



Weldon Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Maintenance Working Party Meeting held on Monday 29th April 2024

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

PMC.482 There were no Apologies

PMC.483 No declarations of interest were raised

PMC.484 The following work has been carried out since the last meeting

The Community Payback Team has continued to paint the railings around the Village Green when the weather has permitted. They have also painted most of the wooden planters with preservative and carried out improvement work for the Cricket Club as well as filling the sandbags for the wall by the tank. Nigel together with Ross has continued work at the Gander Field including erecting an archway over the main path. Further bedding plant seeds have been planted in seed trays though germination is very slow due to the poor weather. All of the plants in the beds and planters lost over winter have been replaced. Contact has been maintained with the sponsors for the new plant troughs and the competitions. Clearance of the low growing ivy and bramble under the trees at the far end of the Village Green has commenced and some planting has taken place. The oak slats for the Stamford Road bench have been ordered and collected. Red, white and blue petunia plug plants have been ordered as part of the D-Day themed summer displays. Estimates for providing electricity to the Village Green and Triangle have been obtained. Katie, Jane and Caroline have started formal work on the brochure. Nigel has commenced his grass mowing, Nick Sansom has carried out the first cut at the Hills & Hollows. The fallen elderberry has been removed from the Pocket Park.

PMC.486 Land Registry –Cllr Shepard has been in contact with the Land Registry who have responded by saying that it could take up to another 12 months before the Triangle is registered with them. It was also agreed to register the Village Green although paperwork from the 1970's does suggest that the then NCC did there is no actual proof.

PMC.487 Weldon in Bloom - details of the brochure are in hand. A list of tasks completed, along with a list of tasks to be completed was circulated at the last WiB meeting. The work to be carried out at the Gander Field was also circulated. Another person has come forward to sponsor a planter. No judging date available as of yet. Cllr Clowery was thanked for the additional posters. Additional advertising is needed. The Payback team continues to help and a risk assessment has been carried out for them to work in the Pocket Park if required.

PMC.488 Electric Supply to Village Green - 2 quotes have been received for the cabinets. It was agreed not to pursue the electric supply to the Triangle until the Parish Council has gained adverse possession but to proceed with supply to the Village Green. All quotes to be sent to all Councillors for discussion at the May Council Meeting. Cllr Shepard to continue with obtaining quotes.

PMC.489 Hills & Hollows - the first grass cut has been carried out. The Clerk suggested that Cllr Shepard contacts Biddles Scrap Merchants to take all the scrap metal away.

PMC.490 Tasks for the Caretaker -.Collect the rubbish and litter in The Hills & Hollows into a single pile ready for removal from site before obscured by new plant growth. Shred the growth removed and other twigs and branches already cut and piled up in the



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Pocket Park. Wood chips to be spread along the grassed path to the pond. Also in bed under trees at Stamford Road end of the Village Green to help retain moisture and suppress weed growth. Cut back the basal growth on one of the trees on the piece of land opposite the barbers. Complete refurbishment of Stamford Road bench and reinstall it when the work is completed. Complete the work required in the Gandy Field and monitor its state to keep it tidy. Empty the litter bins in the Pocket Park and dog bin at Larratt Rd. Lay replacement paving slabs on The Leys side of the footbridge into the Pocket Park. Repair wooden footbridge across the pond outlet stream in the Pocket Park. The sleepers have been lost due to flooding. (Cost to replace the missing sleepers approx. £32 + Vat each. If concreted into position to prevent recurrence total cost would be double). **It was agreed to get a risk assessment on the footbridge.** There are a few low level minor dead branches on the trees at the far end of The Leys to remove. Check for nesting birds before doing so and do not carry out any nest or nest building activity seen. Fit new tap and hose to the water bowser. Refurbish the bench on Water Lane. Erect no HGV's signs on School Lane once received.

Other Possible Tasks

Repair pond dam in Pocket Park when the weather improves

To obtain Smart Water to mark all Parish Council owned equipment. Decision to be made at May's Full Council meeting.

Tasks in conjunction with Weldon in Bloom volunteers

Help Mr Cox as and when required. Weed all the planters and flower beds.

Continue to plant seed for summer bedding. Plant out bedding plants as the weather warms. Litter pick areas on WiB Judges route.

Tasks for Community Payback Team

Finish painting the Village Green railings. Clear more of the top surface of the area under the trees at Cricket Field end of Village Green to enable planting of suitable woodland plants. Clean up and paint the bench on the Village Green

PMC.491 Report from Tree Warden – Branches are overhanging one of the VAS on Stamford Road and need trimming back along with some along Corby Road.

PMC.492 Report from Footpath Warden – The state of the grass encroaching on the Woodlands Road footpath is causing concern. The Clerk requested photos so that it can be reported on Fix my Street.

PMC.493 Date of next Meeting was agreed for Monday 3rd June 2024 starting at 18:30 via Zoom

This being all the business Cllr Shepard closed the meeting at 19:55

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