The Cricket Club have not asked for one for the Fete as of yet.

**24.089 Electricity supply to the Village Green** - Cllr Shepard has been in contact with National Grid who have agreed to carry out a site visit. It was suggested that they should also carry out a site visit to the Triangle.

**24.090 Training** - All Councillors were reminded to keep up to date with the courses being provided by NCALC.

**24.091 Clerks Vacancy** - there have been 7 applicants so far. The HR Committee will discuss the next steps

**24.092 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 and courses
- e) Neighbourhood Alerts from Northamptonshire Police
- f) Weekly Road Works Programmes and Gully Cleaning

**24.093 To note any concerns raised by residents via email to the Clerk**

- a) Litter Bin outside 52 Corby Road - Reported on Fix my Street

**24.094 Finance**

- a) Cllr A Page gave the following Finance Committee Report: The Parish Council ended the year with £150699.90. The precept is expected any day now. Sue has just applied for a VAT claim of



£157. Once payments are made this evening that will leave £140575.78 which does not include the 3 grant applications. The following payments were approved in line with current legislation

Payee	Reason	Amount	Power
PHPCC	Room Hire for Rock Steady	£75.00	LGA 1972, s101
D G Norman	Mower Service	£ 192.03	OSA 1906 s9
Sue Cook	March Salary, + Expenses.	£1142.20	LGA1972, s112
HMRC	PAYE	£326.77	LGA1972 s112
Sue Cook	CCTV Signage for Allotments	£16.30	OSA 1906 s9
T Williams	Design WW	£579.00	LGA 1972, s142
GS Print	Printing WW	£1678.00	LGA 1972, s142
NCALC	Course for Cllr Gibson	£50,40	LGA1972 s111
Unity Bank	Bank Charges	£23.70	
Sue Cook	Antivirus for PC Laptop	£8.49	OSA 1906 s9
Instafresh	Delivering WW	£331.20	LGA 1972, s142
Sue Cook	Solicitors Fees for Unit	£300.00	OSA 1906 s9
Peterborough BoF	March Salary including PAYE	£2,461.59	LGA 1976 s19
Angela Page	D Day Expenses	£42.62	OSA 1906 s9
Kirsite	March Expenses	£273.25	LGA 1976 s19
NPC	Grass Cutting & Fuel for March	£1553.07	HA1980 s274A
NPC	Maintenance for March	£1070.60	OSA 1906 s9
Weldon Pre-School	Grant	£6000	S 137
PHPNA	Grant	£1300	S137
Sue Cook	Sale of Self Propelled Mower to WPC	£200	OSA 1906 s9

- b) There are 3 grant applications to consider this evening. The finance committee recommends accepting the Pre-School grant of £6000 to help fund the cost of hiring the Village Hall. The other two grants are for Weldon British Legion to repair several posts and the gate at the War Memorial at a cost of £1500 and the other is for PHPNA for £1300. A discussion took place as to why the PHPNA event is not open to all Weldon residents due to their public liability insurance. Which resulted in Cllr Dowsett voting No for this to be approved and also with Cllr Shepard abstaining from voting, as he felt they should be asking for more funds.. All 3 grants were approved and payment for 2 are included in the above spreadsheet. waiting for new Bank details from the British Legion.
- c) Year End is almost in place and the internal audit will be carried out before the May meeting.



- d) The matter of the Pension Plan for the Youth Development Manager should have been discussed at the last Finance Meeting unfortunately Cllr Taylor was unable to attend and will be discussed at the April Finance Meeting.
- e) There is a shortfall of nearly £100 for the 2 new planters, and Cllr Shepard has been asked how this is going to be filled and who is paying for the sponsor's notice for the planters. The Clerk is unable to process the paperwork without this information.
- f) The cost for the wood for the Stamford Road Bench is in the region of £156 plus VAT, and the Finance Committee recommends the purchase goes ahead. This was approved.
- g) The cost of bringing an electric supply to both the Village Green and the Triangle has been circulated, prior to approving quotes are required for the cabinets, cost of installing a meter in the cabinets and to secure a qualified electrician to connect a consumer unit/sockets. All work should be carried out to the highest Health & Safety standard. There could be a grant available which Cllr Shepard has been asked by the Maintenance Working Party to apply for. One quote has been obtained for two cabinets £8623 + VAT not including the meters. Jo Tuern will provide the contact of the electrician used on PHP, as they will have the knowledge with regards to cabinets and supplying electricity for outdoor events. Another quote to be obtained prior to the May meeting.
- h) The Finance Committee recommends that Ross Wallace weed sprays the footpath in the Pocket Park along with the spraying of the young Himayalin Balsam. This was approved.
- i) Mr Cox has used a second hand Self Propelled Mower to cut the Village Green and has received several good comments. It was agreed to purchase at a cost of £200.
- j) The Finance Committee recommends the purchase of 2 “**Unsuitable for HGVs**” signs to be placed at the Stamford Road end of School Lane, Approved.

#### **24.095 Planning Applications:**

Meetings continue with both GLP and Mulberry. Both companies are listening to the Parish Council's requests.

The overwhelming answer to a Facebook request for ideas for Weldon Lodge with all the ideas have been forwarded to Phil Jones

32 Church Street, although Cllr Dowsett declared an interest in being a neighbour. To be discussed at the Planning meeting on 23rd April.

Shelton Road Incinerator - there is a nationwide pause on any decisions until after the DEFRA Report is issued on May 24th. Tom Pursglove MP is taking a personal interest in this project.

#### **24.096 All the following Reports are available on the website**

**Traffic Working Party** - next meeting is on May 15th.

**Parish Maintenance Committee** - next meeting is on April 29th

**Weldon In Bloom** - next meeting is on April 22nd



**23.097** **School Report and Rock Steady Reports** are available on the website  
**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) Tank on the Green, it is felt that the Tank is passed its best.

**24.098** **Date of the next meeting will be Monday 20th May starting at 18:30 in the Annex at Weldon Village Hall, this will be the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by a Full Parish Council Meeting.**

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

<b>Signed</b>	<b>Date 20th May 2024</b>
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